**Pros and Cons of Options Identified by Working Group**   **Appendix 10**

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| Ref | OPTION | PROS | CONS |
| A | No Change | * No impact on Mayoralty * Does not appear to be large-scale public demand for change * May be possible to address issues such as CIL on “adhoc” basis * No start-up or consultation costs | * Change is happening anyway- eg CIL and financial challenges for public sector * Management of CIL local proportion may be more cumbersome- delegations to Cabinet or officers required * Perception remains of “democratic deficit” in Bath and of imbalance in governance across area |
| B | One “Voice for Bath” committee for the City of Bath - elected members with co-opted stakeholders | * Quick and relatively easy to establish * Capacity and flexibility to establish sub-groups: eg for local element of CIL * Allows for other local voices to be included in discussions | * Could be seen as a large area for a single committee to cover * May take time to decide on co-options and any voting arrangements * A “Voice for Bath” committee would cost an estimated £1500 for each meeting held. Like any other committee of the Council, it would be funded by the Council Tax payers of Bath & north East Somerset |
| C | Parishing of Bath  (One single parish for all of Bath city wards)  Parishing of Bath  (A number of parishes for Bath) | * Parishing Bath would place the whole Bath & North East Somerset area on the same democratic footing * Parish Councils are able to get things done quickly “on the ground” that are important to local people * Would provide a clear route for the local proportion of Community Infrastructure Levy * Would enable potential for a Bath Neighbourhood Plan * Would create accountable elected bodies * Parish Councils are able to get things done quickly “on the ground” that are important to local people * Would provide a clear route for the local proportion of Community Infrastructure Levy * Would enable potential for local Neighbourhood Plans * Some communities may feel they already have sufficient identify to form a Parish | * Would require Community Governance Review. * A larger Parish Council may not lever-in local community links * Costs of Community Governance Review would incur costs (these are currently unknown and would depend on the approach taken, but a budget of £100,000 is envisaged) * Set-up and running costs of parishes (through raising a precept) * Would require Community Governance Review * Community Governance Review would incur costs (these are currently unknown and would depend on the approach taken, but a budget of £100,000 is envisaged) * Establishing meaningful communities within Bath could be challenging * Even smaller parishes would still have a diverse range of communities to serve * Potential impact on Mayoralty of Bath and the Charter Trustees- e.g. if only parts of Bath are parished |