
Bath & North East Somerset Council

Improving People's Lives

Economic Recovery &
Implementation Plans

Somer Valley Forum 7th September 2021

‘One Shared Vision’ work identified an opportunity for Economic Recovery Plans that are locally driven

- The Economic Recovery and Renewal Board (ERRB) formed **in response to the COVID 19 emergency**
- An engagement exercise took place involving local stakeholders to **shape a Renewal Vision for the local economy**
- Sets out a **collective partnership vision for B&NES by 2030**
- Sets out a new Vision to **create a fairer, greener, more creative and connected city region – Bath *with* North East Somerset**
- Proposes a framework to enable the development of a **stronger, low carbon, more inclusive and diverse economy**



What are Economic Recovery & Implementation Plans?

- More responsive to specific **geography** of B&NES
- Link to current B&NES programmes, encourage investment & stimulate wider involvement
- **Identify projects** that deliver place-shaping & economic benefits and link together existing projects currently planned or underway
- Work with key stakeholders, **to better shape and deliver locally**
- The Plans and projects will be guided by existing policies **and provide a strategic approach to future planning in the Somer Valley**
- Projects will have an **economic focus or and development focused**
- Projects will be put forward for **funding through WECA** and other funders

Project Concept:

Somer Valley Economic Recovery & Implementation Plan

Identify

catalyst projects to support the local economy working with businesses and the community drawing on the B&NES Economic Strategy

Scope

To bring forward funding for Somer Valley projects – matching available funding and opportunity projects

Deliver

strategic and local vision for the Somer Valley – Local Plan, B&NES One Shared Vision, Neighbourhood Plans

Support

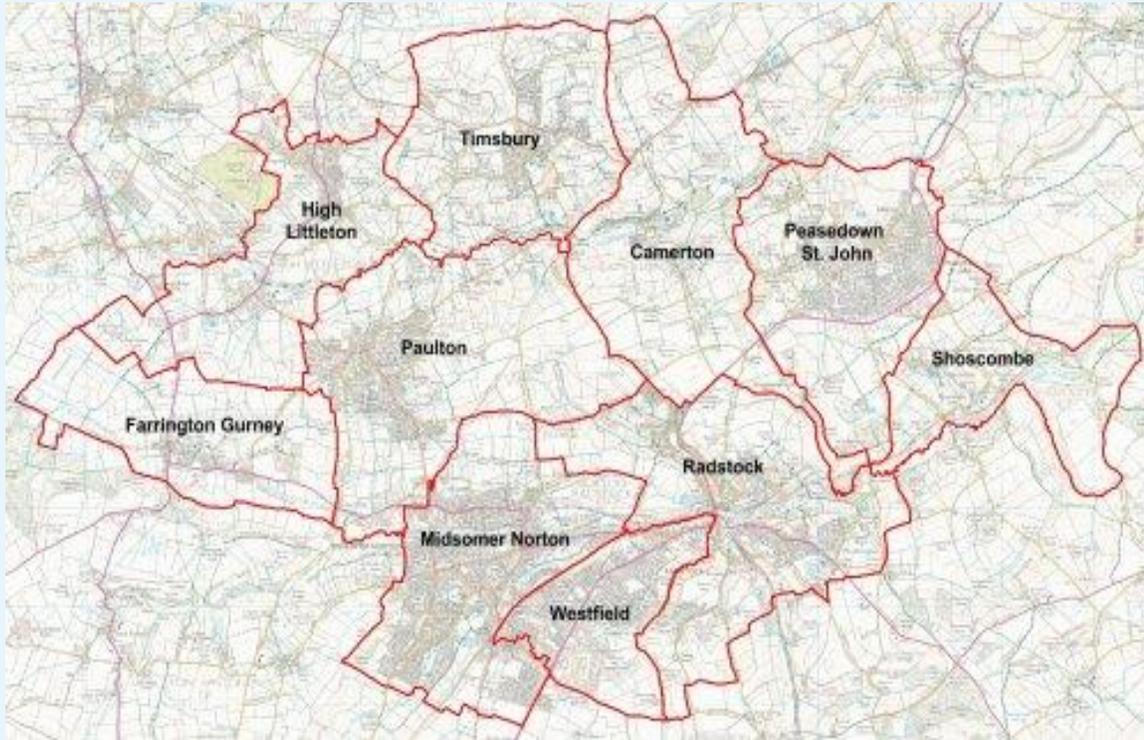
Provide resources to realise positive outcomes

Delivered through partnership working specific local project governance arrangements

Existing Workstreams & Projects Underway

- **Regeneration Programme** focused on Somer Valley Enterprise Zone
- **Midsomer Norton High Street Renewal Programme** will deliver public realm, town hall and shop front improvements in the town centre, plus cultural programme
- **Sustainable Transport Programme** B&NES is commissioning an Option Development of bus, walking, cycling & wheeling improvements on the A37 and A367 Corridor
- **Radstock Healthy Living Centre** is a partnership between B&NES & Hope House surgery to deliver a new surgery & children's centre
- **Radstock former railway land redevelopment** mostly complete, providing new housing, road layout, commercial & retail space. Redevelopment and reuse of the Brunel shed remains outstanding.
- **Green Infrastructure Programme** is the 'glue' to bind the above programmes together into a coherent whole. Midsomer Norton town park is being developed & Somer Valley Rediscovered aims to better connect communities to their local greenspaces and seek further enhancements to routes and spaces

Suggested Next Steps



- **SCOPE** - Work with key stakeholders to scope an initial project brief for ER&IP and agree areas of focus in the Somer Valley and likely priority project ideas
- **RESOURCE** - Establish a project team and undertake a tender process working with key stakeholders to engage specialist consultants as required
- **ENGAGE** - stakeholder and wider engagement and evidence gathering to inform the plan
- **CO-ORDINATE** with existing projects to identify gaps/opportunities
- **OUTCOME: Establish a Plan which identifies opportunities, programme of projects and includes baseline work to secure funding**