Bath & North East Somerset Council

Decision Register Entry

Single Member Cabinet Decision

Executive Forward Plan Reference

E3607

Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Draft Interim Update

Decision maker/s	Cllr Matthew McCabe, Cabinet Member for Built Environment, Housing and Sustainable Development
The Issue	To undertake a focused and interim update of the current Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning. The proposed amendments to the SPD incorporate updates to the education chapter including early years facilities, SEND and home to school transport, a new chapter on primary health facilities, updates to other costs and other Local Plan policy implementation issues in the SPD. The report seeks approval of the interim draft updates to the SPD for consultation.
Decision Date	30 June 2025
The decision	The Cabinet Member agrees that:
	 The amended draft Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document for public consultation is issued for statutory consultation under Regulation 12(b) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012; and The Head of Planning has delegated authority to make any necessary editorial changes, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Built Environment, Housing and Sustainable Development, prior to consultation on the draft Planning Obligations SPD.
Rationale for decision	The proposed amendments to the SPD incorporate updates to the education chapter including early years facilities, SEND and home to school transport, a new chapter on primary health facilities, minor updates to the affordable housing chapter to reflect the revised NPPF to reflect changes in national policy and more up to date information; and other minor update changes to reflect indexation in the green infrastructure, tree replacement and training and skills contributions. The report seeks approval of the interim draft updates to the SPD for consultation.
Financial and budget implications	The finalisation of the Planning Obligations SPD will be undertaken by the Planning Policy Team and the costs covered within the existing salary budget and the Council's LDF budget.
	The amendments will have an impact on the Council's income. It is anticipated that the level of Section 106 income will increase.

Issues considered	Social Inclusion; Customer Focus; Sustainability; Human Resources; Equality; Corporate; Impact on Staff; Other Legal Considerations
Consultation undertaken	Other B&NES Services; Other Public Sector Bodies; Section 151 Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer; Cabinet Member
How consultation was carried out	The preparation of the SPD was mainly undertaken in consultation with council services, and the Planning Development Management team.
Other options considered	None. The SPD mainly provides guidance on development plan policy requirements and national policy and does not create policy. It is seen as improper to do nothing since the Planning Obligations SPD which supplements the Local Plan and relates to the implementation of certain development plan policies, for the use and development of land within its area, should be kept up to date.
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 Matt McCabe
Date of Signature	30/06/2025
Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision	