

Bath & North East Somerset Council		
MEETING:	Development Control Committee	
MEETING DATE:	31 July 2013	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
TITLE:	Sustainable Construction & Retrofitting SPD appendix: Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy Guidance For Listed Buildings and Undesignated Historic Buildings	
WARD:	District Wide	
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
List of attachments to this report:		
Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy Guidance For Listed Buildings and Undesignated Historic Buildings: Adoption Draft September 2013		

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 The Sustainable Construction and Retrofitting SPD has been produced to accord with and respond to the issues of climate change and the emerging energy deficit and the desire to improve the energy efficiency of new buildings and the existing building stock and to comply with the National Planning Policy Framework (Section 10) which recommends that Local Planning Authorities adopt proactive policies and strategies to mitigate and adapt to climate change.
- 1.2 The SPD was adopted on 13 February 2013 however the accompanying appendix that relates to the retrofitting of listed buildings and undesignated historic buildings was omitted pending further discussions. Since that time Officers have met with English Heritage who have indicated their support for the current document and have advised that they will confirm this in writing. This will be reported to Members at the meeting

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Development Control Committee is asked to note the attached guidance and its contents prior to its consideration for adoption by Cabinet.

3 THE REPORT

BACKGROUND

- 3.1 This retrofitting guidance sets out the Council's approach to the retrofitting of listed buildings and undesignated historic buildings. It attempts to strike a balance between the need to respond to the issues of climate change and energy efficiency whilst responding also to the requirements of the primary legislation, Planning (Listed Buildings &

Conservation Areas) Act 1990, and national planning policy, National Planning Policy Framework: Section 12 'Conserving and enhancing the historic environment' and the Historic Environment Planning Practice Guide, where there is a presumption in favour of the preservation and enhancement of heritage assets and their setting.

- 3.2** The guidance will provide owners of heritage assets and architectural professionals with the information they need to make informed decisions regarding how best to alter historic buildings to improve energy efficiency consistent with architectural conservation best practice whilst at the same time not harming or compromising their architectural and historic interest.
- 3.3** It is recognised that the retrofitting of listed buildings is a developing area and the appendix is considered to be an important first step in an on-going process. The planning department will continue to work with other Council departments and English Heritage to review and amend the guidance as necessary.

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Background papers	Retrofitting SPD