

**AGENDA ITEM:9**

**Cabot Clifton and Clifton East Neighbourhood Partnership**

**22 January 2013**

**To consider the implications for this Neighbourhood Partnership of the responses to the questionnaire circulated by the Neighbourhood Partnership Working Group in June/July 2012**

The full report of the Working Group can be found at:

[http://www.voiceandinfluence.org.uk/sites/voiceandinfluence.org.uk/files/NP\\_working\\_group\\_final\\_report.pdf](http://www.voiceandinfluence.org.uk/sites/voiceandinfluence.org.uk/files/NP_working_group_final_report.pdf).

It is important to read this and look at the messages there may be for our NP within the report and also to look at the implications of the answers given by members of this NP to the questionnaire.

The questionnaire was answered by 132 people from all the NPs. 16 were from our NP. Of the 16, 8 are recorded as Community Group members and 4 as resident members and 2 others.

I have set out below how the members of our NP have responded to various questions or reacted to statements compared to the overall response across all the NPs.

Question/Statement	CCCE response		All NP response	
	Strongly agreed & agreed %	Disagreed & strongly disagreed %	Strongly agreed & agreed %	Disagreed & strongly disagreed %
1. Is it important that decisions about each of the devolved budgets are made by and at the NP?				
a. Highway maintenance	50	44	56	40
b. Minor Traffic works	69	19	80	18
c. Wellbeing	88	6	90	9
d. Clean & Green	75	19	83	15

e. S 106 funding	69	25	87	12
2. The NP has influenced decisions by BCC (other than decisions on devolved budgets)	31	44	54	20
3. I feel fully clear about my role in the NP	56	37	77	15
4. I feel well supported to undertake my role in the NP	25	62	63	21
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<b>5. I understand the remit of subgroups</b>	Yes 37	No 44	Yes 64	No 20
<b>6. I understand how the members of subgroups are agreed</b>	Yes 25	No 44	Yes 38	No 28
<b>7. The local community receives regular communication and news from our NP</b>	25	62	42	52
<b>8. My NP communicates and shares good ideas with other NPs</b>	13	50	20	32

- N.B. 1. The figures used are from the survey and have not been weighted. The remaining percentages indicate the proportion of respondents who were unsure about their answers.
2. It is not clear in question 4 whether respondents have been referring to support from the community or the NP

I believe the figures speak for themselves. There is a broad consistency across NPs in relation to devolved budgets, however on other matters above we can see that CCCE responses are significantly different from the overall picture.

The report has many recommendations and we cannot focus on them all even if we agreed with all of them. I have highlighted in bold the last four statements which relate to two areas of concern and **I recommend focussing on these two areas. Subgroups, which relates to statements 5 and 6; and communication which relates to statements 7 and 8.**

It is evident that there is not the clarity that there could be regarding the establishment, membership and remit of subgroups.

**Recommendation 1.** That for each sub-group established by the NP there should be an **agreed** membership of the sub-group and early in the sub-groups life the NP should **agree** the terms of reference and action plan, such that all members of the NP, including those of the sub-group, can be clear about purpose.

There is no NP plan for communications within our communities or for providing information to or learning from other NPs.

**Recommendation 2.** That the NP should, as soon as possible, develop a Communication Plan to encompass both communications within our NP area and also between NPs.