

# Summons to attend meeting of Full Council



**Date:** Tuesday, 20 March 2018  
**Time:** 6.00 pm  
**Venue:** Council Chamber, City Hall

**To: All Members of Council**

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**Date:** Monday, 12 March 2018



# Agenda

## 1. Welcome and safety information

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## 2. Apologies for absence

## 3. Minutes of previous meeting

To agree the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 February 2018 as a correct record.

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## 4. Declarations of interest

To note any declarations of interest from the Mayor and councillors. They are asked to indicate the relevant agenda item, the nature of the interest and in particular whether it is a **disclosable pecuniary interest**.

Any declaration of interest made at the meeting which is not on the register of interests should be notified to the Monitoring Officer for inclusion.

## 5. Lord Mayor's business

## 6. Public Forum (public petitions, statements and questions)

Please note: Up to 30 minutes is allowed for this item. Public forum items should be e-mailed to [democratic.services@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@bristol.gov.uk)



Public forum items can be about any matter the Council is responsible for or which directly affects the city.

Please note that the following deadlines apply to this meeting:

a. Public petitions and statements: Petitions and written statements must be received by 12 noon on Monday 19 March 2018 at latest. One written statement per member of the public is permitted.

b. Public questions: Written public questions must be received by 5.00 pm on Wednesday 14 March 2018 at latest. A maximum of 2 questions per member of the public is permitted.

## **7. Petitions notified by councillors**

Please note: Up to 10 minutes is allowed for this item.

Petitions notified by councillors can be about any matter the Council is responsible for or which directly affects the city.

The deadline for the notification of petitions to this meeting is 12 noon on Monday 19 March 2018 at latest.

## **8. Petition debate - "Save Fay's St Andrews Park tea garden / cafe"**

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## **9. Petition debate - "Keep our parks advertising free"**

**(Pages 27 - 28)**

## **10. Petition debate - "Build Bristol Arena at Temple Meads not at Filton"**

**(Pages 29 - 31)**

## **11. Information Item - Update report from Youth Mayors/Youth Council**

**(Pages 32 - 60)**

## **12. Creating 6 area committees for local CIL decisions**

**(Pages 61 - 92)**

## **13. Motions**

**Note:**



**Under the Council’s constitution, 30 minutes are available for the consideration of motions. In practice, this realistically means that there is usually only time for one, or possibly two motions to be considered. With the agreement of the Lord Mayor, motion 1 below will be considered at this meeting, and motion 2 is likely to be considered, subject to time. Details of other motions submitted, (which, due to time constraints, are very unlikely to be considered at this meeting) are also set out for information.**

**MOTION 1 - BUILD BRISTOL ARENA AT TEMPLE MEADS NOT FILTON**

Motion to be moved by: Cllr Stephen Clarke, Green, Southville ward

“Full Council notes that:

- The Mayor has stated on numerous occasions that he is determined to construct an arena in Bristol.
- More recently it has become clear that he is apparently undecided where that arena should be located despite the many millions of pounds spent on preparatory work at Temple Quarter (Arena Island) behind Temple Meads.
- Cardiff has currently granted planning permission for a second arena in that city.

Full Council believes (on the basis of information currently in the public domain) that if there is to be an arena it should be built at Arena Island because:

1. It is in a central position allowing many locals to walk, cycle, or take public transport to the venue. In particular, it is located next door to Bristol Temple Meads train station, bus routes from all over the city and a new MetroBus stop. This would mitigate pollution and congestion. With the availability of many multi-storey car parks in the vicinity, and the growing availability of Park and Ride sites with direct access to Temple Meads, car access will be perfectly possible.
2. Historically South Bristol is under-served by access to facilities, work and opportunities which are mainly located in North Bristol. The Arena Island would enable fairer access from across the city.
3. The building of an arena on Arena Island will create jobs and opportunities in some of our key inner city areas that will be within walking distance of the new arena.
4. So much money has already been spent on the site; for example



many millions have been spent to purchase and clear the site and in preparing the infrastructure.

5. The arena would be owned by Bristol City Council and profits could be put back into funding local services.
6. An arena building in the city centre would become an iconic emblem adding to the city's reputation, feeding the city-scape and helping to bring more international recognition to our great city; a site next to South Glos would not have that same setting or impact.

