**Bath City Forum- Co-Opted members: Person Specification**

**ESSENTIAL CRITERIA**

1. Commitment to equality and the promotion of diversity with the communities of Bath.
2. A significant connection with the City of Bath, whether as resident, through employment, business, membership of a group or other demonstrable connection
3. The time availability and commitment to participate fully in the Forum’s work, as set out in the role description
4. Willingness to listen and contribute to the work of the Forum.
5. An active citizen with an interest in delivering benefits to the City.
6. The ability to link the Forum’s work with wider communities and networks in Bath
7. Knowledge of the key issues facing Bath and/or of specific communities within the City
8. The ability to work collaboratively with other members of the Forum for the good of the City and its communities

**DESIRABLE CRITERIA**

1. Understands the difficulties that Bath faces and is willing to put forward solutions.
2. Demonstrates the ability to overcome adversity.
3. Demonstrates individual experiences with links to the City.
4. Understands the importance of good citizenship.
5. Demonstrates leadership qualities.
6. Expertise, knowledge or experience relating to one of the workstreams identified by Bath and North East Somerset’s [Public Services Board](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/neighbourhoods-and-community-safety/working-partnership/bath-and-north-east-somerset-public), set out below:

* **Opportunities for local people** –– supporting employability and skills so local residents can gain access to good-quality jobs
* **Growing & integrating communities** – providing a co-ordinated response to developments in the City, planning for the provision of infrastructure to support this growth in a way that meets the needs of local residents
* **Managing our environmental & natural assets** – making sure that the City’s built and natural environment, public spaces and heritage are well-managed and that residents’ quality of life is maintained and enhanced
* **Tackling isolation and loneliness and ensuring that everyone has a good network** – particularly as the population ages, it is important that communities work together to help and support our most vulnerable residents
* **The economy** – making sure there is a clear “brand” for the City of Bath and the development of a strategy for the economic growth of our area
* **Getting around easily / connectivity** – transport is a key priority for the City and vital to residents’ quality of life and future development