



AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

Avonmouth & Kingsweston Neighbourhood Partnership Tuesday 22nd March 2016

Title: Mayor's Port Communities Resilience Fund Update

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To consider the update on NP comments arising on the 9th December 2015 NP meeting, which were fed back to the Mayor; to consider progress in developing the Fund and the participation of the NP and Avonmouth and Lawrence Weston residents, groups and organisations in shaping the Resilience Fund

1. Background to Mayor's Port Communities Resilience Fund

The Mayor made a commitment to make £1 million pounds of capital funding from the sale of the Port available to support the communities around the Port. The focus and shape of this fund was not clear when the Mayor made his tour of the NP area in June 2015.

2. The Mayor and NP Councillors have agreed the following initial focus statement for the fund, to be called the '**Port Communities Resilience Fund**':

The Mayor has consulted with Ward Councillors to explore how £1 million of the port sale monies can be used to strengthen the **resilience** of the communities around the Port, defined by the area of the new Avonmouth and Lawrence Weston Ward (Avonmouth village; Lawrence Weston; Shirehampton; Coombe Dingle and northern part of Seamills). They are in agreement that this fund should grow and develop the area for the future, seeing a lasting impact, socially or economically - preferably both. Looking at the Neighbourhood Partnership Plan the Mayor has identified three key local priorities that this Fund should focus on which fit this theme of resilience:

Jobs and Enterprise; and

Social Impact – investing in community facilities, and

Thriving High Streets

Given that this fund only provides capital funding, not revenue, the Mayor and Councillors want to see additional resources and funding raised to add to the £1 million to deliver the maximum possible benefits to these neighbourhoods, including covering the resource of manager/fund raiser role.

The Mayor has asked Council officers to flesh out some options on how these broad objectives might be delivered and to explore how community groups, local residents and the Neighbourhood Partnership will help shape the design and delivery of the Resilience Fund.

3. At its 9th December NP meeting the NP put the following questions back to the Mayor in response to the above statement:

- can the Mayor confirm why the funding for this scheme is identified as capital rather than revenue
- when will the NP be advised of the plan for this scheme and how will the NP be involved in the process?
- What work would be carried out to scope out match funding and how would options be brought to a wider stakeholder group?
- that the Mayor be invited to attend the 22nd March 2016 NP meeting to answer questions concerning the scheme.

4. The response to these questions will be delivered in this Update at the 22nd March NP Meeting for consideration and comment/input by the NP members.