Appendix 11

Differences between a parish council and a “Voice for Bath” committee

NOTE: key information derived from analysis undertaken by Cheshire East Council

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| **Parish / Town Council(s)** | **A “Voice for Bath” committee** |
| Separate Legal Entity  Extensive statutory Powers to Act  Would take over Mayoralty functions  Elections would be held every 4 years to elect councillors to serve on the parish council  Requirement to appoint a Clerk  Assets / services can be transferred by Bath & North East Somerset Council, which can then be owned /run/ managed by the parish council  Can employ staff  Statutory right to be a consultee on various issues including planning applications and highways matters  Power to raise an annual precept to meet the costs of running the parish council | A committee of Bath & North East Somerset Council  Some executive powers could be delegated to the committee by the Cabinet or by Council  Charter Trustees would continue to deal with Mayoralty functions  The committee would consist of all or some of the Bath Wards Bath & North East Somerset members (elected every four years)  No officers appointed but officer support would be provided to the committee by Council officers  As a committee of Bath & North East Somerset Council, this would not have a separate legal entity and assets cannot be transferred.  Cannot employ staff  No statutory right to be a consultee – but a discretionary power would be given by Bath & North East Somerset Council  No power to raise a precept |