

Cabinet Meeting Resolution

Executive  
Forward Plan  
Reference

**E2521**

**Comments on Somerset Minerals Preferred Planning  
Options consultation**

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	10-Apr-13
<b>The Issue</b>	<i>Somerset County Council has published its Minerals Local Plan Preferred Options for consultation. It includes a number of strategic policies including energy minerals. This report sets out the recommend Bath &amp; North East Somerset response</i>
<b>The decision</b>	(1) To AGREE that the assessment forms the basis of the response to the consultation on the Minerals Plan Preferred Options Paper to be forwarded to Somerset County Council to inform the preparation of Somerset County Council's Pre-submission Minerals Plan.
<b>Rationale for decision</b>	Although there is an opportunity to comment at every stage in the development of the Minerals Plan, it becomes more difficult to influence its development at later stages. As Somerset County Council has now reached a stage where the preferred policy direction for minerals has been established it is important that the Council responds to convey any further concerns it may have with regard any potential harmful impacts on Bath and North East Somerset's key environmental assets, especially the Hot Springs, before the Pre-Submission Minerals Plan is published.
<b>Other options considered</b>	None.
<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	None.
<b>The Decision is subject to Call-In within 5 working days of publication of the decision</b>	