

Risk Assessment – Cabinet Report

Combined City of Bath and Great Spa Towns of Europe World Heritage Sites Management Plan (2024-2030)

No	Risk	Likelihood	Impact and where appropriate actions to reduce likelihood	Significant risk yes/no
1	There is a risk that if the decision is not taken that: Duty of central government as State Party and signatory of the UNESCO World Heritage Convention (1972), and the local authority as 'Principal Steward' of the world heritage sites to 'identify, protect, conserve, present and transmit' the World Heritage Sites, and to ensure that an up-to-date management plan is in place (UNESCO Operational Guidelines 2021, para 108). Not progressing and endorsing the Management Plan would mean there is a risk that we would fail to demonstrate to UNESCO and our community that our WH status is valued, held in high esteem, and the commitment to effectively managing it.	High	High (long-term detrimental impact)	yes
2	The review and preparation of the WHSs Management Plan has been undertaken through a collaboration of a number of partner organisations and the community through an 8-week public consultation led by the Council and the Chair of the Advisory Board. Not progressing and endorsing the management plan would mean there is a risk that the Council is seen not to value partnerships established and the value partners place on the Management Plan hence	High	High (long-term detrimental impact)	yes

	a risk to continued positive partnership working.			
3	The Management Plan provides an important opportunity to engage with stakeholders, communities and others in the reasons Bath is double inscribed as a World Heritage site. Not progressing and endorsing the Management Plan would constitute a missed opportunity to ensure that shared key objectives of both UNESCO and the Council to promote, interpret, transmit and engage visitors and the local community alike regarding the value of World Heritage as shared global heritage for everyone to enjoy and experience, regardless of national boundaries and identities.	High	High (long-term detrimental impact)	yes
4	The Management Plan and its actions are a critical tool for managing, improving and enhancing the WHS, and therefore not progressing and endorsing the Management Plan would result in not being able to carry out one of its core functions, therefore resulting in a risk to the WHS.	High	High (long-term detrimental impact)	yes