

**Draft Notes of the Chew Valley Forum**  
**7th July 2016 at 6pm**  
**The Library, Chew Valley Secondary School**

**Present**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation Represented</b>
Chris Head	Chair of Forum and Chief Executive, WERN
Cllr Tony Heaford	Vice Chair of Forum and Publow with Pensford Parish Council
Tony Hooper	Cameley Parish Council
Cllr Tim Warren	Leader of Bath & North East Somerset Council
Cllr Charlie Bishop	Publow with Pensford Parish Council
Cllr Liz Richardson	Cabinet Member for Homes and Planning and Chew Valley North Ward Councillor
Cllr Ashton Broad	Whitchurch Parish Council
Cllr Richard Ireland	West Harptree Parish Council
Dr. Ian Orpen	Clinical Chair, BaNES CCG
Barry Grimes	Communications Manager, BaNES CCG
PC James Evans	Avon and Somerset Constabulary
PC Rebecca Knocker	Avon and Somerset Constabulary
Cllr Holger Loux	Dundry Parish Council
Chris Lewis	Local resident
Chris Brookes	Local resident
Cllr Chris Craig	Compton Martin Parish Council
Cllr Vic Pritchard	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health and Chew Valley South Ward Councillor
Lynne Easton	Chew Magna Parish Council
Anna Wheeler	Bath College Adult Community Learning

**B&NES Officers**

Anne-Marie Stavert	Commissioning & Contracts Officer
Heidi Limbert	Children Centre Service Manager
Tracy Pike	Operational Manager – Youth Services
Richard Baldwin	Divisional Director - Children, Young People and Families
Mark Hayward	Strategy & Performance
Sara Dixon	Strategy & Performance

**Apologies**

Heather Clewett	Bishop Sutton Parish Council
Wesley Hallam	Ubley Parish Council
Judith Chubb-Whittle	Stanton Drew Parish Council
John Harvey	Stanton Drew Parish Council
Nick Baker	Chew Stoke Parish Council

**Informal Open Public Session**

		<b>Action</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	
1.1	Chris Head the Chair of the Forum welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Update on Local Policing</b>	
2.1	Chris Head welcomed PC James Evans and PC Rebecca Knocker from Avon and Somerset Constabulary.	

2.2	PC Evans referred to the Neighbourhood Statistics document for the Pensford and Chew Valley Area that was provided at the meeting. He explained that the statistics show that there has been an increase in reported crimes in the area. There have been some boundary changes which can affect the numbers.	
2.3	PC Evans commented that there have been a number of issues of anti-social behaviour in Bishop Sutton. There have been discussions to look at improving the way that these incidents are tackled this year.	
2.4	PC Evans explained that 'Response Policing' is now controlled from a hub that is based in Bath. Beat Officers are still present in the Chew Valley but due to the geographical size of the area response times do vary.	
2.5	Chris Head asked if there was an update on the issues around cycle races in the Valley. James Evans explained that organised races appear to be better managed and the Police have been present during events.	
2.6	Chris Head explained that there are different types of cycle challenges which are increasing in popularity. These are known as sportive challenges. These are cyclists who are self-challengers and are not part of organised events.	
2.7	Chris asked if the Police could provide any details of the recent road traffic accident that took place on the edge of the area. PC Evans explained that the accident that occurred on the A39 occurred during adverse weather conditions and involved an elderly driver from outside this area, the accident was serious and fatalities did occur.	
2.8	Cllr Vic Pritchard asked for reassurances that the Police facility in Compton Dando remains operational. PC Evans explained that the building is operational and the Beat Officer resides in that building. There are no plans to sell off the building.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Briefing on the West of England Devolution proposals</b>	
3.1	Chris introduced Cllr Tim Warren, Leader of B&NES Council to deliver a presentation on the West of England Devolution proposals. Copies of this presentation were provided.	
3.2	<p>Tim made a number of additional points that were not included in the presentation handout.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is devolution of government business 'devo down' and does not take away any existing powers from the individual Councils who sign up to the deal.</li> <li>• The existing City Deal for B&amp;NES Council is worth £500 million over a 25 year period. This is separate to West of England Devolution.</li> <li>• The Universities and the College in Bath are in favour of the West of England Devolution proposals.</li> <li>• Devolution has a number of stages where agreements will be developed once the deal is signed.</li> </ul>	
3.3	Tim Warren asked for any questions.	
3.4	Chris Craig asked if there was any possibility that North Somerset Council could change their mind and be part of the deal. Tim Warren explained that it would be really difficult for North Somerset to come back into the deal. Chris Head added that with the Chew Valley being on the boundary with North Somerset the impact would be really important to this area.	
3.6	Tony Heaford asked what costs would be associated with the new Mayor. Tim	

