Appendix 1

Under what circumstances can co-optees to the “Voice for Bath” committee vote?

Briefing Note – From Vernon Hitchman, Divisional Director (Legal & Democratic Services)

The law provides as a general rule that co-opted members of a Committee created by the Council do not have voting rights. There are a number of exceptions; those relevant for current purposes are:-

If the area committee is purely advisory and has no decision making powers or

If it has decision-making powers, those decisions relate to the promotion of tourism and festival management.

It is possible for an Area Committee to discharge both advisory and decision making roles in such circumstances; co-opted members would have voting rights for only some aspects of business.