

Single Member Cabinet Decision

**Executive
Forward Plan
Reference****E3434****The Great Spa Towns of Europe Association**

Decision maker/s	Cllr Kevin Guy, Leader of Council
The Issue	To manage the 2021 Great Spa Towns of Europe UNESCO inscription, a not-for-profit European Association has been formed. Bath, plus all 10 other partners, are asked to approve and sign up to this.
Decision Date	21 February 2023
The decision	The Cabinet Member agrees that Bath and North East Somerset Council should become a signatory to the Great Spa Towns of Europe Association and adopt the Articles of that Association.
Rationale for decision	The Great Spa Towns of Europe Association is considered to be an effective and appropriate method of managing this partnership project.
Financial and budget implications	The membership fees and management resource implications related to this decision are covered within existing and projected budgets. Financial (and other) risks have been considered and addressed.
Issues considered	Customer Focus; Sustainability; Human Resources; Impact on Staff; Other Legal Considerations
Consultation undertaken	Cabinet colleagues; Staff; Other B&NES Services; Service Users; Community Interest Groups; Stakeholders/Partners; Other Public Sector Bodies; Section 151 Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer
How consultation was carried out	Long-term consultation was carried out with the Monitoring Officer to explore any legal implications. Partners and stakeholders were involved through regular reports to the World Heritage Advisory Board and through reports and discussion with the Great Spa Towns of Europe partners,
Other options considered	The main alternative option was not to become a member of this Association, which would have left the Council without voting rights in this partnership. There was no compelling reason to do this.
Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision:	None
Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:	None

Name and Signature of Decision Maker/s	Cllr Kevin Guy
Date of Signature	21/02/23
Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision	