

Cabinet Single-Member Decisions and Responses to Recommendations from PDS Panels

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Bath - Frome Supported evening Bus service

The supported evening bus service 267 is to be cancelled from April 2017. Services will be replaced commercially on Fridays and Saturdays but the Council is offering a proportionate contribution to services on Monday-Thursday evenings only.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member - Transport

Decision published: 13/01/2017

Effective from: 21/01/2017

Decision:

The Cabinet Member agrees that:

1. The Council should give notice to terminate the contract with First Somerset & Avon Ltd for evening bus service 267 operating between Bath and Frome.
 2. The Council should make a contribution of £2,250 towards the cost of retaining the service on Mondays to Thursdays provided that the balance of the cost is met by other local authorities along the route
- Lead officer: Richard Smith

Energy Services: Local Energy Tariff

This report seeks approval for the principle of entering the local energy market to create a Council backed energy tariff in order to gain a range of community benefits.

Decision Maker: Leader of the Council

Decision published: 12/01/2017

Effective from: 20/01/2017

Decision:

The Cabinet Members agree to:

- Approve the principle of commissioning a partner to create a Council endorsed local energy tariff offer for electricity and gas in order to gain a range of community benefits.

· Note that there will be a further report to Cabinet prior to contract award, having tested the business plan and marketing approach through the procurement process.
Lead officer: Jane Wildblood

Approval of capital funding for Waste & Recycling containers

The Council is implementing a new collection service in 2017/18 and needs to place orders now for wheeled bins, reusable rubbish bags and recycling containers.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member - Finance and Efficiency

Decision published: 09/01/2017

Effective from: 17/01/2017

Decision:

The Cabinet Members agree that the capital budget up to a maximum of £1.34M be spent on waste & recycling containers.

Lead officer: Carol Maclellan

Secondary Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme 2018-19

To agree the Secondary Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme for 2018-19.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member - Children's Services

Decision published: 04/01/2017

Effective from: 12/01/2017

Decision:

The Cabinet Member agreed with the Secondary Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme for 2018-19.

Lead officer: Kevin Amos

Freight Consolidation Future Options

The freight consolidation centre will require ongoing funding to continue. Previous growth predictions necessary for reducing the costs have not borne out. The funding required for the scheme to operate is expected to stay at the current figure which is £270,952 per year across Bristol and B&NES; B&NES current share of this is £124,000. There is £124,000 approved from B&NES reserves for 2016/17, there is no future funding currently approved beyond March 2017.

The council has marketed the scheme to the best of its ability. This has had a limited impact. Options for bringing the Council's operations on board have been explored as well but these will not provide the necessary growth levels nor are they currently viable.

Alternative solutions for reducing council deliveries are being progressed separately which will help to mitigate against 0.2% increase in HGVs and 0.4% increase in heavy duty vehicle emissions expected as a result of closing the scheme.

The current Freight Consolidation contract ends on 30th November 2017. Prior to this a procurement exercise would need to take place which will have staffing and financial implications. It is estimated this procurement exercise would take a minimum of seven months to complete. Either Council can cancel the scheme ahead of the 30th November 2017 by giving 3 months' notice to terminate the contract.

Bristol has identified the Freight Consolidation Centre as a possible saving in their Corporate Strategy Consultation 2017/2022. They will take a decision on this in January.

A decision now needs to be made as to whether the scheme should be closed down or whether it should continue to be subsidised at the specified level.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member - Transport

Decision published: 20/12/2016

Effective from: 30/12/2016

Decision:

The Cabinet Member agrees that Option 1 -the preferred option- is approved and adopted. This includes the following actions:

A) The current Freight Consolidation Centre is closed at the end of March 2017 with contract notice submitted on the 30th December 2016

B) To mitigate the service impacts from the closure, grant money from the Go Ultra Low Office of Low Emission Vehicles (GUL OLEV) will be used to scope and pilot an alternative consolidation method using small electric delivery trucks and/or electric bicycles serving the city centre.

Charging for Business Advice and Licensing pre-application service

The Public protection and Health Improvement team are seeking to support business by providing enhanced charged for services.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member - Community Services

Decision published: 12/12/2016

Effective from: 20/12/2016

Decision:

The Cabinet Member agreed to:

1.1 The Public Protection and Health Improvement Service (PP&HI) charging businesses for regulatory advice; pre-application advice and application assistance;

1.2 The PP&HI service charging for training, mentoring and development courses along with enhanced advice and support services across a range of activities including events, active lifestyles and regulatory services.

These will be operated initially as a pilot with a view to building in to the fees and charges setting process in 2017/18 and beyond

Lead officer: Suzanne McCutcheon

Keynsham Conservation Area Appraisal & Keynsham Conservation Area Management Plan

Conservation area appraisals provide the justification for conservation areas by defining the special architectural and historic interest that warranted their designation. They also provide an opportunity to inform and involve local communities in maintaining the character that gives conservation areas their distinctiveness.

An appraisal of the Keynsham Conservation Area was prepared in 2015. It includes:

- *An assessment of the special interest*
- *A description of the architectural qualities*
- *Opportunities for enhancement*
- *Recommended management proposals*
- *A record of community involvement*
- *An explanation of the planning policy context*
- *References for policy and guidance*

It is accompanied by the Keynsham Conservation Area Management Plan which identifies opportunities for enhancement.

Resources to take the appraisal forwards have been made available by the Council and this report seeks formal adoption of the documents by B&NES Council as the local planning authority.

Decision Maker: Leader of the Council

Decision published: 29/11/2016

Effective from: 07/12/2016

Decision:

The Cabinet Members agree that Keynsham Conservation Area Appraisal & Keynsham Conservation Area Management Plan should be formally adopted by the Council.

Lead officer: Adrian Neilson

Allocation of Parking Permits in Controlled Zones

The existing policy for the eligibility of parking permits within controlled parking zones was adopted in 2006. The operational application and implementation of the existing policy, over the past 10 years, has highlighted a number of issues which have been clarified within the revised policy.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member - Transport

Decision published: 15/11/2016

Effective from: 23/11/2016

Decision:

The Cabinet Member agrees that the revised policy is adopted and that delegated powers are given to the Divisional Director for Environmental Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport, to vary the policy to reflect current circumstances and needs when appropriate.

Lead officer: Andrew Dunn

Proposed changes to the existing parking restrictions on the Riverside Coach Park and The Guildhall, Bath.

To confirm the implementation of changes to the parking restrictions within the Riverside Coach Park and the Guildhall car park, Bath

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member - Transport

Decision published: 15/11/2016

Effective from: 23/11/2016

Decision:

The Cabinet Member agrees that;

1. The Riverside Coach Park charges are removed and all free parking for coaches is limited to 30 minutes only between the hours of 8am to 6pm, 7 days a week. No charge or time limit applies between 6pm and 8am.
2. No changes are made to the parking restrictions within the Guildhall car park.

Lead officer: Chris Major