

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

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Ward Councillors' Empowerment Fund

The Ward Councillors' Empowerment Fund is an 18 month funding programme commencing on the 1st of October 2019. Every B&NES Ward Councillor will be allocated the sum of £2,000 to distribute in their ward. There will be a need to show local engagement for the project. In the parished areas Councillors must demonstrate the support of their local Parish Councils in drawing up proposals. There are no limitations on members pooling funds and within the city of Bath there might be issues and projects that could benefit from such an approach.

Decision Maker: Council Leader

Decision published: 28/10/2019

Effective from: 05/11/2019

Decision:

The Cabinet Member agrees to

- (1) Approve the introduction of the Ward Councillor Empowerment Fund as set out in the report
- (2) Agree a one-off sum of £118,000 for the initiative from the council's one-off budget allocation for 2019/20
- (3) Agree to the scheme details as set out in the Guidance Note for the delivery of the scheme set out in Appendix 2 of the report, with the exception that the phrase "Each application must be a minimum of £500" in 5 of the Guidance Note be replaced by "Each application must be a minimum of £200".
- (4) Agree the application process and timeframe for delivery set out in 3.4 of the report
- (5) Delegate to the Director of Partnerships and Corporate Services decisions relating to individual projects within the framework set out in this report and appendices

Lead officer: Dave Dixon

Public Health England Grant Award to Developing Health & Independence

Public Health England (PHE) have awarded a one off Grant of £248,500 to Developing Health & Independence (DHI) to refurbish a new Drug & Alcohol Treatment Centre in Bath. Process dictates that all PHE Grant Funding has to be paid from PHE to the Council's Public Health department before being paid over to Grant recipient (DHI).

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Adult Services

Decision published: 25/10/2019

Effective from: 02/11/2019

Decision:

The Cabinet Member agrees the Capital Grant arrangement between Public Health England, B&NES Council and Developing Health & Independence for the refurbishment of a new Drug & Alcohol Treatment Centre in Bath.

Lead officer: Paul Scott

Replace the Permitted Development Questionnaire application process with self-serve and Lawful Development Certificate

Simplify the way customers get an answer to the question 'do I need planning permission' by removing the PDQ process and signposting to self-serve and Certificate of Lawful Proposed Use (CLPU).

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Housing, Planning, and Economic Development

Decision published: 23/09/2019

Effective from: 01/10/2019

Decision:

The Cabinet Member agrees that B&NES Planning can replace the PDQ service with further promotion of self-serve (where appropriate) and the statutory LDC type application where customers require the answer to their question of 'do I need planning permission', thereby simplifying the Planning service offer.

Lead officer: Sarah Jefferies

Removal of Library fines

Proposal to remove library fines to make the library service more accessible to the more vulnerable of our community.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Community Services

Decision published: 19/09/2019

Effective from: 27/09/2019

Decision:

The Cabinet Member agrees that fines for overdue books are now formally removed and fines for overdue DVDs and talking books (and whilst still available, CDs) are replaced with repeat charges.

Lead officer: Clare Morris

Award of contracts for supported bus services

Results of procurement process for contracts for supported bus services and award of new contracts to replace those that expire on 31 August 2019.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Transport Services

Decision published: 04/09/2019

Effective from: 12/09/2019

Decision:

The Cabinet Member agreed:

- (i) To maintain the non-commercial bus network intact until the West of England Combined Authority (WECA) is resourced to manage, review and procure contracts jointly with the Council or until the West of England Bus Strategy is implemented;
- (ii) To make savings to achieve value for money from bus revenue support where there is no material impact on the bus network or where external factors – such as changes to the commercial bus network – render provision unnecessary;
- (iii) To delegate approval to the Corporate Director to award new contracts for non-commercial bus services in accordance with these objectives.

Lead officer: Andy Strong