

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

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Shortlist for the Whitchurch Village and Queen Charlton Liveable Neighbourhood Area

To agree the shortlist items to be taken forward to preliminary design and engagement for the Whitchurch Village and Queen Charlton Liveable Neighbourhood Area.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Climate and Sustainable Travel

Decision published: 21/02/2023

Effective from: 01/03/2023

Decision:

(1) To proceed with the shortlist of interventions set out in paragraph 3.8 of the report:

- Improved pedestrian crossing and access between the southbound bus stop and play park;
- Widening the existing shared cycleway/footway along the A37;
- Narrowing of the junction at Norton Lane;
- Traffic calming measures along Sleep Lane;
- Traffic calming measures along Woollard Lane;
- Improvements to public rights of way footpaths;
- Formalisation of a new walking loop in Queen Charlton; and
- Improved cycle and equine awareness along the road entering Queen Charlton

And paragraph 3.9 of the report:

- Speed bumps located along Maggs Lane; and
- Chicane with priority give-way along Staunton Lane.

Now taking them forward to preliminary design and engagement.

(2) To note that the proposed shortlist is based on work done with these communities to first identify their needs and then co-design potential solutions to address those needs, as summarised in Appendix A – AECOM Co-Design Workshop Report 2 (Prioritisation).

(3) To note that the proposed shortlist was next subject to technical review, both in terms of alignment with the Liveable Neighbourhoods Strategy and other factors such as cost, practicalities, and timelines, as summarised in Appendix B – AECOM Recommendation Report.

(4) To note that the proposed shortlist was then referred back to the applications put forward by ward councillors in Spring 2021 to ensure that the package of interventions satisfied the aims of the original proposals.

(5) To note the opportunity to “fast track” the shortlisted interventions set out in paragraph 3.13 of the report:

- Improved pedestrian crossing and access between the southbound bus stop and play park;
- Widen the existing shared cycleway/footway along the A37; and
- Narrowing of the junction at Norton Lane.

Together these interventions fulfil the objective of providing a safe crossing over the A37 and at the request of the Publow & Whitchurch ward councillor a preliminary design has already been developed.

(6) To note that the ability to proceed is subject to funding being available for the design, engagement, consultation and implementation work required as a result of this decision.

Ward(s) affected: Publow with Whitchurch

Lead officer: Joanna Sammons

Shortlist for the Egerton Road and Cotswold Road Liveable Neighbourhood Area

To agree the shortlist items to be taken forward to preliminary design and engagement for the Egerton Road and Cotswold Road Liveable Neighbourhood Area.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Climate and Sustainable Travel

Decision published: 21/02/2023

Effective from: 01/03/2023

Decision:

(1) to proceed with the shortlist of interventions set out in paragraph 3.8 of the report:

- Controlled crossing near Chantry Mead junction; and
- Reduction in the junction at Chantry Mead Road.

And 3.9 of the report:

- Traffic calming measures along Cotswold Road and Hillside Road;
- Traffic calming measures along Egerton Road;
- Heavy vehicle restrictions along Cotswold Road; and
- Controlled crossing near Hillside Road.

Now taking them forward to preliminary design and engagement.

(2) To note that the proposed shortlist is based on work done with the community to first identify their needs and then co-design potential solutions to address those needs, as summarised in Appendix A – AECOM Co-Design Workshop Report 2 (Prioritisation).

(3) To note that the proposed shortlist was next subject to technical review, both in terms of alignment with the Liveable Neighbourhoods strategy and other factors such as cost, practicalities and timelines, as summarised in Appendix B – AECOM Recommendation Report.

(4) To note that the proposed shortlist was then referenced back to the applications put forward by ward councillors in Spring 2021 to ensure that the package of interventions satisfied the aims of the original proposal.

(5) To note the opportunity to 'fast track' shortlisted interventions where they are non-contentious or already well supported, and either statutory consultation is not required due to the nature of the proposed intervention, or implementation could proceed as a trial under an experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) or be implemented under a 21-Day Notice (see also section 4).

(6) To note that the ability to proceed is subject to funding being available for the design, engagement, consultation and implementation work required as a result of this decision.

