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Policy Development & Scrutiny Report:

April 2011 to March 2013



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Welcome to the 2011-13 Policy Development and Scrutiny review



Cllr John Bull

Chair of the Policy Development & Scrutiny Chairs & Vice Chairs' Group

“It’s been a busy two years for the Policy Development and Scrutiny (PDS) Panels. We have completed a number of reviews, and call-ins, and scrutinised the council’s budget process. This report reviews the highlights from this period and celebrates the benefits of the work for our local communities.

We hope you enjoy reading more about these reviews and how to get involved in the work of Policy Development and Scrutiny. We are now looking forward to the year ahead, and our aim is that 2013-14 will be our most active and successful yet.”

Our successes:

- increasing awareness and knowledge amongst business of local commercial waste handling
- ensuring NHS Trusts are held to account on their quality measures through overview of quality accounts
- supporting the democratic process by suggesting ways elections could run more smoothly
- holding the executive cabinet to account over important issues such as broadband
- recognising the economic advantage arising from retaining local graduates on the B&NES economy
- exploring the efficiency of home to school transport
- helping to deliver a strategy to enhance the river for local communities now and in the future.

We already have four reviews underway this year which will feature in our next review including:

- Community Asset review by the Resources PDS Panel. Considering examples of good practice in the handling of community assets to make informed recommendations to assist the cabinet in implementing the requirements of the Localism Act 2011.
- Boat Dwellers and River Travellers review by the Housing and Major Projects PDS Panel. Investigating the common needs and requirements of boat dwellers and river travellers to recommend practical measures such as the development of a memorandum of understanding between the council and boat dwellers and river travellers, and to support future policy development.
- Alcohol Harm Reduction Review by a joint review panel (on behalf of four panels: Planning Transport and Environment (PTE), Early Years, Children and Youth (EYCY), Economic and Community Development (ECD) and Wellbeing). Considering policy initiatives on both the new powers being introduced through the government’s ‘alcohol strategy’ and the locally-targeted B&NES alcohol harm reduction strategy.

As an essential and statutory function of the council, PDS is seeking to evolve with the changing needs of the council and the B&NES community. To be able to do so in an informed way, the successes of the reviews we undertake and changes that are made as a result is essential information, as is what doesn’t work. We are already working closely with service practitioners, stakeholders and partners to make sure the outcomes of our work become a reality and are seeking to do even more going forward to ensure that they are captured and built upon. We hope to be able to report in more detail in the next annual report

If you have any comments about these or other reviews or would like to get involved in our work, please get in touch using the contact details on the back cover.

About policy development and scrutiny panels



- ✓ We hold the council Cabinet and officers to account
- ✓ ensure that the council and other services provide good value
- ✓ examine issues that impact on Bath and North East Somerset residents, business and visitors
- ✓ promote issues which are of relevance to local people and actively engage them in the scrutiny process.

When choosing issues to investigate, we will question whether recommendations could tangibly improve a service for the local community. A work programme is agreed with each panel focusing on an area of service delivery. In some instances, joint panels can be convened to undertake work. We can also act as a catalyst – calling other public bodies to account for their actions.

We do not make decisions about council policies and services, but instead make recommendations to the cabinet or council. We also do not deal with individual queries or complaints. These should be pursued either through Council Connect or the Council's Suggestion and Complaint service (tel:01225 394041, or alternatively you can e-mail: councilconnect@bathnes.gov.uk). Finally, we

cannot investigate regulatory or 'quasi-judicial' decisions, such as planning or licensing.

Policy Development and Scrutiny (PDS) panels are made up of councillors and some co-optees in order to review the work of the Cabinet (the decision making councillors within the council), to help to improve the performance of the council's services. We investigate issues that impact the local community.

We meet regularly, during both daytime and evenings. Meetings usually last for about 2-3 hours. The agenda and reports for our meetings are published about a week beforehand and are available at www.bathnes.gov.uk (under 'minutes, agendas and reports') and also at the council's public information points. Meetings have a formal structure, but are run in an informal, accessible way with free and open discussion.

You can get involved by:

- ✓ attending public meetings or giving evidence to one of the panels
- ✓ suggesting a topic for a scrutiny review
- ✓ sending in comments about a review being undertaken to scrutiny@bathnes.gov.uk
- ✓ staying updated by looking at www.bathnes.gov.uk/scrutiny

The benefits of joint working to retain graduates in Bath and North East Somerset

Panel: Economic & Community Development

Completion date: May 2012



Cllr Ben Stevens

Vice-Chair of Economic & Community Development Panel (at the time of the review)

“This vitally significant review set out to identify what local businesses and organisations were doing to retain graduates, both now and for the future. This project helped the council to identify how we can work together with stakeholders, understand what is achievable, and so make Bath & North East Somerset attractive to both graduates and graduate employers”.

We held a Scrutiny Inquiry Day that included workshops held to scope the strengths, opportunities, weaknesses and threats that are faced by key stakeholders in retaining graduates in the area. By doing this, we were able to establish what collectively was required to retain graduates within B&NES. Evidence was heard from an expert on the economic impact of graduates and universities on cities. Data commissioned for the review allowed analysis of graduate retention within the local area, and how this compares to other cities. A case study of a graduate business start-up reported the challenges they faced and views on how Bath compares to neighbouring cities in encouraging new business.



Recommendations accepted by Cabinet following our review were:

- endorse and implement the recent economic strategy
- support business networking forums as long as private funding and sponsorship from other bodies such as the universities can be secured
- encourage skills matching between employee and employers; developing inward investment and promoting the skills of local Bath residents
- support the cabinet initiative of bringing forward a co-working hub to allow start ups to access low-cost space
- allow business growth through 'move on' space, although this needs to be delivered by the private sector, working with and encouraged by the council
- make improvements to how work experience and internships are organised
- look into the idea of supporting graduates seeking support in getting business and funding knowledge, subject to service plans, resources and time
- consider small business entrepreneurs as key workers to access housing (deferred pending the publication of the core strategy).

Home to School Transport (HTST) review



Panel: Children & Young People

Timescale: 2011-13



Cllr Sally Davis

Chair Early Years, Children & Youth Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel

“This review set out to investigate how we can best balance transport for young people and best use public funds, whilst meeting our statutory duties.

We recognised that ,on the whole, the vast majority of people who receive HTST are very happy with the service. However, in the current financial climate, the service needs to be as efficient and effective as possible.

Whilst making changes to any HTST policies is not easy, we came up with a range of options that were put to the cabinet”.

We compared the HTST at B&NES with what is happening at other neighbouring local authorities. In addition we looked at other local authorities who were trying initiatives to improve their HTST services.

Consultation with service users, transport providers, local schools and other interested parties was conducted through our questionnaire and press releases asking people for their views on the current HTST service.

A contributor session was held to hear from people who were concerned about the impact of any potential changes to HTST, particularly denominational transport.

We also listened to children from a local primary school who explained how much they value their school transport.

It is hoped that the feedback we gained from all of these contributors makes the issue of HTST easier for the future.



Our recommendations from this review to cabinet were:

- encourage more sustainable travel such as cycling
- promote safer cycling routes to school including Bishop Sutton to Chew Valley School and Compton Dando to Marksbury
- make the HTST service financially efficient through options such as increasing parental contribution, decreasing the sibling reduction and phasing out the denominational school subsidy
- maintain HTST subsidy for children in care
- undertake termly reviews of the service and bus routes
- consider whether the needs of SEN pupils would be better met through independent travel training and personalised travel budget.



Electoral Services review

Panel: Resources

Timescale: 2011- 2012



Cllr John Bull

Chair of the Resources Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel

“Elections are a vital part of the democratic process. They can be stressful occasions for candidates, those organising them and even voters if things do not go smoothly, and the council has a legal and reputational obligation to ensure they do.

We reviewed the experience of our last B&NES local elections and the general election so that we could identify any problems and learn lessons which may help avoid these in the future. This has given us the opportunity to help make any necessary improvements for future elections”.

We held a workshop during December 2011 to identify any issues with voter experience such as access to the electoral process, polling stations and the general operations of the polling day. Those invited include all the candidates who stood at the last election, election agents and equalities/access groups including Bath Racial Equalities Council, Age UK, Mental Health Matters, Association for the Blind and Scope. This session also examined the information that was provided to candidates and agents on the electoral counting systems and general electoral process.

On the whole, the elections process works well in Bath & North East Somerset. The findings included:

- Youth Parliaments are a good way of introducing young people to voting and democracy over where and how students can vote
- there was some confusion over eligibility to vote when residents had not received a polling card
- interest was indicated in exploring the impact of language spoken on voting experience
- some residents from care homes had found the experience distressing or confusing due to lack of support
- if more than one ward is voting at the same polling station this can be confusing
- information and networks available between party and non party candidates can differ but, the elections team will provide advice if needed
- the last electoral cycle involved an election and a referendum. The declaration of the election result was delayed because the referendum vote had to be verified
- Keynsham East ward had only one polling station which proved difficult for less mobile residents
- Bathavon South and West wards were both counted at Freshford, which was reported not to be central to either



- training for poll clerks and presiding officers should include how to deal sensitively with voters who require additional support
- the council's website could be utilised to provide a link to the Electoral Commission's 'how to stand as an electoral candidate' permanently rather than just in the run up to an election
- the council, through electoral services, should capture feedback from new candidates to find out whether additional information could be provided in future
- the council should seek clarification and guidance from the monitoring officer on signing of nominations, which could provide a better understanding for new candidates and help to improve the process.

The outcomes that the council have agreed included:

- count candidates and agents should be told by the deputy returning officer at the counting centre which counting system is going to be used and kept informed at each stage of the process
- electoral services should investigate options suggested for future polling stations at Keynsham East and Midsomer Norton
- electoral services should consider whether Timsbury or Wellow have the facilities to host the counts for Bathavon West and Bathavon South



Commercial Waste inquiry



Panel: Safer Stronger Communities

Timescale: 2010-11



Cllr Caroline Roberts
Chair of Safer Stronger
Communities Panel
(at the time of the inquiry)

“The aim of this review was to identify what waste collection services businesses in Bath and North East Somerset require. We also wanted to hear what issues they were facing. To do this we needed to understand what was on offer at the moment. We wanted to encourage more commercial businesses to recycle alongside this”.

Representatives were invited from a wide range of organisations representing businesses throughout the area, councillors, and council departments. Presentations were given by the council and by Resourcefutures explaining current practices and examples of commercial waste recycling services throughout the country. Workshops were held to understand the issues that businesses face, along with recommendations for further investigation and some possible solutions to issues. Waste collection contractors were invited to give details of their services and key issues affecting them

We found:

- there was a lack of understanding over where waste goes after collection, and what recycling companies can offer businesses
- one particular concern over the congestion of vehicles and contractors in the centre
- businesses have a need for more storage space if they are to recycle more
- split bags, scavenging and visual impact are concerns
- there was no clear steer found as to whether businesses would pay more for recycling food waste, so clear costings were requested to inform future choices
- tensions between when waste collections could be left and the needs of the differing sorts of businesses operating at day and night.



Recommendations accepted by Cabinet from this review mean we will:

- continue to work with the Business Improvement District (BID) to help scope a quality recycling and disposal service for BID members to procure
- produce an information leaflet and web information detailing commercial waste collection and recycling services provided in the area that we know about, working with other council departments as appropriate
- review the potential for an accreditation scheme for trade waste providers and make future recommendations on this
- review the times that trade waste can be left on the street for collection after consultation with business and in view of impending traffic restrictions
- review enforcement practices in relation to waste on the highway and refresh our guidance on this
- produce a brief for a waste analysis of commercial waste and determine costs for this
- produce a costed proposal for a commercial food waste collection throughout the district and work with the council's domestic recycling partner to scope a proposal.



River Corridor review



Panel: Economic & Community Development
Timescale: 2012-13



**Cllr Robin Moss,
Chair of the Economic &
Community Development
Policy Development &
Scrutiny Panel**

“The River Corridor Group produced the Bath Avon River Economy Report back in 2011. This report looked at the river economy and identified potential improvements and recommendations. The report recognised that a solution to these issues is complex, long term and will not be found by the council and the River Corridor Group alone.

