

## **DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**Review Title:** The Council's Position in Relation to the Bath Western Riverside Viability Model

### **Context**

Bath Western Riverside Developers, Grosvenor & Crest, have submitted a report to the Council setting out a viability model for the project. The Council now has a responsibility to come to a position in relation to the model and deliver its response to the developers. This represents a key stage in the process of negotiations concerning the Bath Western Riverside development, the success of which will enable the model to move into a major phase of iteration.

The Major Projects External Bodies Panel will become involved in the project at this crucial stage by working with the key players within the Council in enabling them to collectively reach a satisfactory position.

The bulk of this review will be undertaken in private session due to the sensitivities in the information being shared (insert Philip's text)

The Overview & Scrutiny Panel endeavour to act on behalf of the public at this particularly sensitive stage of the project. Moreover, they look forward to involving the public more actively in the future stages of their involvement with the Bath Western Riverside development.

### **Purpose and Objectives**

The Council's **Major Projects and External Bodies Overview & Scrutiny Panel** will undertake a review that will address the Council's position in relation to the Bath Western Riverside developers' viability statement.

The review will aim to:

- bring the Council to a position where by it can give a comprehensive response to Crest/Grosvenor's viability model
- assess how well the Western Riverside model aligns with the Community Strategy
- Hold the Major Projects Executive Member to account in his development of an options analysis for how the elements of the project are to evolve and their associated risk.

### **Scope**

To achieve the scope of the review the Panel will specifically

- Look at how the Heads of Service are setting out their desired outputs from the scheme based on assumptions within the viability model and assess their individual positions relating to the model.

- Facilitate the negotiation of the Council's collective response to the developers' viability model between the service areas.
- Where there are gaps or restrictions in existing policy affecting the success of these negotiations, the panel will seek to recommend ways in which the Council can overcome these restrictions in order to meet the requirements of the viability model.
- More to be determined following steering group meeting

### Review Activities

To be determined

### Outputs of this Review

To be determined

### Constraints

- The review is working to tight timescales and is set to be active over the summer recess period in August. This could have some impact on Member availability at this time.
- The review must be managed within the budget available to the Panel.
- The review will be carried out in accordance with the Bath & North East Somerset Council Overview and Scrutiny project management processes.

### Steering Group (to be finalised)

Chair of Panel:	Cllr. Charles Gerrish
Bath Western Riverside Project Manager	Philip Radford
Overview & Scrutiny Project Officer:	Anna Burgess

### Outline Project Plan

<b>Date</b>	<b>Stage / Activity</b>	<b>Meeting Type</b>
	To be determined	