



Agenda Item No. 8

**Neighbourhood Partnerships  
Protocols for Decision Making  
Hello Hengrove – s106 Devolved Public Arts Budget**  
(To be read in conjunction with the Neighbourhood Committee and the  
Neighbourhood Partnership terms of reference)

**TO NOTE**

- Decisions about expenditure of funds are taken at Neighbourhood Partnership meetings by the Neighbourhood Committee: the elected councillors.
- Decisions about what to commission around the s106 Devolved Public Arts Budget, including which artists to appoint are made at arts steering group and/or other meetings and are agreed by the Neighbourhood Partnership and are taken by elected councillors, non – councillor NP members (residents) and local residents from Hengrove only who are on the arts steering group.
- BCC officers, arts consultants and other partners offer professional advice, information and support.

**Introduction:**

Neighbourhood Partnerships are area committees for Bristol. Neighbourhood Partnerships comprise a Neighbourhood Committee (elected councillors) and additional non-voting members who are not elected councillors.

The executive functions delegated to Neighbourhood Partnerships (for decisions by the Neighbourhood Committee) in Bristol are:

- highways infrastructure budgets
- local traffic scheme budgets
- wellbeing budget
- clean and green budget
- s106 budgets

Neighbourhood Partnerships can also influence council services and priorities for officers within their area.

**Neighbourhood Committee:**

Is composed of the elected councillors from Hengrove and Stockwood wards.

Only elected councillors are entitled to vote on delegated council decisions taken by Neighbourhood Committees.

In the event of an equality of votes the Neighbourhood Committee Chair will have a second, or casting vote, at a Neighbourhood Partnership meeting.

**Arts Steering Group:**

A report to the NP in March 2012 established working arrangements for the spend of the devolved budget.

This included a stakeholder group at which decisions would be made.

The Arts Steering Group is that stakeholder group and is a sub group of the Neighbourhood Partnership.

It is composed of elected councillors, non – councillor NP members, local residents from Hengrove and stakeholder organisational representatives.

Only elected councillors, non – councillor NP members and local residents from Hengrove will take any decisions about artists and projects. (*October 2011 Arts report to NP*)

Council officers are in a supporting role offering advice and information only.

The arts consultants are also in a supporting role offering advice and information.

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