The Economic and Community Development Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel looked at the role of the council, its different departments, as well as other stakeholders in addressing the issues raised in the River Corridor Group report. We were also asked to review how these issues could be set against the corporate agenda”.

People with an interest in shaping the future role of the River Avon were encouraged to attend a Scrutiny Inquiry Day in October 2012. We found strong evidence from all of the stakeholders that the vision proposed by the River Corridor Group report, for a thriving economically active and culturally contributing river, was a vision that everyone could support and see a common purpose for the future. However, in order to deliver the promise of a vision, a clearly articulated strategy for the direction of travel, key milestones and community leadership must be put in place.

It was acknowledged that whilst a number of organisations have discreet responsibilities for aspects of the river management and operations, the council in its community leadership role, should be considered to have pivotal role in leading the development of such a strategy.

“Our vision is a thriving economically active and culturally contributing river”

(River Corridor Group report)

Our two recommendations were put to the responsible cabinet member. These were to:

Use the river corridor report and scrutiny inquiry day evidence as a base for future river strategy. Part of the cabinet member's response was to give consideration to forming a strategic policy development, lead from the regeneration, skills and employment team. In doing so, the administration was keen to ensure that any future developments near or related to the river will not "turn their back" on the river, but see the river as the excellent asset it is, and enhance the river frontage for public access. The cabinet member did however add that any strategy and future development and regeneration with respect to the river will need to fit within available resources, and budget constraints. Any future funding would be subject to the normal annual service and resource planning processes, including bids for special projects, through the council's established annual budget setting processes.

The Panel expected the council to support the appropriate delivery mechanism in managing the river. The Cabinet were asked to consider as part of developing a model, to develop a 'trust', or 'similar model', which would provide the vehicle to drive these ideas forward. Further questions would need to have been answered before deciding on the best delivery mechanism for managing the river, and these would have prospectively been examined within the full report to Cabinet. Whilst the cabinet member rejected this recommendation, they did say the council would support those who want to form a trust. The council would also engage with such an organisation as part of the normal consultation processes involved in proposed developments and improvements. The council was said to have a robust way of handling regeneration and developments already, and would look to further develop these mechanisms where regeneration affecting land adjacent to the river is concerned.

A boat dwellers & river travellers review by the Housing & Major Projects Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel is currently underway, and will feature in next year's report



Health scrutiny



Since 2003, all top tier councils with responsibility for social services have had the power to review, scrutinise and report on local NHS health provision on behalf of local people through their health scrutiny committees.

The Wellbeing PDS Panel is B&NES' statutory health scrutiny committee. We are able to:

- hold local health services to account
- hold the cabinet to account by reviewing council policies and decisions that may relate to or impact on the health of the local community
- undertake policy development on behalf of the cabinet or council
- work with communities to promote and investigate issues of concern.

We cover a broad range of issues, whether reactive (such as possible changes) or proactive (such as reviewing local health issues, e.g. how and why services are commissioned and access to services). In the past we have worked regularly with both regional and national bodies including:

- our partners the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) B&NES and the local Health & Wellbeing Board
- health trusts such as Avon & Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership (AWP) and Royal United Hospital
- the local Healthwatch who monitor local health services and social care.

NHS bodies must consult us on any major changes they propose for their services. This is in addition to the duty of those bodies to 'consult

and involve' patients and the public whilst these proposals are being developed. Where we consider the change to be 'substantial', we have the power to require further consultation and advise on the quality and timing of it.

Some health issues will be specific to Bath and North East Somerset while others (e.g. performance of large hospitals or regional health services) will extend beyond local council boundaries. In such cases, where substantial change is decided, we are obliged to make joint working with the relevant council's health overview and scrutiny panels

Recent changes to health scrutiny

The Health and Social Care Act (2012) resulted in a variety of changes to the health care system including:

- NHS Commissioning Boards, which are made up of multi-professional clinical groups are responsible for making sure certain health services are provided across the country e.g. specialist services such as children's heart surgery
- Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) who are responsible for purchasing the majority of health services across local areas, e.g. mental health services, maternity services, ambulances and A&E. These groups are primarily made-up of GPs
- Healthwatch, evolved from Local Involvement Networks (LINKs) which have two primary roles - acting as patient advocates and providing an effective challenge to the working of the Clinical Commissioning Group and Health and Wellbeing Boards
- Health and Wellbeing Boards, which include members of the local authority's cabinet; senior local authority officers; Clinical Commissioning Group; NHS Commissioning Board and patient representatives (including Healthwatch). The Health and Wellbeing Board are responsible for developing a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and developing a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for the local area to improve health services.

We have the power to scrutinise the working of the new CCGs and any providers of healthcare services, but we must do this by working closely with Healthwatch. The legislation also suggests that any substantial variations to services would need to be referred through full council but can be delegated however the full council sees fit. In Bath & North East Somerset Council, the function is delegated to us at the Wellbeing Panel. As councillors, we therefore have a role, as representatives of the public, to hold to account local Health organisations when they are making decisions about the future of health care provision in Bath & North East Somerset.

We also have an important role in monitoring the Health and Wellbeing Boards' performance against the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

Overview of quality accounts

Panel: Wellbeing Panel

Timescale: Annually each May



Cllr Vic Pritchard
Chair, Wellbeing Policy
Development and Scrutiny
Panel

“The aim of commenting on an NHS trust’s quality account is to improve public accountability. By engaging with the board, we can support them to enhance their understanding and improve the quality of their organisation. Since April 2010, there has been a legal duty placed on providers to publish their quality accounts. Our involvement and response to this as a scrutiny panel is, however, entirely voluntary and is done with the intention of strengthening the commissioning relationship and outcomes for service users. ”

Quality accounts are described by the Department of Health as a key component of the ‘Quality Framework’. They are annual reports to the public on the quality of health care services which Trusts are delivering.

We review the quality accounts of each trust who submit reports to us. We consider whether the quality account is representative, if it gives a comprehensive coverage of the provider’s services and whether we believe that there are significant omissions of issues of concern that had previously been discussed with providers in relation to quality accounts. After considering what the quality account says, we contribute towards a narrative that appears in the published quality account of the NHS trust. By doing this we are able to take an overview of the reported quality of health care services locally and flag any areas for concern.

We have previously considered quality accounts from a number of providers such as the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases (known locally as “the Min”) and the Avon and Wiltshire Partnership (AWP) who provide mental health services



Budget scrutiny



The setting of the budget is a multi-stage process involving all of the panels. The Resources PDS Panel then co-ordinates all the panels' comments to finish the budget scrutiny.

This process offers accountability and transparency during budget setting, and ensures that decisions about the next 3 years' have been thoroughly investigated and challenged. This guarantees that maximum benefit is delivered to the local community when the budget and council tax levels are set.

The entire local community benefits from decisions that have been challenged, investigated and justified. This helps to build trust and cohesion between residents, businesses, local groups and the council. Any interested resident, representative, business or councillor can attend the Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel meetings to put their views forward.

In B&NES a 3 year budget is set, with the most recent one commencing 2013-14. There is an opportunity to comment annually on this:

Autumn: each panel will discuss potential variations to the 3 year budget plan as well as the capital programme. In particular, they will look at how future changes in legislation or finances may have an impact upon the local community, and how spending can alter to meet changing needs. They may request further investigation and information at this stage, before any decisions are finally made.

Early in the year: the panels examine and challenge the detail of the proposed variation for the coming financial year (from April), making sure it is being used to achieve the priorities and decisions they considered in the autumn.

In February: the final stage involves a meeting of the Resources Panel. By this time, comments from all the panels have been collated and are considered together against the corporate (whole council) budget. This ensures a co-ordinated picture from the Policy Development & Scrutiny panels is given to the cabinet. The cabinet then decide which budget proposals are recommended to the whole council, who make the final decision about the budget and council tax.

(These meetings are open to the public and there is time on the agenda for individuals to speak).

Community Safety



Cllr Cherry Beath

Vice Chair of the Economic & Community Development Policy development & Scrutiny Panel

“Community safety is not just about tackling crime but about improving our quality of life and reducing the fear of crime in our communities. It’s about being safe and feeling safe, by addressing locally identified priorities. Everyone, no matter who they are or where they live in Bath & North East Somerset, has the right to be and feel as safe without the concerns of being a victim of crime or being harmed”.

