

Federation of Bath Residents Associations (FoBRA)

Chair's update report

September 2026

I was honoured to be elected as your Chair at the AGM in June 2026. This is my first report for our Committee Meeting on 10 September 2026. I would like to start by repeating my thanks to Rachael Hushon for her leadership over the last few years which has refocused on the role of FoBRA as a politically independent voice for Residents Associations for matters which are of City-wide significance. I intend to continue with this approach.

Over the last three months I have:

- Met with Rachael for a handover meeting.
- Informed key stakeholders of our new executive team.
- Convened a meeting of the new executive team.
- Attended a World Heritage Site Advisory Board workshop on Enabling Climate Adaption in Bath (see separate report).
- Held the first of regular quarterly catch-up meetings with Council Leader, Kevin Guy and Cabinet member for Communications and Civic Services Manda Rigby. The agenda for this meeting was:
 - Introductions and working relationships
 - Planning & Traffic (upcoming Local Plan consultation)
 - Climate adaption - learning from recent extreme weather events
 - Event management including Christmas Market proposed extension (noise, traffic, disruption etc)
 - Road improvements and roadworks.
- Worked with the Vice Chair / Transport Lead and Planning Lead to respond to the Christmas Market planning application.
- Responded to a subject access request under the General Data Protection Act. We submitted a nil return as we held no data on the individuals concerned.
- Worked with the Vice Chair / Transport Lead and Planning Lead to brief RA's and Consider our response to the Street Strategy Consultation.
- Held the first of regular quarterly catch-up meetings with Council Chief Executive, Sophie Broadfield. The agenda for this meeting was the same as for the Cllr Leader meeting with the addition of items on the central Post Office and on early plans for the Pultney Rivergate / Weir. Sophie informed us that Mag Carter has been appointed as Executive for Sustainable Communities and that she is likely to be a key contact for FoBRA.

Happy to answer any questions on any of the above at our meeting.

Jeremy Boss

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