

Single Member Cabinet Decision

Executive Forward Plan Reference	E 2169
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Bath Business Improvement District - Final Proposal for Ballot

Decision maker/s	Cllr Terry Gazzard, Cabinet Member for Development and Regeneration
The Issue	<p>When a Business Improvement District is proposed for an area, the Local Authority has a responsibility to ensure that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) the proposal contains the information as required in BID Regulations (2004) (2) the BID proposal does not conflict with any of its strategies and plans for that area. (3) that the BID proposer has undertaken a satisfactory level of consultation with the relevant business community. <p>The local authority must also sign a baseline services agreement with the BID proposer, which sets out the standard services provided by the local authority within the BID area.</p> <p>The local authority must also sign an operating agreement with the BID proposer, which governs the process for collecting the levy.</p>
Decision Date	7 th September 2010
The decision	<p>The Cabinet Member agrees that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Business Improvement District proposal by Future Bath Plus is formally endorsed by the Council, as it meets regulatory requirements, does not conflict with Council plans, and the proposers have undertaken a satisfactory level of consultation. ○ The relevant Strategic Directors continue to negotiate the baseline and operating agreements with Future Bath Plus, and these agreements are then signed by the relevant Strategic Directors in consultation with the Cabinet members for Development and Regeneration and Customer Services.
Rationale for decision	<p>Without formal sign-off from the Council on the BID proposal, Future Bath Plus cannot take their proposal to a business ballot. The role of the Council is to ensure that sufficient consultation has occurred, that the proposal does not conflict with any Council policies or plans, and the proposal meets the expectations of the BID Regulations. The business community will be able to decide at ballot whether or not to introduce a compulsory levy, based on the details contained within the proposal.</p>
Financial and budget implications	<p>The Council will be liable for an annual BID levy payment for those properties which it occupies and for which it pays empty rates. This</p>

	cost will be met from existing budgets.
Issues considered	Customer Focus; Sustainability; Property; Corporate
Consultation undertaken	Ward Councillor; Cabinet colleagues; Overview & Scrutiny Panel; Other B&NES Services; Service Users; Stakeholders/Partners; Section 151 Finance Officer; Chief Executive; Monitoring Officer.
How consultation was carried out	Future Bath Plus has undertaken satisfactory consultation with the business community. Future Bath Plus also worked closely with the Economic and Enterprise team at the Council. The Economic and Enterprise team consulted relevant teams within the Council. Views were sought at Informal Cabinet on the BID process. Discussion was held at Enterprise and Economic Development Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 7 September.
Other options considered	None.

Signatures of Decision Makers	
Date of Signature	7 th September 2010
Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision	