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**Horfield and Lockleaze
Neighbourhood Committee
10.00 am on Wednesday 21st May 2014
In a Committee Room,
City Hall, College Green, Bristol BS1 5TR**

Present:

Ward Councillors

Horfield Councillors – Claire Hiscott and Peter Levy

Lockleaze Councillors - Estella Tincknell and Sean Emmett

Apologies: None

1. Welcome and introductions

The Chair welcomed those present and introductions were made.

2. Declarations of interest

None

3. Public forum

None received

4. Allocation of Devolved Section 106

The Neighbourhood Committee considered a report of the Area Co-ordinator which formally requested the allocation of £50,000 S106 funding for improvements to the Adventure Playground and youth club in Lockleaze (The Vench). At an informal meeting of Horfield and Lockleaze Neighbourhood Partnership on 8th April those present had agreed to support the allocation of funding which would enable the city council to commission Ground Works to undertake repairs and additions to the current structures, in consultation with local children and young people.

Cllr Emmett explained the background indicating that a total of £197,000 S106 contribution had been negotiated with the developers of the Cheswicks for youth and play facilities within Lockleaze Ward to be used for improvements at the Lockleaze Adventure Playground and youth club (The Vench) which is close to part of the development (Aurora

Springs). The future of the Vench is set to be secured under a Community Asset Transfer to Ground Works who will take over the running of the facility, however the ownership will remain with the council. It was anticipated that Ground Works will use their expertise to seek extra funding from other sources to improve this vital facility in the local area.

The following issues were noted during the discussion that took place:-

- Concerns were raised that the supporting information provided by Ground Works was very vague with no information on estimated costings or any detail about the consultation process to be undertaken. It was important that the S106 money was spent effectively and that the process was transparent.
- The method of consultation was also very important, the Committee wanted further information on the process as it needed to be done properly and effectively in order to provide confidence to local stakeholders as it had not been done very well in the past by the council.
- The Committee recognised that it was important to get the consultation started before the summer holidays and work completed as soon as possible. A timetable was requested for the next meeting of the NP on 23rd June 2014. The deadline for all paperwork for this meeting being Wednesday 4th June.

The Neighbourhood Committee RESOLVED that the allocation of £50,000 S106 funding for improvements to the Lockleaze Adventure Playground (Vench) and youth club be agreed in principle, subject to Ground Works providing a detailed overview of their consultation plans and budget costs in time for the meeting of the Neighbourhood Partnership meeting on 23rd June 2014.

(The meeting ended at 10.25 am)

CHAIR