

Bath & North East Somerset Council

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| MEETING: | Health and Wellbeing Board |
| MEETING DATE: | 18 th September 2013 |
| TITLE: | Placemaking Plan |
| AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM | |
| List of attachments to this report: <u>Placemaking Plan Launch Document</u> | |

1 THE ISSUE

1.1 This report provides an update on progress with the Council's Placemaking Plan, and highlights opportunities to embed Health and Well Being considerations into the document.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Board is asked to note:

2.1 The progress that is being made with the Placemaking Plan and that there are opportunities to link with Public Health Objectives.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 2.2 The production of the Placemaking Plan is being met within the Local Development Framework budget.
- 2.3 The fulfilment of this objective should contribute positively to the financial implications associated with the health and well being agenda.

1 THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the Council's Placemaking Plan is to facilitate the delivery of key development sites and to ensure up to date planning policies that are used in the determination of planning applications. The Placemaking Plan will complement the strategic framework provided in the Core Strategy.
- 1.2 The plan is intended to be produced in a collaborative way drawing on the principles set out in the Council's Local Engagement Framework. This will ensure that B&NES work closely with local communities and other key stakeholders to identify valued assets for protection, opportunities for development and necessary infrastructure requirements.
- 1.3 The Placemaking Plan is guided by the strategic objectives contained within the Council's emerging Core Strategy. Of particular relevance to the Health and Well Being Board is Objective 6 which seeks to 'plan for development that promotes health and well being':
 - (1) Enabling more opportunities for people to lead healthier lifestyles and have a greater sense of well-being through facilitating active modes of travel, encouraging social interaction and designing high quality, safe streets and spaces.
 - (2) Promoting and delivering local employment, training and regeneration opportunities that can contribute to a reduction in the health and social inequalities across the District encouraging and facilitating increased local food production.
 - (3) Ensuring the timely provision of social and physical infrastructure, including health, welfare, spiritual, recreational, leisure and cultural facilities.
- 1.4 With regards to this final point it will be necessary to commission research to assess the impact of new development proposals on existing health facilities such as doctor's surgeries and dentists. This will highlight the requirement for developers to provide additional facilities or to make a s106 contribution towards the enhancement of existing facilities.
- 1.5 This assessment work could form part of the JSNA (Joint Strategic Needs Assessment) and inform the Councils/NHS Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, as well as the emerging Placemaking Plan and the Council's Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

The Launch document

1.6 The Placemaking Plan Launch Document was approved by Cabinet on 8th May 2013, and is available for public comment until 20th September 2013. The Launch Document is the first stage in the production of the Placemaking Plan, and its purpose is to stimulate discussion and to facilitate collaboration and joint working at an early stage in the process. The Launch Document sets out the proposed scope of the Placemaking Plan, the key issues to be addressed and an overview of how B&NES will work in collaboration with local communities.

Programme

1.7 The next stage in the production of the Placemaking Plan is the production of the Preferred Options document. This will be informed by

- (1) the outcomes of the current consultation on the Launch Document;
- (2) informal discussions with different stakeholder and interest groups;
- (3) workshops with Parish Councils.

1.8 It is intended that the Preferred Options document will be approved for a further public consultation process in spring 2014, however progress will be influenced by the programme and resource commitments required for the Core Strategy. This is currently under examination, with the public hearings due to resume on 17th September.

1.9 The Placemaking Plan, in being part of the statutory planning framework, needs to undergo a rigorous production and scrutiny process. This involves taking it through an examination process. It is therefore envisaged to adopt the Placemaking Plan in mid 2015.

2 RISK MANAGEMENT

2.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

3 EQUALITIES

a) An EqIA has not been completed as the launch of the Placemaking Plan represents the first stage in its preparation and no policy direction is being proposed at this stage. The Placemaking Plan will be prepared in the context of the parent document, the Core Strategy, for which an EqIA has been completed.

b) An EqIA will need to be undertaken for the Placemaking Plan and public health inequalities can be integrated into this.

4 CONSULTATION

4.1 The introduction to the launch document sets out the proposed approach to public engagement. The Plan must also be prepared in a way which fulfils the duty to co-operate, including consultation with prescribed consultees.

5 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION

5.1 *Social Inclusion; Customer Focus; Sustainability; Human Resources; Property; Young People; Human Rights; Corporate; Health & Safety; Impact on Staff; Other Legal Considerations*

6 ADVICE SOUGHT

6.1 The Council's Monitoring Officer (Divisional Director – Legal and Democratic Services) and Section 151 Officer (Divisional Director - Finance) have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

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| Background papers | <i>Placemaking Plan Launch Document</i> |
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