

Review Title: **Developing a Sustainable Economy Review**

Overview & Scrutiny Panel: **Planning, Transportation, Economy and Sustainability**

Panel Chairman: **Cllr David Dixon (Cllr. Peter Metcalfe – former Chairman)**

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Process for Tracking O&S Recommendations - Guidance note for Executive Members

The enclosed table lists all the recommendations arising from the above Overview & Scrutiny Review. Individual recommendations are referred to the relevant named Executive Members (or whole Executive in the case of a whole Executive referral) as listed in the '**Exec Member**' column of the table. In order to provide the O&S Panel with an Executive response on each recommendation, the named Executive member (or whole Executive) is asked to complete the last 3 columns of the table as follows:

Decision Response

The Executive has the following options:

- **Accept** the Panel's recommendation
- **Reject** the Panel's recommendation
- **Defer** a decision on the recommendation because a response cannot be given at this time. This could be because the recommendation needs to be considered in light of a future Executive decision, imminent legislation, relevant strategy development or budget considerations, etc.

Implementation Date

- For 'Accept' decision responses, give the date that the recommendation will be implemented.
- For 'Defer' decision responses, give the date that the recommendation will be reconsidered.
- For 'Reject' decisions this is not applicable so write n/a

Rationale

Use this space to explain the rationale for your decision response and implementation date. For accepted recommendations, please give details of how they will be implemented.

Developing a Sustainable Economy Review: Recommendations

Recommendation	Exec Member	Decision Response	Implementation Date	Rationale
Cross Service Working				
<p>Recommendation 1 That the Economic Development and Planning services should work up an evidence base to support planning policy, enabling more effective defence of planning appeals.</p>	<p>Cllr Colin Darracott Cllr Gerry Curran</p>	Accept	March 2007 for substantial progress in most areas	Awaiting Local Plan Inquiry outcomes and development of planning policy guidance (Local Development Framework, Supplementary Planning Documents and Development Briefs for key sites)
<p>Recommendation 2 That Economic Development, Planning and Property services should work together to address the lack of provision of incubation and managed workspace and create a clear property ladder for growing businesses, particularly considering the use of the Council's property portfolio to facilitate this.</p>	Cllr Colin Darracott	Accept	<p>Immediate</p> <p>March 2007</p>	<p>Paper to be brought to Executive in New Year following consultation with providers & commercial agents</p> <p>Development boards in the City and towns will address this. Dependant on partnerships, closely relating to points 6&9 below.</p> <p>Employment space must be provided for within the City Vision, Town Visions and the Development Frameworks.</p>
<p>Recommendation 3 That Economic Development need to work closely, cross-council, to ensure the Norton Radstock Regeneration project is moved forwards efficiently and effectively, promoting its status as a Council priority</p>	Cllr Colin Darracott	Accept	On-going	The planning application is imminent in the fourth quarter of 2005 for the core site. Currently working on the wider regeneration possibilities for the town centre. Supplementary planning documents anticipated second quarter 2006.
<p>Recommendation 4 That the Council Executive recognise the resource requirements needed to fulfil these actions and allocate them accordingly, across delivering</p>	Whole Council Executive	Defer	First quarter 2006	Consider as part of the Corporate Plan financial planning process

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departments.				
<p>Recommendation 5</p> <p>That the Executive Members for the relevant services champion these issues and work together with Heads of Service to deliver solutions.</p>	Whole Council Executive	Accept	Immediate	Incorporate into the Corporate Plan and Service Planning processes
Partnership Working				
<p>Recommendation 6</p> <p>That Economic Development, Planning and Property services work closely with the Universities to establish the need for incubation space and requirements for 'follow on' space adopting a proactive approach to providing for these needs.</p>	Cllr Colin Darracott	Accept	Immediate (see first part rec. 2)	This work is already underway. Needs and potential actions are set out in the emerging West of England Small Workspace Strategy. Discussions have commenced between Economic Development / Property Services and the University of Bath
<p>Recommendation 7</p> <p>That Economic Development work corporately across the Council and with the Universities to promote their presence in the City, linking with initiatives such as Knowledge West and 'town and gown.'</p>	Cllr Colin Darracott	Accept	Immediate	The Council is represented on Knowledge West. The Students' Union, who are heavily involved in the town and gown initiative, are represented on the LSP

<p>Recommendation 8</p> <p>That the Council takes a lead in harnessing the research and knowledge of the universities for businesses in the City by using their academic capacity to undertake relevant research.</p>	<p>Cllr Colin Darracott</p>	<p>Reject</p>		<p>The Council can support but not take a lead in knowledge transfer issues between academia and commercial business.</p>
<p>Recommendation 9</p> <p>That Economic Development, Planning and Property services work proactively with private commercial developers to create opportunities for the provision of managed workspace.</p>	<p>Cllr Colin Darracott</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>Current (see also rec. 2)</p>	<p>Economic Development, Planning and Property Services are working with private developers on potential opportunities. Delivery of site specific outcomes to be announced.</p>
<p>Recommendation 10</p> <p>That the Council works closely with the LSC and education providers in the Norton Radstock area to target poor numeracy and literacy skills in Norton Radstock and improve them.</p>	<p>Cllr Colin Darracott Cllr Jonathan Gay</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>4th quarter 2005</p>	<p>Work through Learning Partnership & LSC to develop response and targets.</p>
<p>Recommendation 11</p> <p>That by working closely with the Norton Radstock Regeneration Company, Economic Development promotes and supports the work being done on regeneration of the railway land there.</p>	<p>Cllr Colin Darracott</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>See Recommendation 3 above</p>