Full Council also believes (on the basis of information currently in the public domain) that it doesn't make sense for YTL to build the Arena at Brabazon Hangar in Filton because:

1. As the Chairman of YTL said on 9 March 2018, "Without the transport infrastructure [requiring public investment of over £100million] The Filton Arena isn't viable"
2. It would be almost entirely car-centric and, given the current lack of travel alternatives (which we recognise could potentially be helped by spending further large amounts of money on rail links to Filton Abbey Wood), would go against the attempts of all of the political groups in the city to create a more environmentally friendly city and reduce air pollution which is already at illegal levels.
3. Roads across the city would be gridlocked with thousands of people attempting to cross the city from the south, centre, west and east.
4. The likely economic benefits will be passed on to South Gloucestershire rather than the more deprived areas of Central and South Bristol.
5. The Brabazon is privately owned by YTL, a Malaysian group and they would retain the vast majority of the profits.

Full Council therefore resolves that:

- The Mayor should consider the individual concerns raised in this motion very carefully and give them due weight when making his decision.
- He should also consider the strong expressions of support for the Arena being built on Arena Island expressed by members of the public in deprived areas of Inner and South Bristol and elsewhere.
- Finally, he should ensure that the views of the petitioners to this Full Council are listened to and acted upon."

## **MOTION 2 - EXIT FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION**

Motion submitted by Councillor Clare Campion-Smith, Liberal Democrat, Westbury-on-Trym and Henleaze ward

"Full Council Believes:



1. That there is mounting and undisputable evidence of damage that ‘Brexit’ would cause both to the national economy and to our regional economy.
2. The damage to our international relationships, the reducing influence with other states and the complete loss of say and control over the rules of the European Single Market and Customs Union, the largest market in the world.
3. That the Government has totally mismanaged the Brexit negotiations and has failed to work closely with large cities such as Bristol and listen to our concerns on the direction followed.
4. That businesses within the region, like those elsewhere in the UK, are reconsidering investment plans in new production and new jobs while they await the Brexit deal.
5. That the current rights of EU citizens living in the UK should always be fully protected and not used as a bargaining chip by the UK Government.

#### Full Council Notes:

1. The increasing problems that the NHS is having in recruiting nurses and doctors since the decision to leave the European Union was made and that this is having a real impact on the health of local residents.
2. With concern the potential impact of Brexit both on our local economy and on established mutually beneficial partnerships and links with European cities.
3. That the UK economy is now the slowest growing economy in Europe, reducing the prosperity of the UK and Bristol residents;
4. That new investment in the region is being jeopardised and new job opportunities are being lost;
5. That Inflation caused by Brexit-related depreciation of the pound is driving up living costs for the poorest residents a further squeezing of living standards.
6. That Brighton Council and Hammersmith and Fulham Council have already passed motions that back a referendum on the final deal and an option to stay within the European Union.

#### Full Council Resolves to:

1. Ask the Mayor and Party Group leaders to write to Bristol’s four MPs and Sajid Javid, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, expressing this Council’s and this city’s strong desire for a referendum on the final terms of a Brexit deal, including the option to maintain full EU membership.
2. Ask the Mayor to write to the Prime Minister asking that she meet with him and other core city leaders to discuss city leaders’ concerns about Brexit.



3. Ask the Mayor and party group leaders meet with West of England Mayor and the regions MPs to discuss how best to mitigate the effects already being felt by Brexit and how Bristol and the region can be kept within the Single Market and Customs Union.
4. Ask the Mayor to write to all Leaders of Local Authorities in the UK urging them to also adopt a policy calling for a referendum on the final terms of Brexit including an option to maintain full EU membership.”

**Details of other motions submitted (which, due to time constraints, are very unlikely to be considered at this meeting) are set out below for information:**

**MOTION 3 - TRIAL OF RECYCLED PLASTICS FOR BRISTOL ROADS**

Motion submitted by: Cllr Claire Hiscott, Conservative, Horfield ward

"Council notes with great interest the innovative road surfacing experiment currently being trialled in London which utilises recycled plastics.

In 2016, Cumbria County Council became the first authority in the country to use this material on its roads. It was found to be an affordable, more environmentally friendly alternative repair resource to address their road repair problems. For their project, resurfacing the A7 in Carlisle, the volume of plastic applied was equivalent to 500,000 plastic bottles and more than 800,000 one-use plastic carrier bags.

