

UPDATE REPORT

COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2013

Agenda Item 8 – MTSRP & Budget Report

A CABINET AGREED CHANGES TO WORDING AND CONTENT

1. Page 23, final paragraph – to replace the word “significant” with the word “some”.
2. Page 25, first bullet – to replace “£33 million” with “£34 million”.
3. Page 53, final paragraph – to replace “provisional” with “Fully Approved”.
4. Page 55, insert following sentences before the title “Flood Risk Management” - “The following projects have received approval for the use of £11.2m of Revolving Investment Funding from the West of England LEP to support the delivery of this infrastructure to enable development of sites within the Bath City Riverside Enterprise Area. This funding will be repaid from developer and related contributions once the relevant developments are completed.”
5. Page 112, to delete the existing proposal for a saving of £50k in 2013/2014 relating to Waste Recycling Centres and replace with “Waste Grant Funding will be used to protect existing recycling centre opening hours for the 3 year period of this MTSRP. There is therefore no impact to service delivery”.
6. Page 129, to add the following text as para 5.3 – “The savings identified in para 5.1 above are anticipated to be a net revenue saving position across all Council owned assets, after taking account of any costs which may arise as a result of the Community Asset “Quick Wins” identified in this paper.
7. Page 134, to add the following sentence after the existing paragraph under “Climate Change” – “The Council will also seek to recognise the potential impacts of weather related events like flooding for Council service areas including Environmental Services, Sustainability and Emergency Planning.”
8. To include an item in the proposed use of “One-off Headroom Allocations” funded by the Financial Planning Reserve as set out on page 41 as follows:
 - £15,000 to protect the funding for the Wheels for All event for 2013/2014
9. On Page 67, Table 8, last column, change the figure -3,815 to -3,830 and 2,754 to 2,739.

B EQUALITIES - UPDATE NOTE FROM MONITORING OFFICER

As a supplement to section 11 of the report, the Council is reminded of its responsibilities in respect of the Public sector Equality Duty;-

1. It is unlawful to discriminate against an individual because of their protected characteristics (Equality Act 2010).
2. The equality duty requires that equality issues are integrated into day-to-day council business. Compliance with the duty is a legal obligation; primary decision makers must, in the exercise of our functions, have due regard to the need to:
 - **Eliminate unlawful discrimination**, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act.
 - **Advance equality of opportunity** between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
 - **Foster good relations** between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
3. Having due regard for advancing equality involves:
 - Removing or minimising disadvantages suffered by people due to their protected characteristics.
 - Taking steps to meet the needs of people from protected groups where these are different from the needs of other people.
 - Encouraging people from protected groups to participate in public life or in other activities where their participation is disproportionately low.
4. The protected characteristics are: age, disability, sex, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, sexual orientation, religion or belief and marriage and civil partnership.

The equalities issues arising from the budget proposals have been analysed and statements prepared. These are available for viewing at;

(<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/your-council-and-democracy/equality-anddiversity/equality-impact-assessments/financial-pla>).

Members should read these carefully and consider whether, bearing in mind the duties outlined above, they are satisfied that the proposals are consistent with their duty. In assessing this, members need to look at the overall financial context and consider the cumulative impact of the savings proposals being put forward.