

## COUNCIL MEETING 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025

### STATEMENTS FROM PUBLIC

#### Public (item 7)

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| 1. Hillary Carr               | The collaborative relationship between BANES & Bathford Parish Council and its community<br>( <i>statement attached</i> ) |
| <del>2. David Redgewell</del> | Transport issues <b>David did not attend</b>  |
| 3. Theresa Franklin           | Bike hangars ( <i>statement attached</i> )  |
| 4. Phoenix Dewberry           | Measures to ensure the city protects trans and queer folks ( <i>statement attached</i> )                                  |
| 5. Bob Goodman                | The state of the Council  |
| 6. Stuart Bridge              | New pedestrian crossings on Bloomfield road ( <i>statement attached</i> )   |
| 7. Helen Bedser               | The future of Off the Streets service provision in B&NES ( <i>statement attached</i> )                                    |
| 8. Ed Browning                | Why we need a better public toilet strategy for B&NES ( <i>statement attached</i> )                                       |
| 9. Ghika Savva                | Highlighting the work of the Student Community Partnership ( <i>statement attached</i> )                                  |
| 10. Malcolm Baldwin           | Future-proofing our tourist economy sector: Part 2 ( <i>statement attached</i> )  |

### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS - PUBLIC**

<b>P</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>Question from:</b>	<b>Helen Bedser</b>
What are the key milestones and deadlines in the recommissioning process for the 'Off the Streets' service and how confident is the council that a new service will be commissioned in time, to avoid any break in provision when the lease on the current Manvers Street hostel site ends?			
<b>Answer from:</b>			<b>Cllr Matt McCabe</b>
The Council is aware that the property owners of the Manvers Street hostel have advised Julian House they require their premises back, preferably by August 2026. Julian House is therefore looking for alternative provision and the Council is assisting where practical and helpful. Whilst the Council is confident that Julian House are actively and aggressively pursuing options for reprovision it is acknowledged that finding suitable and affordable accommodation within this timeframe will be a challenge. As such the Council is unable to provide any definitive statement at this stage around the likelihood of a potential break in provision.			
<b>P</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>Question from:</b>	<b>Helen Bedser</b>
What contingency plans has the council got in place if there is a delay in commissioning the new 'Off the Streets' service, and which stakeholders have been involved in developing these?			
<b>Answer from:</b>			<b>Cllr Matt McCabe</b>
The Council is working with Julian House to offer support to ensure that the provision can continue in the future in a new location. However, the Council is also pursuing other options including whether there are alternative providers or indeed whether the Council could provide a suitable site. The Council would best consider contingency plans and how stakeholders could be involved in developing these at the appropriate time			
<b>P</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>Question from:</b>	<b>Helen Bedser</b>

What are the estimated financial and social costs of a delay in 'Off the Streets' service provision (e.g. increased rough sleeping, emergency interventions) and how have these costs been calculated?

**Answer from:**

**Cllr Matt McCabe**

Whilst recent cost-benefit analysis of homelessness services is unavailable, earlier data from the Centre for Housing Policy in 2015 indicated the annual cost to public services of one person's homelessness was typically over £20,000 per annum. In terms of social costs, the Council recognises that these are wide ranging, including to the individual, the wider community and businesses within the City. These are factors that will be considered in any future decisions by the Council.