AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

Dundry View Neighbourhood Partnership
24th June 2013

Title: **Neighbourhood Partnership Review**

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To note the Mayor George Ferguson's statement about the future for NPs.
2. To note and comment on the outcomes of the consultation and the proposals for the next stages of the NP review
3. To decide how the xx NP would like to implement local improvements and engage with the citywide review implementation

Statement from Mayor George Ferguson

Neighbourhoods Partnerships are integral to my thinking about the future of civic action and the delivery of public services across the city. I am committed to placing ward councillors and local communities at the heart of how we do business in our neighbourhoods, with reference to both our own services and in response to local priorities and issues. I am delighted that so many people have taken part in this review, both people currently involved and those we want to be involved, and I am committed to using this information to help shape NPs in the future

Outcomes of the NP review consultation

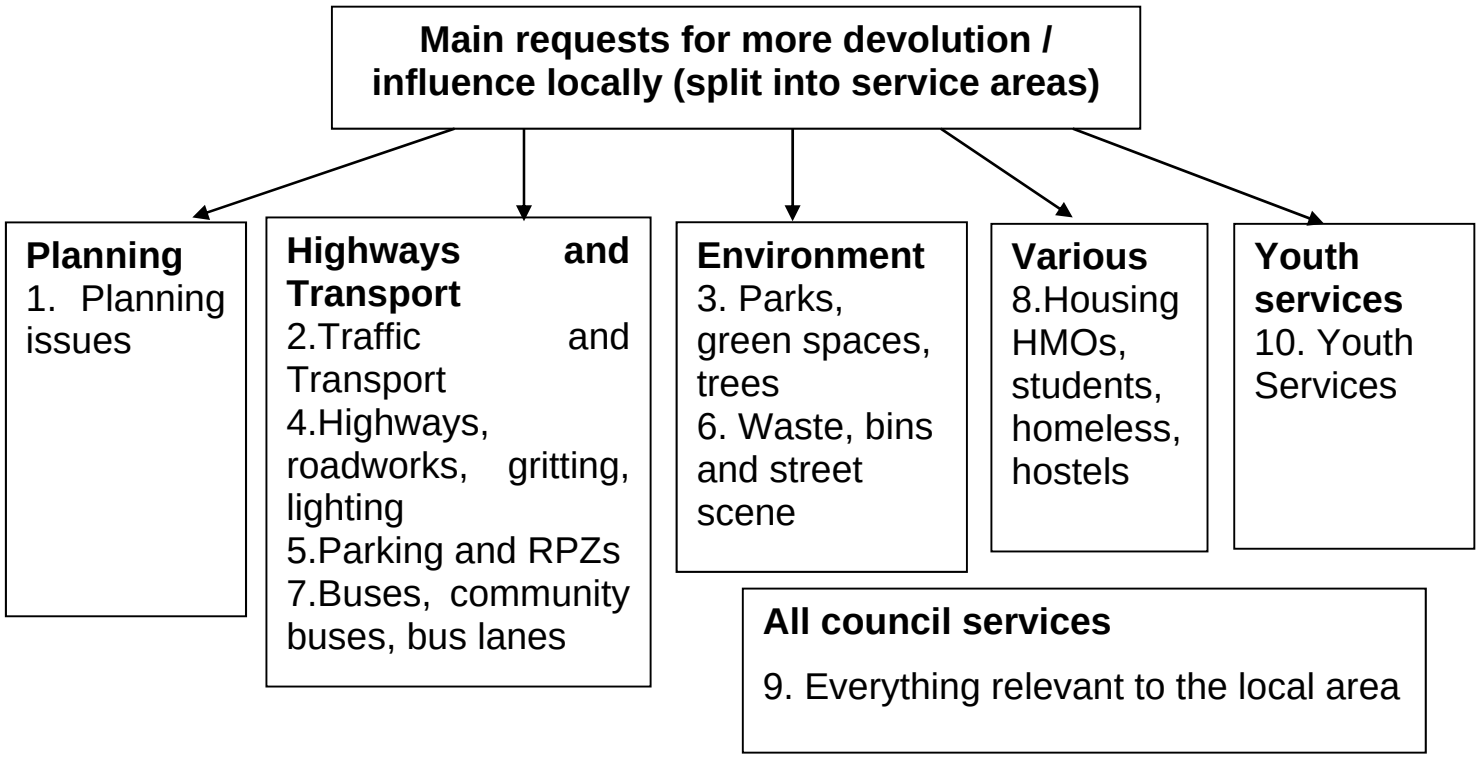
1. The NP review consultation took place between 1st February and 1st April. 3247 people responded to the survey, and around 750 people provided responses through citywide, area wide and local meetings and

through their NPs. Of the respondents to the survey, about two thirds had heard of NPs but only a third had taken part in local meetings.

2. Some of the positive comments that came out of the review were that people supported local decision making through Neighbourhood Partnerships and there was positive feedback about the way that partnerships act as a pivotal place for communities, councilors and services to come together.

3. The diagram in appendix A summarises the main areas for improvement that were highlighted through the NP review. It is clear from the summary of the consultation in appendix A that there are three main areas that people would like to see improvements to
   a) The way that the NPs work / are run
   b) Council and other services engagement and commitment to NPs
   c) Communications and outreach

4. The survey identified the following as the main council services that people would like more influence over (the numbers show the order in which they were ranked):



NP review – what happens next?

<u>Council and other services engagement and commitment to NPs</u>

5. There is a lot of change taking place within the council at this time, including further reductions to the budget over the next 3 years. These

changes will have an impact on what services the Council continues to provide in the future. This is being planned out over the summer with proposals for a 3 year budget due to be published for consultation from September 2013 onwards. Realistically we need to ensure that we have time to consider how any new work we embark on with NPs is deliverable and achievable in this context. This is particularly relevant for issues around the potential for further devolution and influence over council services and budgets.

6. In summary, this means that detailed work on future devolution and influence, and the council's corporate commitment to NPs, will start once the three year budget has been published in September 2013. We are committed to ensuring that there is a role for elected members and NP members in this work and this will be scoped out over the summer.

<u>The way that NPs work and communications and outreach</u>

7. For improvements to the way that NPs are run and improvements to communications and outreach, this work will start this summer and be supported by the NP team. The main areas are:
   a) Individual NPs setting their own agendas, meetings, planning their work, other individual NP improvements supported by their ACs. This can be scheduled by the NPs and can start at any time.
   b) Bringing councillors, NP resident members and officers together from across the city to work on NP improvements – best practice sharing, NP terms of reference, communications, improving current devolution and practices –the intention is to start this in July after the NP meetings and dates and times will be available by 11th June 2013.

8. A draft schedule of work is being mapped out and will be brought to this meeting, provided on the website www.myneighbourhoodbristol.com, and can be provided by Neighbourhood Partnerships staff.

NP review findings - what people told us