Council understands that many benefits are derived from these 'plastic roads' which can be constructed entirely out of recycled plastic or as a composite mix with traditional mineral aggregates and asphalt. For example, as well as obviously reducing resort to landfill, it uses a material which is plentiful, cost effective, easy to apply and proven durability.

With the LGA estimating it will cost around £11.8 billion to bring the nation's roads up to standard, any viable cheap alternative must be considered by cash-strapped authorities.

Accordingly, in order to better evaluate these claims, Council calls on the Mayor to commission a detailed report on this subject for scrutiny members, with particular attention given to the Enfield project and special consideration given to conducting our own trial(s) here in Bristol. Any such local study should also seek to identify those component combinations which maximise surface noise reduction.



No doubt, the recent spate of bad weather will have taken a heavy toll on the city's road network. So, now would seem to be especially timely to try out these plastic formulations as a repair solution."

#### **MOTION 4 - BRISTOL SAFER DRUG CONSUMPTION ROOM AND HEROIN ASSISTED TREATMENT**

Motion submitted by Councillor Cleo Lake, Green, Cotham ward

"Full Council notes that:

1. Drug related deaths in Bristol have significantly increased over the past four years, with a record high of 37 individuals registered in 2016 according to the Office of National Statistics. In the latest figures for 2017, 41 people in Bristol have died from suspected drug related deaths, with 10 in October alone - the most ever recorded in a single month.
2. Sharing needles puts people at risk of catching Blood Borne Viruses, most prominently HIV, hepatitis C (HCV) and hepatitis B (HBV). In Bristol 66.4% of injecting drug users have Hepatitis C - well above the national average.
3. There is a widespread problem in Bristol with discarded needles and street drug use – impacting the public and business community.
4. Street drug use and the resulting impacts have major cost implications for policing, health, businesses and a range of council services.
5. The government's expert advisory group - the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs (ACMD) - has called for both Safer Drug Consumption Rooms (DCR) and Heroin Assisted Treatment (where heroin is prescribed in a clinic). They note that the evidence demonstrates that these interventions reduce death rates, blood borne disease infections and other health problems, hospital stays, emergency call-outs, discarded drug litter, and street drug use. They also improve engagement and retention in treatment for otherwise difficult to reach vulnerable people, and do not lead to increased use.
6. In its response to the ACMD, the Government recognised there is evidence supporting: "the effectiveness of drug consumption rooms in addressing the problems of public nuisance associated with open drug scenes, and in reducing health risks for drug users." and that; "It is for local areas in the UK to consider, with those responsible for law enforcement, how best to deliver services to meet their local population needs."
7. Heroin Assisted Treatment is recommended for people for whom other forms of treatment have not worked, by Public Health England and in the Home Office Modern Crime Reduction Strategy. 44% of acquisitive crime is committed by dependent



heroin users, and research from UK trials in Brighton, London and Darlington showed that Heroin Assisted Treatment can reduce acquisitive crime to pay for drug use by two-thirds. It can also cause a substantial fall in overall crime, and lead to a reduction in street dealing, and street sex work. It also reduces the profits organised criminals accrue from the heroin trade.

8. The ACMD and numerous cost-benefit analyses have concluded that both Safer Drug Consumption Rooms and Heroin Assisted Treatment are cost effective. A business case carried out by the NHS in Glasgow in 2017 concluded a proposed facility there, combining both, would lead to millions of pounds worth of savings.
9. A range of public service budgets stand to benefit from the positive impacts of Safer Drug Consumption Rooms and Heroin Assisted Treatment - including policing, ambulance services, the wider NHS, council waste services etc. Long term funding for the proposed Glasgow facilities will be drawn proportionately from all these areas to ensure that all contribute and benefit fairly.

Full Council believes that:

1. Many of the most vulnerable people in Bristol are dying, while measures that have been shown to save both lives and money, and are recommended by the Government's expert advisers, have not been fully considered.
2. The evidence shows that Safer Drug Consumption Rooms and Heroin Assisted Treatment deliver significant health, social and economic benefits, not just to people who use drugs, but to the wider public and businesses. Implementing these measures has also been shown to deliver savings across health, crime and policing, business, parks and street cleaning, and other areas, that are substantially higher than the running costs. Therefore, on social and economic grounds, an assessment should be conducted as to the feasibility of delivering these measures in Bristol.

