

**Briefing Report
Hengrove and Stockwood NP**

Community Infrastructure Project

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**Community Infrastructure Pilot Project.
Hengrove and Stockwood Neighbourhood Partnership
Ashley Ward.**

1.0 SUMMARY

The aim of this pilot project is to identify a methodology for how the council should plan to have sufficient community infrastructure over the next 20 years. The pilot will look at what community facilities exist at the moment, what will be needed for the future, and how these facilities can be secured and sustained.

2.0 PROJECT DEFINITION

Two pilots are to be carried out in areas of different size, location and demographic make-up. Ashley Ward and Hengrove and Stockwood NP area. Each pilot will comprise 4 phases:

Phase 1 - Identify what exists at the moment.

This will use information already collected in the Community Buildings Audit to establish what exists in both the public and private sector along with local knowledge.

Phase 2 – Identify how we determine need and what is needed?

1. Use information available via Corporate GIS to look at population in area, deprivation statistics, area profiles, etc. Identify amount of space (sq m) in all NP areas for comparison purposes.
2. Consider whether a standard for community provision is appropriate e.g. how far should people have to travel, how much choice should they have, what quality should it be? We will benchmark this with other core cities, to provide a comparison with authorities who have already considered some of these issues.
3. Consider options for determining appropriate provision.

Phase 3 – Community involvement

Work with local communities and stakeholders to establish the level of need for different types of facilities in each area and to gather 'local intelligence' on existing provision, needs, wishes and aspirations.

Phase 4 – Evaluation, Report and Review

3.0 TIMESCALE

This pilot exercise will be undertaken by officers in addition to their existing workload and it is estimated that it will take 14 weeks to complete all 4 phases outlined above in the two areas suggested. It is proposed that at the next NP meeting, 23rd January initial findings could be presented.

Scope: Definition of community buildings.

The work will look at community buildings, which will be defined as buildings used and/or run by the community, and will include:

- Basic community centres / halls
- Large purpose-built community buildings (Community Hubs)
- Youth facilities
- Scouts/guides/other uniformed organisations
- Libraries
- Places of worship that allow general community use
- Tenants meeting rooms / common rooms within housing blocks or schemes
- Nursery / school / college or other educational buildings
- Social clubs
- Sports related buildings eg Club House / Pavilion
- Advice / community information centres
- City farms / community farms
- Other operational buildings where some community use takes place, eg health centres, fire stations, etc

It will not include:

- General offices
- Other service delivery buildings not listed above
- Allotments / community gardens
- Playing fields, adventure playgrounds, wheels parks, indoor play facilities.

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