

Peer Review - statement by Robin Kerr to Cabinet 7th Nov 19

Leader and Cabinet Members,

I read with interest the feedback from your Corporate Peer Challenge last July, which you are going to discuss later. I note two of its recommendations:

- Firstly, development of a vision and plan for Bath. I welcome this and offer the help of FoBRA in drafting it, but I remember several attempts to do this in the past, none of which seemed to survive!
- Secondly, a review of governance arrangements. The report points out that the “lack of parish councils in the city has implications for community governance”, and goes on to praise the Bath City Forum, though all of this seems to have been omitted from the chapter on “Engagement with Communities”. I am a founder, co-opted member of the City Forum and therefore encourage you to drive its reform or replacement with energy and despatch, as I know you intend to do.

Robin Kerr, FoBRA Chairman – dated 6th Nov 19