

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING	Climate Emergency and Sustainability Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel	
MEETING/ DECISION DATE:	16 November 2020	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
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TITLE:	Renewal Vision Update	
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1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 This is a short cover report to introduce a more detailed presentation that will be given at the meeting to update the Panel on the Renewal Board's Renewal Vision workstream.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Panel is asked to;

- 2.1 Note the purpose and scope of the Renewal Board's Renewal Vision workstream and the timetable for the work underway to develop a new, shared vision for Bath and North East Somerset.

3 THE REPORT

3.1 The Renewal Vision workstream is designed to:

- (1) Recognise the impact of the pandemic on the local economy and the weaknesses exposed, for example, by the dependency on tourism and retail;
- (2) Acknowledge and build on some of the positive behaviour change forced by lock-down that demonstrated the potential for the changes needed to deliver on the climate emergency such as the shift to home-working, the reduction in commuting and improvement in air quality;

- (3) Recognise the need to develop a more diverse, resilient and greener local economy coming out of the pandemic;
- (4) Understand the role of 'green recovery' and the social and economic benefits of the actions needed to achieve the 2030 net zero carbon target for the Bath and North East Somerset economy;
- (5) To enable the development of one shared longer-term vision for 2030, informed by the Corporate Strategy, that the whole community can get behind and which will help to create more effective partnership working and improved ability to deliver that vision.

3.2 The work underway within the Renewal Vision workstream includes:

- (1) A consultant led process to engage with stakeholders across all sectors to identify key themes and ideas for the future vision for Bath and North East Somerset;
- (2) Public engagement activities including a series of webinars, presentations to the Community Forums and an online ideas crowd-sourcing exercise;
- (3) New internal governance arrangements to improve clarity of direction, co-ordination, policy alignment and delivery.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 The work of the Renewal Vision workstream will enable the Council to take local action in line with the Climate Change Action 2008 and on new environmental requirements in the upcoming Environment Bill.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

5.1 The work outlined is being staffed and funded through existing budgets.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

6.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

7 EQUALITIES

7.1 The Council lead equalities officer has been consulted and has advised on engagement in the Renewal Vision process, particularly with hard to reach groups in our community.

8 CLIMATE CHANGE

8.1 The Renewal Vision workstream encompasses the objectives of the Council's climate emergency and ecological emergency declarations and is intended to enable delivery across the district through improved partnership working driven by one shared vision for the future.

9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

9.1 The development of a shared vision for the future will include recommendations on options for delivery of that vision, following wide-ranging discussion with many stake-holders across the community during the vision development stage.

10 CONSULTATION

10.1 The Renewal Board is overseeing the Renewal Vision workstream and the Economic Renewal & Recovery Board and Informal Cabinet have been fully engaged in the development of the work. The work underway includes wide-ranging stakeholder and wider public engagement in the development of the vision for the area.

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Background papers	
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