

**CABINET MEMBER FOR PLANNING (STRATEGIC AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT),
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REFERENCE: **SDSPW-001-13 Approved**

FRESHFORD AND LIMPLEY STOKE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Purpose of Report

To approve, subject to the agreement of a memorandum of understanding with Bath and North East Somerset Council:

- (i) Bath and North East Somerset Council as the lead authority for the purpose of determining the Freshford and Limpley Stoke Neighbourhood Area designation applications and, subject to its formal designation, any subsequent stages in the preparation of the proposed Neighbourhood Plan.
- (ii) The transfer of the Council's function to Bath and North East Somerset Council to ensure that (i) above occurs on a sound and legal basis.

Consultation

The Local Member has been consulted and has raised no objection to the proposal.

Options Considered

The options considered are whether each Council individually makes decisions related to the neighbourhood planning process or whether the function is transferred to a lead authority. Having regard to the two Parishes wish to work together to develop a neighbourhood plan that covers both parishes and in the interests of efficiency and consistency the only reasonable option available to the Council is to nominate a lead authority.

Reason for Decision

To ensure that the application for the designation of the Freshford and Limpley Stoke Neighbourhood Area can be determined and, subject to approval, progress made on the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan.

DECISION MADE

I approve, subject to the agreement of a memorandum of understanding between Wiltshire Council and Bath and North East Somerset Council:

- (i) Bath and North East Somerset Council as the lead authority for the purpose of determining the Freshford and Limpley Stoke Neighbourhood Area designation applications and subject to its formal designation, any subsequent stages in the preparation of the proposed Neighbourhood Plan.
- (ii) The transfer of the Council's function to Bath and North East Somerset Council to ensure that (i) above occurs on a sound and legal basis.

And:

- (iii) Delegates to the Director for Economy and Regeneration authority to agree a memorandum of understanding with Bath and North East Somerset Council in consultation with the Director of Law and Governance.

This decision was published on 6 August and will come into force on 14 August

The following supporting documents are attached:

SDSPW-001-13 - report

The following supporting documents are available from the officer named above:

Application for the designation of the Freshford and Limpley Stoke Neighbourhood Area (<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/freshford-limpley-stoke-neighbourhood-area>)

Date:6th August, 2013.....

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