



### Councillor Mark Shelford



### "I Like Trams!"

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Bath Big Transport Issues



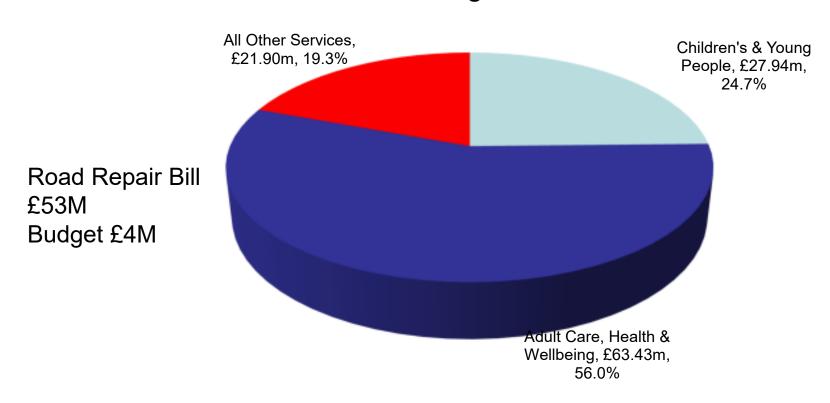






# Challenges

#### Bath & North East Somerset Council - 2018/19 Net Revenue Budget - £113.27m



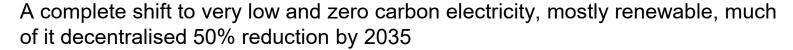


### **Context**

Budget 80% Adult and Children Social Services.

Culture – So What Brigade-Spend to save.

Congestion v Clean air.



A dramatic rise in use of electric vehicles and other steps to cut the carbon emissions of road transport (NOx v CO2)-infrastructure and public realm.

Driverless Help v Hindrance?

Pedestalisation.

School Run 30%?

Community acceptance of loss of parking spaces for greater good-Publically accepted mass transport-Trams, safe cycle routes.





## **BATH Tram Challenges**

» Planning-Wires-Bath Preservation

Trust?

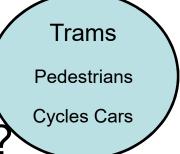
» Space-Shared?

» Utilities-Move or not?

» Vaults

» Money

» Momentum











#### What I've Done

Many of you will be aware of my commitment to sustainable travel and my support for environmentally friendly projects. I have listened with an open mind to the call for Trams to be reintroduced to Bath and I was pleased to able to **secure funding** for a high level study, completed by independent consultants, that confirmed there were no '**show stoppers**' to further work. I recognise that a mass transit solution for Bath would require much more technical work to assess the feasibility of various options available to the local authority.



## What I'm about to do

» I have therefore spoken with senior officers at WECA and Mayor Bowles regarding the opportunity for WECA to support the next phase of work and I am pleased and reassured that the need for further study work into this has been acknowledged by WECA and included as a requirement within the draft JLTP. Officers will of course need to scope this study prior to formal approval by the WECA committee. Continuing with the next phase of the project is a big step forward for both B&NES and WECA and a major milestone in respect of a mass rapid transit scheme for our area.



# **Way Forward**

Right Vision, Right People and Right Support.

Plan - Integrate for effect

Metro Mayor

Smart, Courageous, Experiment









## **Questions**