

Bath & North East Somerset Council		
MEETING	Cabinet	
MEETING	4th May 2016	
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TITLE:	Receipt of information requested by Council on the Park & Ride/East of Bath Transport issues	
WARD:	Bath Avon North, Lambridge and Wards in Bath	
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
<p>List of attachments to this report:</p> <p>Findings and Conclusions in relation to</p> <p>Annex A – Scrutiny Inquiry Day: Integrated Transport Solutions- East of Bath</p> <p>Annex B- Local Development Framework Steering Group: Review of the options for the location of a Park and Ride Site- East of Bath</p>		

1 THE ISSUE

The Council on 12th November 2015 resolved in relation to the east of Bath Park and Ride proposal to:

- 1.1 Call for the Communities, Transport and Environment Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel to undertake an open and transparent public scrutiny, examining a wide range of integrated transport solutions for the east of Bath; and

- 1.2 Ask that the cross-party Local Development Framework Steering Group review all the options for the location of an east of Bath Park & Ride prior to Cabinet selecting a preferred site early next year, giving due consideration to the following:
 - responses received to the east of Bath Park& Ride consultation;
 - feasibility and deliverability of each site option;
 - costs associated with each site option;
 - transport benefits of each site option; and
 - visual impact of each site option.

2 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Cabinet:

- 2.1 Note the reports outlining the findings and conclusions from the Communities, Transport and Environment Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel Inquiry Day and the sites review undertaken by the LDF Steering Group; in order to help their deliberations in determining the recommended solution to the transport issues to the east of Bath

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 3.1 The resource implications are outlined in the respective reports to be considered.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSALS

- 4.1 The Council's adopted Core Strategy identifies the need to create the conditions for a more environmentally sustainable economy with increased local employment, less overall commuting and a strong low-carbon business sector. The economy needs to be well placed to meet the needs of the 21st century and to be more diverse, productive and resilient facilitated by an increase in innovative technology related jobs, indigenous business growth and inward investment through provision of appropriate business space in the right locations.
- 4.2 This reflects the Council's Economic Development Strategy which seeks to stimulate a more productive, competitive and diversified economy across the District and promotes a higher value added economy (smart growth) where indigenous companies are retained and able to grow, other knowledge based sectors are attracted to the area and the industrial sector continues to contribute to the local economy.
- 4.3 The Council's Transport Strategy for Bath is one of reducing the use of cars for travelling to and within the city, by progressing improvements to public transport and making walking and cycling within the city the preferred option for short trips. This will be achieved through a variety of measures including the creation of one or more Park & Ride sites on the eastern side of the city to reduce commuter traffic.

5 RATIONALE

- 5.1 The Council's Getting Around Bath Strategy and the adopted Core Strategy indicate the need for and east of Bath Park and Ride as part of an integrated transport solution.

6 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 6.1 Do nothing in terms of the transport infrastructure in relation to the economic and housing growth associated with the District

7 CONSULTATION

7.1 The report has been considered by the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer.

8 RISK MANAGEMENT

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

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Background papers	<i>See separate reports</i>
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