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 EntityExtensive statutory Powers to ActWould take over Mayoralty functionsElections would be held every 4 years to elect councillors to serve on the parish councilRequirement to appoint a ClerkAssets / services can be transferred by Bath & North East Somerset Council, which can then be owned /run/ managed by the parish councilCan employ staffStatutory right to be a consultee on various issues including planning applications and highways mattersPower to raise an annual precept to meet the costs of running the parish council | A committee of Bath & North East Somerset CouncilSome executive powers could be delegated to the committee by the Cabinet or by CouncilCharter Trustees would continue to deal with Mayoralty functionsThe 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 officersAs a committee of Bath & North East Somerset Council, this would not have a separate legal entity and assets cannot be transferred. Cannot employ staffNo statutory right to be a consultee – but a discretionary power would be given by Bath & North East Somerset CouncilNo power to raise a precept |