



AGENDA ITEM NO.15

**STOCKWOOD, HENGROVE & WHITCHURCH
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP
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RECOMMENDATIONS

To note the contents of the report.

1. Neighbourhood Forum update:

The Forum meetings were held on the 6th November for Hengrove & Whitchurch and 7th November for Stockwood.

A range of issues have been raised including highways, environmental and community safety. All the forum issues can be viewed on the NP pages of the Bristol City Council website.

Future Neighbourhood Forum Meetings:

Ward and Meeting Date	Time	Venue
Hengrove & Whitchurch 04/02/2014	7.00pm	Christ Church, Petherton Road
Stockwood 06/02/2014		Counterslip Baptist Church (tbc)

We have said goodbye to April Richmond and hello to Raquib Khandker – who has been busy getting to know the area and supporting the Neighbourhood Working process as well as organising the Forums forward planning engagement work.

2. Neighbourhood Partnership Review

As you will know there were a wide range of findings from the Neighbourhood Partnership consultation we undertook earlier this year.

The further development and implementation of some of the findings around governance and devolution have not been actively progressed due to the timing of both the Bristol City Council 3 year budget and the Boundary Commissions Boundary Review of Bristol.

The Boundary Commission will, following the conclusion of their review recommend future ward boundaries and councillor numbers that take into account changes to the city's population and the introduction of the mayoral governance model.

We are inputting the perspective of Neighbourhood Partnerships into these wider discussions but clearly cannot progress anything independently of such significant citywide reviews.

However, there are areas of the review findings which the team have worked on which can be progressed within the current context:

- Training for NP members
- Using resources more effectively
- Making forums work better.
- Improve equalities understanding and performance

We will work with partnerships over the next period to deliver the above.

3. Budget Consultation

The City Council's budget for the next three years will focus on delivering vital services and investing in the future of Bristol.

However the city faces a difficult challenge to save £90m, due to cuts in government grants and an increased demand for our services.

The Mayor of Bristol and Cabinet have examined all of the council's income and expenditure and published a full set of budget proposals Monday, 18 November detailing how, where and when savings are to be made.

At public meetings to be held 26, 27, 28 and 29 November George Ferguson, Mayor of Bristol, will give an overview of his budget proposals and then take questions from attendees.

Public Meeting Date	Venue	Meeting Time
Tuesday 26 November	Henbury School, Station Road, Henbury BS10 7QH	6.30 – 7.30 pm
Wednesday 27 November	The Park Centre, Daventry Road, Filwood BS4 1DQ	6.30 – 7.30 pm
Thursday 28 November	City Hall, College Green BS1 5TR	7.00 – 8.00 pm
Friday 29 November	Bristol Brunel Academy, Speedwell Road, Speedwell BS15 1NU	7.00 – 8.00 pm
Thursday 19 December	City Hall, College Green BS1 5TR	1.00 – 2.00 pm

The Mayor is keen to listen to the views of as many people as possible during the consultation period which closes 30 December 2013 before publishing a final set of proposals for debate at Full Council in February. Nothing will be decided until the budget is approved.

To access the budget on line please go to:

www.bristol.gov.uk/budget

4. Key Meeting Dates

Month	Meeting	Date	Time	Location
December 2013	NP (Barry Clark)	Wednesday 11/12/2013	7.00pm	Hengrove Christ Church
Jan 2014	Environment Group	Tuesday 07/01/2014	3.30pm	Hengrove Leisure Centre (tbc)
February 2014	Forum (H)	Tuesday 04/02/2014	7.00pm	Christ Church, Petherton Road
	Forum (S)	Thursday 06/02/2014	7.00pm	Counterslip Baptist Church (tbc)

	Well Being Deadline	Friday 21/02/2014	12.00pm	n/a
March 2014	Well Being Panel & NC/NP Briefing	Tuesday 04/03/2014	10.00am	Brunel House
	NP (Jay Jethwa)	Wednesday 19/03/2014	7.00pm	Stockwood South Bristol Sports Centre

5. Draft Meeting Dates 2014/15

To be tabled at meeting on 11th December 2013