Full council resolves to ask the Mayor:

1. To publicly endorse the work of the Substance Misuse Team in carrying out a feasibility study in house to assess whether Heroin Assisted Treatment and/or a Safer Drug Consumption Room would have net benefits for Bristol as supported by Safer Bristol Executive at their meeting in January.
2. To ensure that this study draws on existing research to assess the likely impacts on: drug related deaths, street drug use, discarded drug litter, anti-social behaviour, health, crime etc. It should also indicate which budgets, both within the council and beyond, would make cost-savings - e.g. policing, emergency services, hospital admissions etc. This is to identify stakeholders who



could be asked to contribute financially, to ensure fair, long term funding that benefits all those involved.

3. Most importantly, to commit to fully implementing the findings and recommendations of the feasibility study so that the people of Bristol benefit as soon as possible – especially our most vulnerable citizens.”

### **MOTION 5 - FOOD SECURITY AND SUSTAINABILITY**

Motion submitted by Councillor Charlie Bolton, Green, Southville ward

“Full Council notes:

- Empty shelves in Bristol’s shops and supermarkets during the recent cold spell.
- The ‘just-in-time’ nature of stocking of goods, particularly food, in supermarkets.
- The tendency – due to the free market and globalisation – for goods, particularly food, to be transported over increased distances.
- The madness of Brexit and all the uncertainty that goes with it.
- Climate change – which will produce, amongst other things – more extreme weather events.
- Peak oil, soil erosion and an increasing population are factors which will all have an impact on food security in the future.

As such, it is clear that cities, including Bristol, will become increasingly vulnerable to not having a sufficient supply of food in extreme weather events, or in other politically unstable circumstances.

Council therefore calls on the Mayor to:

- Take the appropriate action to ensure Bristol will not face food shortages from such events.
- Adopt/confirm its commitment to the principles described in ‘Who feeds Bristol?’, the ‘Good Food Plan’ and the ‘Good Food Charter’.
- Sign Bristol up to the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact.
- Ensure that food security and sustainability are key elements of the One City Plan and Resilience Strategy.
- Work with the Food Policy Council and Food Policy Network to become a Gold standard Sustainable Food City.
- Support our regional producers, and make a major contribution to food security in the longer term, by enabling them to sell into the city’s procurement markets through the adoption of a Dynamic Purchasing System (approved by DEFRA and others).
- As a matter of priority, work to i) enable city residents to increase the amount of fresh fruit and vegetables they consume; ii) secure the supply of fresh fruit and vegetables into Bristol via the St



Philips Wholesale market; and iii) safeguard land for food production at three levels - within new housing developments as gardens, allotment sites, smallholding sites and tenant farms.

- Research and develop zoning plans to legally safeguard best quality agricultural land for food production in the future, thus allowing for the scaling up of urban and peri-urban fruit and vegetable production.
- Demonstrate progress towards this before the Global Parliament of Mayors later this year.”

### **MOTION 6 - SUPPORT FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS ACTS**

Motion submitted by Councillor Stephen Clarke, Green, Southville ward

“Full Council notes:

- The positive impact that the Human Rights Act has had on the protection of the rights of individuals in the UK.
- The valuable guidance the Act provides for public authorities in ensuring policies are developed in line with international human rights standards.

Full Council believes:

- The UK should be proud of respecting the human rights of its citizens and should not be considering diluting their statutory protections at this time of increased threat to civil liberties.

Full Council resolves to call on the Mayor:

- To lobby the Government to retain the Act, the protections within it, and the UK's international obligations under the European Convention on Human Rights.
- To request that the leader of the opposition publically voices support for the retention of the Human Rights Act in future negotiations or statements on Brexit.”

### **MOTION 7 – CLOSING THE COLD HOMES LOOPHOLE**

Motion submitted by Councillor Martin Fodor, Green, Redland ward

“Full Council notes:

1. The private rented sector is a major source of housing for families in the city, with many living in fuel poverty due to poor energy efficiency standards. Fuel poverty is defined by having to spend at least 10% of income after housing costs on fuel bills. For many it means a choice of ‘heat or eat’. An estimated 25,000 people in Bristol are classed as being in fuel poverty, many in the private



rental sector.

