

Full Council 25 March 2021

Amendments pack

(Accurate as at midday on 25th March 2021; could be subject to further change at the meeting)

Agenda Item 8 - Amendments to the Constitution

Councillor Ball will move slightly revised recommendations as below;

- 1.1 Agree the amendments to the Planning Delegation scheme, as ~~described in paragraphs 3.1 & 3.2 and~~ **set out in the revised Appendix 1***, ~~to enable members to refer applications to the Planning Committee up to 2 days after the closure of the public consultation period and to agree to delegate to officers any other textual changes as may be required to ensure clarity;~~
- 1.2 Agree the amendments to the Planning Committee Terms of Reference contained in Appendix 2 and described in paragraph 3.3 (with the proposed changes shown in tracked changes);
- 1.3 Agree the insertion of a clarifying paragraph to the general officer delegation scheme, as described in section 3.4
- 1.4 On a recommendation from Group Leaders, amend the Constitution to formalise the position that political group motions continue to be taken as the last items on the agenda, as described in paragraphs 3.6 – 3.8;
- 1.5 On a recommendation from Group Leaders, agree to remove the Petition scheme from the Constitution, as described in section 3.9 – 3.14.

[* Revised Appendix 1 attached at end of this document]

Agenda item 12 - initiatives to improve children's wellbeing

Liberal Democrat Amendment to Conservative Group Motion

Council **acknowledges that:**

1. This Council notes that the COVID-19 pandemic will have **has** had some detrimental effects on the wellbeing of children **a devastating impact on the wellbeing of many of our young people living both here in B&NES and across the UK.** Being isolated from friends and having to learn from home ~~have been~~ **are** significant challenges for young people and their parents **and carers** over the past 12 months.
2. This Council notes that Bath BID Company (Business Improvement District) is planning to run a 'Summer Sundays' programme from June to August to improve children's wellbeing. The programme will see various family activities take place in local parks and the city centre.
3. This Council recognises the positive impact this programme could have on the wellbeing of children and parents following a year of isolation.

4. All children have suffered from the repeated closure of schools, clubs and associated support services and many have also experienced ill health and loss within their own families.
5. Those children from disadvantaged backgrounds and those with disabilities have been impacted the most. Disabled children have been “incarcerated” in their homes and some have “barely had any formal education since lockdown began” according to Christine Lenehan, Director of the Council for Disabled Children.
6. Despite the very best efforts of our schools, health professionals and third sector organisations working here in B&NES, many in this generation of children have seen their education impacted heavily and regularly we are reminded about the increases in the mental health issues that have arisen.
 - a. In January this year the Princes Trust reported that “more than half of young people were always or often feeling anxious - the highest level ever recorded”.
 - b. The Office of National Statistics study showed a significant increase in mental illness, in their study girls aged 11-16 who are struggling with their mental health increased from 13.9% to 20.1% whilst boys aged between 5 - 10 years increased from 11.5% to 17.9%.
 - c. Child loneliness increased by 10% in this period according to the NSPCC.
 - d. Councils across the country between April and September 2020 reported that there were 285 incidents of child death and severe harm, a rise of a quarter from the same period in 2019.
7. On numerous occasions during the pandemic the Government has failed to provide the support, guidance and funding to enable key services, such as schools, health professionals and third sector organisations, to meet the needs of children throughout the pandemic thereby directly increasing the harm suffered by this generation.

Council therefore:

8. Praises those working in schools, health care settings and third sector organisations who have strived to support our children and their parents and carers here in B&NES throughout the pandemic.
9. Calls upon Government to make addressing the legacy of the pandemic on our children a priority. This must include ensuring that very significant funds are made available to support children, their families, schools and those organisations supporting them.
10. Wishes to support initiatives such as that being run by the Bath BID Company to run a ‘Summer Sundays’ programme from June to August to improve children’s wellbeing. The programme will see various family activities take place in local parks and the city centre.
11. ~~Praises Bath BID for developing the programme and requests~~ **Requests** that the Leader of the Council takes steps to organise within the next three months an online symposium of relevant local groups, charities, schools, parent groups, cultural organisations and educational experts, to discuss strategies to help parents and children in Bath and North East Somerset overcome the challenges of the past twelve months.

UPDATED APPENDIX 1 – EXTRACT FROM THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION
PLANNING & RELATED APPLICATIONS & ENFORCEMENT

A	<u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u>	<u>Nominated Officers</u>
1	<p>To determine all applications for planning and other permissions, excluding Permissions in Principle (see section B below) but including Listed Building Consent <u>except</u> where:</p> <p>1 A Ward Member has, before a delegated decision is made and within five weeks of the and two working days after the close of the latest public consultation on that application, submitted in writing to:</p> <p>development_management@bathnes.gov.uk</p> <p>a request, for the attention of the relevant case officer, that the application be referred to Committee specifying the planning reasons for the request and such referral has been agreed by the Chair and/or Vice Chair of Planning Committee, taking into account:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant material considerations raising significant planning concerns • Significant implications for adopted policy • The nature, scale and complexity of the proposed development. <p><i>NOTE: If the Chair and Vice Chair have different views the Chair's decision is taken as overriding</i></p> <p><i>(NB the Ward Member will normally be expected to attend the Committee meeting at which the application they referred is to be discussed.)</i></p> <p>2 An application has been subject of a letter of objection or support from the Parish Council for the area including the application site (or for an adjoining area) which is contrary to officer recommendation, when there shall be prior consultation with the Chair and/or Vice Chair of the Planning Committee before a decision is made whether or not to refer the application to committee. For the purpose of this section, letters of objection or support that do not give Planning Policy based reasons will be disregarded, although all representations will be taken into account in determining the application.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director - Development and Public Protection • Head of Planning • Deputy Head of Planning (Development Management); Team Managers; Development Management, Planning and Conservation, & Planning and Enforcement • Principal Planning Officer

	3 The Director - Development and Public Protection and/or the Head of Planning considers that the application should be considered by Committee. Ctd.....	
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