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Twerton & Whiteway

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Community newsletter from your local Liberal Democrat team
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B&NES Financial Recovery Package

B&NES Lib Dem Cabinet member accuses government of abandoning councils to pick up the tab on financial losses.

Council finances across the country have been seriously impacted by COVID-19. While B&NES is facing a predicted £50m deficit of its £120m budget, Bristol are expecting an £80m deficit out of its much bigger budget.

B&NES has been significantly affected because of its reliance on revenue generated from tourism and commercial estate. The Government has so far provided financial support that will cover a fifth of the total deficit.

Liberal Democrats on B&NES Council have cautiously welcomed the government's announcement of a further funding package for local authorities but have warned that it will not fully meet the Council's losses and that "the devil will be in the detail" regarding the application of the proposed compensation scheme.

The Cabinet will reassess the position when fuller details are known and will make any necessary adjustments to our plans.

The Council's financial recovery package was unveiled late in June. The Liberal Democrats are prioritising safeguarding essential local services while delivering on the priorities set out in our manifesto.

The revised Council budget was scrutinised and signed off at the beginning of July, which will see the Council able to continue to run the authority and deliver to its residents.

IN OUR AREA

Twerton Talks

During the lockdown period, Tim and Sarah have been running a weekly Zoom meeting on Saturday mornings at 10am to keep in touch with residents and enable you to raise queries or concerns. They have decided that this will be continuing, so if you want to join the meeting and raise a question, please contact us to provide you with the link.

Innox Road - resurfacing



June saw the continued delivery of Manifesto promises by Tim and Sarah with the total resurfacing of Innox Road, North View Close, Springfield Close, Long Hay Close, Highfield Close and The Brow.

Feedback from the residents in this area has been extremely positive and Tim and Sarah are pleased to confirm that the entrance road to Redland Park (to the rear of Day Crescent) that runs right around to Pennyquick View is the next road in our area to be resurfaced in the same way in July.

They continue to push for all the roads and footpaths across the area to be resurfaced, although, due to current budget constraints, this may take slightly longer than originally hoped for.

Down your street

Redland Park - We are currently looking at a solution to clean up the whole estate and will confirm details as soon as possible.

Sheridan Road - We are continuing weekly on-line discussions with residents concerning the parking issues.

Twerton High Street - We are exploring various options for improving our High Street, all residents views are welcome and an on-line survey will be published shortly.

Blagdon Park - All flytipping has been reported for clearance.

If there is an issue in your street that you feel is not being tackled, please do contact Tim and Sarah and they will be happy to investigate it for you.

Transport Survey

One of the biggest issues in our area is Traffic and how best to resolve issues such as parking, pollution and speeding.

During May/June Tim and Sarah carried out an on-line survey that was open for all residents to complete with their views on travel issues within Twerton & Whiteway.

They received over 110 responses and are grateful to all of you that took the time to complete it. The full results of this survey will be available on their blog and in a paper format if you would like to see them.

The responses will be used by Tim and Sarah to form the basis of their engagement with the wider Low Traffic Neighbourhoods project that is currently being undertaken by the Council.