2. After many years of delay, Government regulations will now require landlords of poorly insulated properties to upgrade them in order to make life more comfortable for their tenants and to cut carbon emissions. Homes rated in energy bands F and G (e.g. the coldest) must be brought up to band E.
3. However, an exemption exists allowing landlords to not undertake this work if it will cost them money - which it almost certainly will since government energy efficiency schemes that they could have applied to have mostly closed or been significantly scaled down. As long as this loophole is open, the hardest to heat homes in the city will be left uninsulated.
4. Living in a cold home is bad for your physical and mental health; it damages children's educational development and affects many families in the city as well as many older people who then risk hypothermia.
5. The Mayor has done commendable work so far in bringing together Fuel Poverty stakeholders and with winter approaching more must now be done.

Full council believes:

1. With colder weather risking residents' health and budgets the campaign to close the loophole that allows private rented sector landlords to duck their obligations to make their homes warmer has been very timely.
2. There should be a replacement for the Green Deal Finance scheme which enabled investment to be made to upgrade homes at no upfront cost to the landlord or owner (with financing costs being paid for out of savings gained for the occupier from improved energy efficiency and lower bills – this is known as a Pay As You Save Scheme).
3. There also needs to be work with the network of private sector landlords in the city to press them to upgrade properties they rent out.

Full Council resolves to call on the Mayor to:

1. Support a national campaign by climate change charity 10:10 which is campaigning to close the loophole.
2. Write to all the local MPs and ask them to press the government to remove the exemption and provide a source of finance for landlords to upgrade their homes as required by the legislation.
3. Look into what the Council can do to further alleviate fuel poverty and encourage insulation through the Private Housing team, using Eco funds and other sources of investment that can be made available to landlords.
4. Support Warm Up Bristol to play a role in this.



5. Work with partner organisations who can advise tenants of the ways to combat high tariffs and access help and advice including their right to get their home treated.”

### **MOTION 8 – PUBLIC SECTOR PAY/NJC**

Motion submitted by Councillor Mark Brain, Labour, Hartcliffe & Withywood ward

“Full Council notes that:

1. For most workers in local government and schools, pay and other terms and conditions are determined by the National Joint Council (NJC) for local government services.
2. On average, across the country, NJC basic pay has fallen by 21% in real terms since 2010.
3. NJC workers had a three-year pay freeze from 2010-2012 and have received only 1% pay increase annually since then.
4. NJC pay is the lowest in the public sector.
5. Differentials in pay grades are being squeezed and distorted by bottom-loaded NJC pay settlements needed to reflect the increased Statutory National Living Wage.
6. The likelihood of rising inflation following the vote to leave the European Union will worsen the current public sector pay inequality.
7. The drastic ongoing cuts to local government funding and calls on the Government to provide all additional resources to ensure local authorities can fund a decent pay rise for NJC employees and the pay spine review.

Full Council believes that:

1. The NJC pay claim for 2018, submitted by Unite, UNISON and the GMB on behalf of council and school workers should be supported and calls for the immediate end of public sector pay restraint. NJC pay cannot be allowed to fall further behind other parts of the public sector.
2. The joint review of the NJC pay spine to remedy the turbulence caused by bottom-loaded pay settlements is welcome.

Full Council resolves to:

1. Call on the Mayor to write to the LGA asking it to make urgent representations to Government to fund the NJC claim and the pay spine review.
2. Write to the Prime Minister and Chancellor supporting the NJC pay claim and seeking the additional resources needed to fund a decent pay rise and the pay spine review.
3. Write to local NJC union representatives to convey support for the pay claim and the pay spine review.”



