



## AGENDA ITEM NO 5

### Avonmouth and Kingsweston Neighbourhood Partnership

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**Title:** LAWRENCE WESTON COLLEGE SITE DEVELOPMENT BRIEF  
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#### **RECOMMENDATION -**

**For the Neighbourhood Partnership and Committee to discuss and comment on the draft development brief and procurement method**

#### **Background**

As you are aware the former Lawrence Weston College Site has been empty now since June 2010. The owners Bristol City Council (Property Services) and City of Bristol College are keen to make preparations to sell the land and they are jointly funding the production of a development brief for the Site.

The Council's City Design Group were appointed to produce the development brief, and have been working on this since January. The draft of the document has been prepared for comment in consultation with both internal and external stakeholders and will be handed out for comment on the night of the Neighbourhood Partnership. Internal stakeholders include officers from Development Management, Economic Development, Housing, Urban Design & Conservation and Horticultural Services. External engagement has involved working with the Lawrence Weston Planning Group, the Lawrence Weston Neighbourhood Forum on the 8<sup>th</sup> May, the Rock Older fifties Forum as well as a wider event at Ridingleaze on 28<sup>th</sup> April. The document also takes account of the emerging findings of the research that will ultimately inform the community plan for the area.

BNP Paribas have been appointed to undertake a soft market assessment in relation to the site and the development options. They will also undertake an economic appraisal of the emerging development brief.

The brief establishes clear design and development standards, requirements, principles and parameters that will ensure the realisation of the outlined vision and aims for the site.

### **Next steps**

The draft brief will be amended to take into consideration the comments of the Neighbourhood Partnership and Neighbourhood Committee, as well as the Lawrence Weston Planning Group. The final brief will then be presented for approval to both the city council and the City of Bristol College. The intention is to begin the marketing of the site in July/August.