The Economic and Community Development PDS Panel is the statutory Crime and Disorder Panel. The type of scrutiny work we do has included:

- early intervention work with young people
- water safety
- hate crime against people with learning disabilities
- helping vulnerable people
- the IMPACT multi-agency integrated offender management unit
- anti-social behaviour government review

Recent changes to legislation has impacted the way in which services are scrutinised. The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 made a number of changes. Police Authorities have been replaced with directly elected Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs). The PCC role includes setting priorities for the police force and preparing the policing plan, holding the Chief Constable to account and setting the force budget and council tax precept. The PCC for Avon and Somerset was elected November 2012.

This legislation also created Police and Crime Panels (PCPs) to hold the Commissioner to account on behalf of the public. PCPs are intended to provide a ‘check and balance’ to the directly elected Police and Crime Commissioner. These Panels are made up of councillor members from each local authority in the Avon & Somerset area as well as Independent members

Call-ins

A call-in is a request made by a PDS panel to examine a cabinet decision that has not yet been implemented. If the call-in request meets certain criteria, a PDS panel will re-examine the decision. The councillors have the power to ask the cabinet to reconsider the decision based on their findings. It is important to note that the panel can only recommend that the cabinet reconsider the decision it made. The panel does not have the power to amend the decision itself.

Decisions that are subject to call-in are:

- the council cabinet
- a cabinet councillor
- a committee of the council cabinet
- an officer taking a key decision acting on delegated authority from the council cabinet
- an area committee
- a body under joint arrangements.

There are instances when decisions can not be called in. These are:

- where the cabinet decision is urgent as defined in the urgency procedure rules
- the effect of a call-in alone would be to cause the council to miss a statutory deadline for action
- decisions were made by quasi-judicial or regulatory committees.

The relevant panel will consider the call-in request, depending on the subject of the decision.



High Speed Broadband call-in

Panel: Economic & Community Development
Timescale: December 2011



**Cllr Robin Moss,
Chair of the Economic &
Community Development
Policy Development &
Scrutiny Panel**

“It is an important part of the panel’s job to scrutinise decisions made by cabinet. The broadband issue was a complex one, and we wanted to make sure the council was moving in the right direction for residents and businesses”

The government were offering £670,000 funds to develop and potentially bring superfast broadband to around 29-34% of premises and dwellings. However, the council would have needed to have contributed £1.045 million to the project. This would still have left around 10-15% of premises in the area without access to improved broadband services.

Cabinet decided that rather than preparing a joint broadband plan with neighbouring councils in Bristol and South Gloucestershire, it would allocate £25,000 to development and regeneration services to identify how internet access can be brought to as many residents as possible.



14 councillors asked for the cabinet decision to be reviewed. They raised concerns that it was a potentially missed opportunity by not taking advantage of government funding. They also flagged the need to improve access to broadband for homes and businesses in rural areas to allow the latter to become more economically competitive. In addition, potential inequalities in broadband service provision may arise from not participating with Bristol and South Gloucestershire.

We upheld the call-in and suggested that the cabinet consider extra information to their report. In particular, improved impact assessments including equalities impact statement as well as additional economic and business assessments. Second, cabinet to enter into consultation with the wider community. Third, the cabinet to provide a full cost benefit analysis.



Working with PDS panels



Our panels work closely with a wide selection of groups, organisations and individuals. Without positive, trusting and mutually beneficial relationships, the work of the PDS panels would not be nearly as valuable.

We would like to thank the following for their contribution to the reviews and call-ins during the previous two years:

- Avon & Somerset Police
- NHS Trusts (such as BANES, RUH, RNHRD, AWP)
- South West Ambulance Service
- Bath Racial Equalities Council
- Age UK
- Mental Health Matters
- Association for the Blind and Scope
- Business Improvement District (BID)
- Cabinet members, who liaise with panel chairs about possible work plan items or review recommendations at panel meetings
- Council officers including strategic directors
- Divisional directors and other senior officers
- Members of the public

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local businesses or organisations
with ideas for a review

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