

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

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RULE 16 - Appendix H to the Discretionary Rates Relief Policy

An update to Appendix H of the Discretionary Rates Relief Policy is required to allow officers to be able to make further awards of Business Rates Relief to qualifying ratepayers in respect of the 2022/23 financial year and beyond.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Resources

Decision published: 09/03/2022

Effective from: 09/03/2022

Wards affected: (All Wards)

Decision:

The Cabinet Member agrees to approve the proposal relating to these reliefs as set out in Appendix H attached to the report.

Lead officer: Rob Brunton

Revised Fees & Charges for the Building Control & Public Protection Service 2022/23

This is to seek approval for the revised fees and charges for the Building Control & Public Protection teams for 2022/23

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Planning and Licensing

Decision published: 08/03/2022

Effective from: 16/03/2022

Decision:

The Cabinet Member agrees for:

1.1 Formal adoption of the new fees and charges for Building Control & Public Protection (BC&PP), as proposed.

1.2 That these are to be implemented on 1 April 2022 to minimise the loss of potential income to the Authority.

1.3 That delegated authority be given to the Head of BC&PP to agree fees and charges (where in accordance with the financial plan) which vary from the standard inflation clause if the cost base changes, or new services are introduced and that this can be done throughout the year if external factors influence the cost base significantly throughout the financial year.

Wards affected: (All Wards)

Lead officer: Phil Mansfield

Midsomer Norton High Street Renewal Programme - Love Our High Street Funding

Decision to delegate approval for Sophie Broadfield, Director of Sustainable Communities to accept the £895k Love our High Streets Funding from WECA (West of England Combined Authority), to deliver the new town square outside the Town Hall, part 1 of the High Street Renewal Programme for Midsomer Norton, in line with the Delivery Programme agreed via SMD in February 2020.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Resources

Decision published: 01/03/2022

Effective from: 09/03/2022

Decision:

The Cabinet Member agrees that approval to accept the £895k Love our High Streets grant from WECA can be delegated to the Director of Sustainable Communities, in consultation with the s151 officer. These funds will be spent over a two-year period in line with the Full Business Case and the approved concept designs. This will allow full approval of the confirmed £845k in capital funds for the Market Square project (and Midsomer Norton High Street Renewal scheme) and confirmed £50k for revenue budget support (one off for spend 2022-2024) as outlined in Section 5 of the SMD report. It will also enable the Provisional Capital Budget of £1.015m to be approved and moved into the Approved Capital Budget.

Wards affected: Midsomer Norton North; Midsomer Norton Redfield;

Lead officer: Cleo Newcombe-Jones

Retention of the Recycling Centre Booking System

As part of the re-opening of the recycling Centres during COVID-19 restrictions in 2020, a booking system was introduced at the Midsomer Norton and Bath Recycling Centres.

The booking system received positive feedback from site users. Surveys indicate overwhelming support for it to remain in place now that COVID restrictions have been removed as the system eases congestion, speeds up visits and makes for a more pleasurable customer experience

Retaining the booking system provides several benefits; residents have certainty that they will be able to access the site at the time booked and no wasted trips as the site is too busy; it reduces vehicle queues and the associated pollution from idling engines, alongside removing any congestion on the surrounding road network.

Keynsham Recycling Centre would remain as a site with no booking system, so that residents can access this at any time during opening hours.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services

Decision published: 09/02/2022

Effective from: 17/02/2022

Decision:

The Cabinet Member agrees that:

- The booking system will be retained for residents using Old Welton and Bath Recycling Centres on an ongoing basis.
- Keynsham Recycling Centre will remain as a site with no booking system.

Wards affected: (All Wards)

Lead officer: Sarah Alder

Advisory Board for Bath CIL

The agreement of new terms of reference for an Advisory Board that will make recommendations for spending the receipts from The Community Infrastructure Levy (Neighbourhood Portion for Bath).

Decision Maker: Council Leader

Decision published: 08/02/2022

Effective from: 16/02/2022

Decision:

To agree:

- The change to the process for the agreement of recommendations that are put forward by the Neighbourhood CIL for Bath Community Infrastructure Levy Advisory Board.
- The change to the membership of the make-up of the Advisory Panel for Neighbourhood CIL for Bath.
- The new Terms of Reference for the Advisory Panel for Neighbourhood CIL for Bath.

Wards affected: (All Wards)

Lead officer: Mark Hayward

Energy Efficiency Retrofitting and Sustainable Construction Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

Following the Council's Climate Emergency declaration, the existing Sustainable Construction & Retrofitting SPD and Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy in Historic Buildings SPD have been reviewed and combined in order to better align with, and help deliver, the core aims of this resolution by providing more positive, practical and up-to-date advice to improve the energy efficiency of B&NES's building stock. The reviewed and combined draft 'Energy Efficiency Retrofitting & Sustainable Construction SPD' has been subject to statutory consultation under Regulation 12 (b) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. Following consideration of the issues raised in the consultation and some amendments to the SPD it is proposed to approve and adopt the final version.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Planning and Licensing

Decision published: 02/02/2022

Effective from: 10/02/2022

Decision:

The Cabinet Member agrees:

- Delegated authority for the Head of Planning to make any necessary editorial changes, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Licensing, prior to the adoption of the Energy Efficiency Retrofitting & Sustainable Construction SPD; and
- The Energy Efficiency Retrofitting & Sustainable Construction SPD is then adopted.

Wards affected: (All Wards)

Lead officer: Richard Daone
