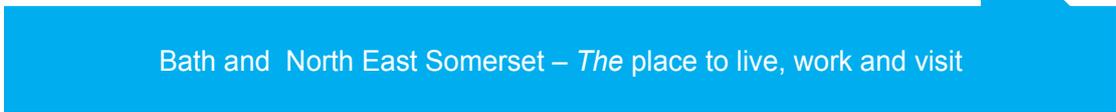


**COUNCIL 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018**  
**COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS**

**QUESTIONS – ITEM 11**

<b>M</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>Question from:</b>	<b>Cllr Robin Moss</b>
As this Council's appointee to the West of England Combined Authority, what is the Leader's assessment of WECA's first year in terms of its achievements?			
<b>Answer from:</b>		<b>Cllr Tim Warren</b>	
Overall the first year has generally been successful in terms of the following funding being achieved for BANES:			
			
<h2>WECA-Funded Projects</h2>			
	<b>Title</b>	<b>Description</b>	
1	Joint Transport Study Highway Infrastructure.	Developing options for the highway infrastructure required to support strategic housing developments in Keynsham North and Whitchurch.	
2	East of Bath Link	To carry out a strategic study in collaboration with Highways England.	
3	A37 to A362 Improvements	Will enable the Somer Valley Enterprise Zone to be delivered without further offsite improvements.	
4	Hicks Gate Roundabout	Provision of a link from the A4174 to the A4 removing traffic from the roundabout.	
5	Freezing Hill Lane Junction	We will undertake a feasibility study to assess options for access improvements from the A420 to Lansdown Park and Ride and Bath.	
6	Employment Support Innovation Pilot	Funding to support residents to progress into work.	
			
<i>In addition WECA has supported the Joint Spatial Plan which has been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate and the translation of the Joint Transport Study into policy through the development of the Joint Local Transport Plan.</i>			
<i>The foundations for a Housing Deal have been agreed with Government along with Housing Infrastructure Funding being secured for key housing sites. Government have also allocated "Marginal Sites" funding to help bring forward delivery of the second phase of Bath Western Riverside, this aligns with our work on the wider Housing Deal and the HIF.</i>			

*Future Bright is a new initiative to improve the skills and opportunities for up to 3,000 adults. The £4m project is being run by the West of England Combined Authority, working with Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol and South Gloucestershire councils*

*The Two Headed Man junction improvements were also funded by WECA helping to reduce congestion at a key pinch point*

*The above is not exhaustive but it does demonstrate that the first year overall has generally been quite successful for BANES. This also reflects the hard work of officers and Cabinet members in terms of driving these projects forward.*

<b>M</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>Question from:</b>	<b>Cllr Robin Moss</b>
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As this Council's appointee to the West of England Combined Authority, what is the Leader's assessment of WECA's first year in terms of its ambition and vision?

<b>Answer from:</b>	<b>Cllr Tim Warren</b>
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*Work on the Vision and ambition statement is currently being developed; this has been slightly delayed following a change in Government advice about Regional Strategies and Local Industrial Strategies, we are now working with Central Government on devising the Local Industrial Strategy, which in effect will contain the Vision and Ambition statement.*

*However, priorities have been identified within the WECA and LEP Business Plan 2018/19 including rail, skills and new homes*

*Currently the overall ambition and vision is being driven by both the JSP and the emerging JLTP as these are fundamental to the future growth of the area. In this sense the WECA is building upon the legacy of work initiated under the original West of England Office. The JSP and JLTP will be supported further through the development of further strategies linked to skills and the digital agenda.*

<b>M</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>Question from</b>	<b>Cllr Robin Moss</b>
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As this Council's appointee to the West of England Combined Authority, what is the Leader's assessment of WECA's first year in terms of its organisation and structure?

<b>Answer from:</b>	<b>Cllr Tim Warren</b>
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*The organisational structure is currently being populated through the interview process and some key positions have now been appointed. The structure has been closely monitored to ensure that duplication is avoided in relation to the overall functions within the component authorities. Once fully populated this will provide the capacity to secure greater progress in terms of the implementation of key projects*

*In addition to the above further funding has been secured from Central Government*



*further within WECA.*

**M**      **07**      **Question from:**      **Cllr Will Sandry**

How many fines have been levied against residents who have been issued a yellow label of shame on their refuse collection

**Answer from:**      **Cllr Bob Goodman**

*Waste services continue to carry out educational support and provide advice to residents still requiring assistance with the new collection arrangements, as well as more formal enforcement action.*

*Between January and April:*

- *2889 enquires have been dealt with*
- *350 visits to properties have been carried out by our Waste Campaigns Officers*
- *133 educational letters have been sent out*
- *648 warning (Breach) notices have been issued for failing to comply with the collection arrangements.*
- *Where there has been evidence, these have been followed by 8 notices stating that we intend to serve a fixed penalty notice.*
- *To date the council have not had to go on and issue any Fixed Penalty Notices as residents have started to comply with the collection arrangements.*