Wards affected: Moorlands

Lead officer: Joanna Sammons

The Great Spa Towns of Europe Association

Seeking permission for the Council to become a signatory to a new association to help administer the Great Spa Towns of Europe UNESCO inscription.

Decision Maker: Council Leader

Decision published: 21/02/2023

Effective from: 01/03/2023

Decision:

To agree 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.

Wards affected: Kingsmead; Lambridge; Lansdown; Moorlands; Newbridge; Odd Down; Oldfield Park; Southdown; Twerton; Walcot; Westmoreland; Weston; Widcombe & Lyncombe;

Lead officer: Tony Crouch

Bath Bike Park - decision not to proceed

Plans for a mountain bike and activity park at the site of the former Entry Hill golf course site in Bath will not proceed.

A 20% increase in supply costs alongside additional site costs have impacted on the viability of the proposal which means the Bath Bike Park project cannot progress.

The costs incurred for the feasibility works will now be a revenue pressure.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Regeneration & Growth

Decision published: 20/02/2023

Effective from: 28/02/2023

Decision:

(1) To agree with the decision not to proceed with the Bath Bike Park project and that the costs incurred to date will be treated as a revenue pressure as part of the Quarter 3 reporting process.

(2) To delegate approvals to the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the S151 Officer, to secure income to cover future maintenance and security costs.

Wards affected: Combe Down; Odd Down; Southdown; Widcombe & Lyncombe

Lead officer: Martin Pellow

Houses in Multiple Occupation Supplementary Planning Document Minor Update

Adoption of the Local Plan Partial Update (LPPU) on 19th January 2023 means that Placemaking Plan Policy H2 is now superseded by LPPU Policy H2. The Houses in Multiple Occupation Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) already states that once the LPPU is adopted it will supplement LPPU policy H2. However, minor editorial changes are needed to the Houses in Multiple Occupation SPD to remove references to the superseded Placemaking Plan policy.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Planning and Licensing

Decision published: 20/02/2023

Effective from: 28/02/2023

Decision:

(1) To adopt the updated Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) as set out in Appendix A of the report.

(2) To agree that the Head of Planning, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Licensing, has delegated authority to make any further editorial amendments to the document prior to publishing the updated adopted SPD.

Wards affected: Bathwick; Combe Down; Kingsmead; Lambridge; Lansdown; Moorlands; Newbridge; Odd Down; Oldfield Park; Southdown; Twerton; Walcot; Westmoreland; Weston; Widcombe & Lyncombe

Lead officer: Richard Daone

Future Governance of the Music Service

The future of Music Services in England is changing. To meet the potential of our Music Services we need to change our delivery model so that we can better provide a universal music offer in BANES.

This decision will enable the music service to merge with North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Music Services and leave Council control, establishing itself as a new independent organisation, registered as a Charity.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and Communities

Decision published: 16/02/2023

Effective from: 24/02/2023

Decision:

(1) To agree that, in principle, the single service should be established as an independent organisation, outside of the three Councils, enabling the Service to be eligible to retain government funding, protect staff and develop a broader, more universal youth music education offer.

(2) To delegate authority to the Director of Education and Safeguarding, Head of Legal Services and the Section 151 Officer to make the final decision on potential

transfer and the terms thereof once transfer negotiations have progressed and proposed terms can be reported.

Wards affected: All Wards

Lead officer: Simon Lock

Adoption of First Homes Interim Position Statement

The report seeks approval of the Council's First Homes Interim Position Statement. The Council published and consulted on a Draft Interim Position Statement earlier this year. Following consideration of the issues raised in comments the final version of the Interim Position Statement needs to be approved. The statement sets out an interim position on First Homes until such time as planning policy on affordable housing is comprehensively reviewed through preparation of the new Local Plan.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Planning and Licensing

Decision published: 06/02/2023

Effective from: 14/02/2023

Decision:

(1) To approve the First Homes Interim Position Statement (attached as Appendix 1 to the report) to provide interim guidance.

(2) To delegate authority to the Head of Planning to make any necessary minor editorial changes, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Licensing, prior to publication of the approved First Homes Position Statement.

Wards affected: All Wards

Lead officer: Richard Daone, Kaoru Jacques