

<b>Bath &amp; North East Somerset Council</b>		<b>Decision Register Entry</b>	
Single Member Cabinet Decision		<b>Executive Forward Plan Reference</b>	<b>E3446</b>
<b>B&amp;NES response to Bristol Local Plan Review – Further Consultation Document November 2022</b>			
<b>Decision maker/s</b>	Cllr Tim Ball, Cabinet Member for Planning and Licensing		
<b>The Issue</b>	<p>Bristol City Council is reviewing its Local Plan and in November last year published the Bristol Local Plan Review: Draft Policies and Development Allocation – Further Consultation document. As Bristol City Council is a neighbouring authority to Bath &amp; North East Somerset (B&amp;NES) and given the wider influence of the city, the Bristol Local Plan will have implications for communities within B&amp;NES. Therefore, B&amp;NES Council is responding to the consultation document relating to cross-boundary strategic issues. The proposed response is set out in Appendix 1 to the SMD report for consideration and endorsement by the Cabinet Member for Planning and Licensing.</p>		
<b>Decision Date</b>	2nd March 2023		
<b>The decision</b>	<p>The Cabinet Member agrees to:</p> <p>The comments set out in Appendix 1 are endorsed and should be submitted to Bristol City Council and the formal response of B&amp;NES Council to the Bristol Local Plan Review – Further Consultation Document, November 2022.</p>		
<b>Rationale for decision</b>	<p>Bristol City Council (Bristol CC) is reviewing its Local Plan to provide an up-to-date planning policy framework covering the period from 2022 to 2040. Bristol CC published a Further Consultation document in November 2022, to which B&amp;NES Council is responding through the comments set out in Appendix 1 to this Report. Given Bristol City Council is a neighbouring authority to B&amp;NES it is likely the Bristol Local Plan will have implications for communities within B&amp;NES. At this stage B&amp;NES Council is commenting on the emerging Bristol Local Plan, focussing on cross boundary strategic issues.</p> <p>Under section 33A of the Planning &amp; Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) Bristol CC has a duty to co-operate (engage constructively, actively and on a going basis) with its neighbouring authorities and other prescribed bodies. Therefore, in addition to responding formally to this and other Bristol Local Plan consultation documents B&amp;NES Council is working with Bristol CC under the Duty to Co-operate and this will continue up to preparation of the publication version of the Draft Bristol Local Plan and its submission for examination. This engagement will be documented through a Statement of Common Ground as required by the NPPF.</p>		
<b>Financial and budget implications</b>	The preparation of comments on the Bristol Local Plan Review – Further Consultation Document, November 2022 has been undertaken by the Planning Policy Team and the costs covered within the existing		

	salary budget. It is anticipated that any costs arising from on-going engagement with Bristol CC on its Local Plan, via the Duty to Co-operate, will also be covered within the existing salary budget and the Council's LDF budget.
<b>Issues considered</b>	Balanced communities; Sustainability; Equalities; Other Legal Considerations
<b>Consultation undertaken</b>	The report sets out B&NES Council response to consultation on Bristol CC's Local Plan Review. The undertaking of this consultation is the responsibility of Bristol CC. In preparing this Report and the response attached as Appendix 1 consultation has been undertaken with Cabinet Members and the Council's S151 and Monitoring Officers.
<b>How consultation was carried out</b>	Not applicable – see above.
<b>Other options considered</b>	This report relates to B&NES Council's comments on the Bristol Local Plan Review – Further Consultation Document, November 2022. Given there were strategic, cross-boundary issues that this Council wants to raise no alternative options were considered.
<b>Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member for decision:</b>	
<b>Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:</b>	
<b>Name and Signature of Decision Maker</b>	Councillor Tim Ball Cabinet Member for Planning Bath and North East Somerset Council
<b>Date of Signature</b>	2 March 2023
<b>Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision</b>	