

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

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Fees and Charges - Legal Services

Update to lawyers' charge rates to reflect CPI.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Resources

Decision published: 20/06/2024

Effective from: 28/06/2024

Decision:

To approve the fees and charges for specified services - as set out in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 [Appendices follow the end of the report] – the transaction fees and costs for property and planning. These charges will be reviewed annually by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services & Monitoring Officer, who will continue to review in light of the UK Consumer Price Index (“CPI”) and amend on an increase only basis from 1st June 2024 – to 31st May 2028 [the intervening period].

Wards affected: All Wards

Lead officer: Donna Marks

SEND Home to School Travel Policy Review

The SEND travel policy has been reviewed and rewritten in line with new Department for Education guidance. It has also been updated to clarify the eligibility criteria and to outline all travel support options for SEND children and young people more clearly.

This policy review aims to:

- Make the information easier for parents and carers to understand.
- Make it easier for consistent decisions to be made.
- Ensure we are aligned with the DfE requirements.
- Ensure that we are making the most efficient use of resources.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Children's Services

Decision published: 10/06/2024

Effective from: 18/06/2024

Decision:

To agree to the implementation of the new SEND Home to School Travel Policy.

Wards affected: All Wards

Lead officer: Laura Donnelly

Approval of Capital Budget to enable expansion of Early Years Entitlement and Childcare place provision

To agree to the release of two capital sums, one DfE provided, one S106, in order to expand Early Years Entitlement and Childcare places to meet the sector expansion requirements outlined in the March 2023 Budget.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Children's Services

Decision published: 06/06/2024

Effective from: 14/06/2024

Decision:

To approve the release of the two capital sums to the Business Services Team (under the Director of Education and Safeguarding) for the creation of additional early years education and childcare spaces in areas identified as requiring further provision in order to support the expansion of the EYE offer and Wraparound Childcare offer for working families.

Wards affected: All Wards

Lead officer: Philip Frankland

Revocation of Keynsham Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)

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In July 2010, Bath & North East Somerset Council declared an AQMA in Keynsham.

An AQMA can be revoked if following a subsequent air quality review, it is shown that the air quality objectives are being achieved and are likely to remain so.

Since 2018 the air quality objective has been achieved and therefore the Environmental Monitoring team are recommending to the Council that the AQMA is revoked.

Following the revocation of the AQMA the Council will continue to monitor air quality in the area. The Council will be developing an air quality strategy to provide a framework in delivering local air quality improvements within Bath and North East Somerset district, as well as detailing the ambition the authority has with developing appropriate policies and applying appropriate regulatory control.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency and Sustainable Travel
Decision published: 23/05/2024
Effective from: 01/06/2024

Decision:

To agree the revocation of the Keynsham Air Quality Management Area Order (AQMA) (Dated July 2010).

Wards affected: Keynsham East; Keynsham North; Keynsham South
Lead officer: Aled Williams

Revoking the Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) in Saltford

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Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency and Sustainable Travel
Decision published: 23/05/2024
Effective from: 01/06/2024

Decision:

To agree the revocation of the Saltford Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) Order (Dated May 2013).

Wards affected: Saltford
Lead officer: Aled Williams

Adoption of the revised Contaminated Land Strategy

Bath & North East Somerset Council is required to have a Contaminated Land Strategy under Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

The provisions in The Act were introduced to provide a better way to identify and remediate contaminated land. Under section 78B of the Act every local authority is required to cause its area to be inspected from time to time for the purposes of identifying Contaminated Land.

In accordance with statutory guidance issued in April 2012 by the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs under section 78YA of the Act local authorities are required to prepare, implement, and keep under periodic review, a Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy. The Council first published its Contaminated Land Strategy in 2001.

The Strategy has been updated. This reviews the progress that has been made to implement the Contaminated Land Strategy and sets out the Councils plans for continuing its work. It also reflects updates to guidance and Council policies.

Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services

Decision published: 23/05/2024

Effective from: 01/06/2024

Decision:

To approve the revised Contaminated Land Strategy to be published online on the B&NES website and to be publicly available online and by request.

Wards affected: All Wards

Lead officer: Michelle Tett