	Warren explained that a salary for a Mayor needs to be agreed. There will be the existing staff structure from the Local Enterprise Partnership and it is anticipated that this will move across to support West of England Devolution.	
3.7	Lynne Easton asked what the new Mayor would do. Tim Warren explained that the Government requires a figurehead who will be answerable for the delivery plans for the region. Tim explained that having to have the new mayor position has resulted in a great deal of opposition. Tim clarified that although he would have preferred there not to be a Mayor enforced on the region, this must not stop the fact that we have achieved a very good deal for the region.	
3.8	A question was asked, what will happen to the development of transport links to Bristol Airport if North Somerset is not part of the deal. Tim Warren explained that whilst North Somerset is not part of the deal, Councils can continue to work in partnership on matters that impact the region. Liz Richardson added that the existing Joint Spatial Plan and the Joint Transport Strategy both continue to have the input of all four Local Authorities.	
3.9	Tony Hooper asked is the funding index linked. Tim Warren said that the funding is not indexed linked. The funding is half capital and half revenue. He added that if we had chosen to walk away from this deal the money would be gone.	
3.10	Richard Ireland asked if George Osborne does not remain as Chancellor of the Exchequer, would this affect the future of this deal. Tim Warren answered that this would not result in any change to the deal.	
3.11	Chris Head thanked Tim Warren and asked the Forum to take time to respond to the consultation as well as attending one of the briefing sessions that are taking place during this consultation period.	
3.12	Tim Warren said that he would be happy to present to any additional groups or meetings to answer any questions.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Notes of the Previous Meetings 28<sup>th</sup> April and matters arising</b>	
4.1	The notes were agreed as an accurate record.	
4.2	Chris Head highlighted the opportunity to for members to be involved further in the discussion on flooding. Lynne Easton is already involved. Chris Craig agreed that he would also become involved with the flooding group.	
4.3	Chris Head explained that the event that took place at Compton Martin had passed without any incidents; the Police were aware and had no reported problems.	
4.4	Chris Head explained that the roadworks at Pensford had now been completed.	
4.5	Chris Head pointed out that the roundabout at Chelwood was an example where confusion is created. Recently there have been four different sets of diversion signs on the exits at the same time.	
<b>5.</b>	<b>The provision of early help services in the Chew Valley</b>	
5.1	Chris Head introduced Richard Baldwin, B&NES Council, Divisional Director – Children, Young People and Families.	
5.2	Richard Baldwin presented on Early Help Services for Children, Young People and Families in the Chew Valley. Copies of the presentation were provided.	
5.3	Richard Baldwin made a number of additional points that were not in the	

	<p>presentation document.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The services aim to provide preventative measure that result in better outcomes.</li> <li>• The services provided in B&amp;NES provide value that many local authorities have not been able to continue with.</li> <li>• Schools are seen as key providers of help to young people.</li> <li>• A number of the services are classed as 'traded', this indicates they are bringing income into the services.</li> <li>• Targeted work looks at the level of need that is provided and where the support is best given. Work takes place inside peoples own homes and includes help to young mums and children with specific needs.</li> </ul>	
5.4	<p>Richard explained that there were a number of acronyms used in the presentation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEND – Special Educational Needs with Disability</li> <li>• CLA – Children Looked After</li> <li>• EYE – Early Years Entitlements</li> <li>• FSM – Free School Meals</li> <li>• NEET – Not in Employment Education or Training</li> <li>• EET – In Employment, Education or Training</li> </ul>	
5.5	<p>Richard Baldwin confirmed that the case numbers referred to the presentation were specific to the Chew Valley.</p>	
5.6	<p>Richard Baldwin provided further information about the Connecting families programme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The programme targets families that have had intergenerational problems and a history of being persistently challenging.</li> <li>• Work with the families that are identified is intensive and target driven.</li> <li>• The team in B&amp;NES is within the top ten in the country.</li> <li>• The team work to outcomes and are funded in accordance to meeting these.</li> </ul>	
5.7	<p>Tracey Pike provided information about Youth Connect.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are 3 people classed as NEET in the Chew Valley</li> <li>• There are 2 pending high risk referrals</li> <li>• In B&amp;NES the level for NEET is 3.9% which is a low number in comparison to the national figure.</li> </ul>	
5.8	<p>Chris Head thanked Richard Baldwin for the presentation</p>	
5.9	<p>Chris Head explained that the Children's Centre in Chew Valley provides a limited number of services. There is opportunity to use the building further as it is not presently used to its full potential. Views on what more can be done to make better use would be welcomed.</p>	
5.10	<p>Heidi Limbert added that there is potential for varying uses at the centre. There is already a crèche provision in place and ideas for enhancing this resource will be welcomed.</p>	
5.11	<p>Chris recommended that a working group be set up to explore alternative uses at the centre. Heidi Limbert, Anne-Marie Stavert and Anna Wheeler volunteered to be on the working group that will look at the topic of a Chew Valley Community Hub.</p>	
5.12	<p>Tracey Pike explained that there the Youth mobile bus service is used by 50 young people in the Chew Valley. There are regular visits to Bishop Sutton and</p>	

5.13	<p>Chew Magna.</p> <p>Cllr Vic Pritchard highlighted that there are issues with anti-social behaviour in Bishop Sutton. This involves three people that are technically adults who have influence of younger people.</p>	
<b>6.</b>	<b>B&amp;NES Clinical Commissioning Group - Our vision for general practice</b>	
6.1	Chris Head introduced Dr. Ian Orpen, Clinical Chair, BaNES CCG	
6.2	Ian Orpen presented "Our vision for general practice: How can GP surgeries work in partnership to transform health care in your community?". Copies of the presentation were provided	
6.3	<p>Ian Orpen made a number of additional points that were not in the presentation document.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As life has changed there are greater needs in the way that services will need to be delivered.</li> <li>• The CCG are a commissioning service that need to plan and purchase for the needs of the area.</li> <li>• There is a need to look ahead and think about how GP's will look in 5 years' time.</li> <li>• Patient contacts with GP's account for 90% of all of the contacts made across the Health Service. Only 7% of the Health service budget is spent by GP's.</li> <li>• The expectation to recruit additional GPs is proving to be difficult in some areas. An example locally would be Swindon where there are 25 GP's presently needed to fill the existing gap.</li> </ul>	
6.4	A question was asked – How are GP's picking up issues around mental health services. Ian Orpen explained that there has been an improvement in dealing with mental health issues and there are more responsive services, GP's can refer cases on weekdays up to 8pm. There can be more minor cases where the patient is sent back to the GP if they are stable.	
6.5	Ian Orpen explained that there are links between physical conditions and mental health that have to be taken into consideration. When a patient is diagnosed with a serious physical condition this can also trigger mental health issues.	
6.6	Barry Grimes encouraged Forum members to feed back to him any further comments they have, there is particular interest in weekend and morning/evening access to GP requirements.	
6.7	Chris Head explained that the CCG will return to the Forum in February 2017 to introduce the successful bidder. A decision should be made on the bids on the 18 <sup>th</sup> August 2016.	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Any other Business</b>	
7.1	Chris proposed that the date for the Forum AGM takes place at the November meeting. There were no objections to this proposal.	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b>	
8.1	The next meeting will take place on <b>Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm</b> , The Library, Chew Valley Secondary School	
8.2	Chris thanked everyone for their attendance and input into the meeting.	