## **MOTION 9 - ADULT SOCIAL CARE/DEMENTIA**

Motion submitted by Councillor Helen Holland, Labour, Hartcliffe & Withywood ward

“Full Council notes that:

1. In Bristol an estimated 4,500 people over the age of 65 are living with dementia: 2,160 of those living with dementia have received a formal diagnosis, which is often the key to accessing appropriate support services.
2. Two-thirds of people living with dementia are living in the community, and nearly 70% of people with dementia feel lonely and trapped in their own homes, with limited or no social networks.
3. A healthy diet, regular physical exercise, and avoiding smoking and drinking may reduce the risk of developing Alzheimer’s Disease and vascular dementia, but 64% of people are not aware of this.
4. The societal cost of dementia in the UK is estimated at an average cost per person of £32,250; of the total estimated cost of dementia in the UK, it is estimated that £11.6 billion is contributed through the work of unpaid carers.
5. The number of dementia patients in Bristol is estimated to increase by 23% over the next two decades.
6. The present administration is delivering across the board in relation to its manifesto commitments around adult social care, as well as recent investment totalling more than £1 million to improve agile working for around 700 workers in the council’s social care teams.
7. The repeated avoidable crises in both in social care and in our NHS under the current government, the meagre support for local government in the form of optional council tax precepts, and the absence of any additional funds for social care contained in the recent Local Government Finance Settlement.
8. By 2020, faced with the continuing austerity started by the Tories and Lib Dems, it is estimated that local councils will be spending 60% of their overall budgets on social care – up by half since 2010 – putting more pressure on other local council services.

Full Council believes that:

1. The work of the Bristol Ageing Better (BAB) partnership and the Bristol Dementia Action Alliance – who since their founding in 2013 have enabled more than 700 independent retailers to become ‘Purple Angels’, registered more than 2000 ‘Dementia Friends’, and run more than 50 workshops with local organisations – should be celebrated and continued.
2. The work of the present council administration, led in this area by Councillor Helen Holland, through the Better Lives programme and a series of other measures to improve outcomes has the potential to be truly transformational for local people.
3. The Government’s appointment of a Minister for Loneliness is a welcome step forward.



4. A councillor should be appointed as the authority's 'Dementia Champion'.
5. The council should continue to work towards making council practices and buildings more dementia friendly, encouraging staff and elected members to become a 'Dementia Friend'.
6. Local risk reduction and public health campaigns, including clear messaging in ongoing campaigns regarding exercise, alcohol, smoking, and/or diet benefit Bristol.
7. Recent events at Northamptonshire Council, where officers have expressed concerns that 2,000 people have their care cases unassigned, should serve as a wake-up call for the national government.

Full Council resolves to:

1. Back moves by the council to make more information about local dementia services as accessible as possible.
2. Restate its commitment to this administration's corporate strategies, including that to 'become all-age friendly', and support the work of the local authority as an active member of the UK Network of Age Friendly Communities.
3. Fully endorse plans due to be considered by the next cabinet meeting which kick-start the process for Bristol to become a World Health Organisation Age-Friendly City and to join the Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities.
4. Call on the Government to properly fund social care and consider, as suggested by Bristol's Mayor and the Core Cities, a radical raft of further devolution deals along the lines of the £6bn health and social care settlement in Greater Manchester."

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Signed



Proper Officer  
Monday, 12 March 2018



## **FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS – PUBLIC GALLERY**

**Please note:**

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**Visitors' bags are liable to be searched prior to entry, and entry is conditional upon visitors consenting to be searched. Searches are carried out to ensure that no items which may interrupt proceedings are brought into the building. This includes weapons, loud hailers, banners, and placards. Small notices may be acceptable if they are not obstructive or offensive (no more than A4 size).**

**All large bags are to be left at reception.**

**Visitors refusing to allow a search may be refused entry.**

**The public gallery in the Council Chamber is available for members of the public to observe the Full Council meeting.**

**The Lord Mayor has determined:**

- **Attendees should please be quiet and not interrupt proceedings.**
- **All loud hailers, banners, and placards must be left at the main entrance and will not be permitted to be brought into the building.**
- **The Council reserves the right to remove any person who disrupts the proceedings. In appropriate circumstances, the police may be called.**

**Thank you for your co-operation.**

## Bristol City Council Minutes of the Full Council

20 February 2018 at 2.00 pm



### **Present:**

Lesley Alexander, Lord Mayor; Marvin Rees, Mayor of Bristol

**Councillors:** Peter Abraham, Donald Alexander, Nicola Beech, Nicola Bowden-Jones, Harriet Bradley, Mark Bradshaw, Mark Brain, Charlie Bolton, Tom Brook, Fabian Breckels, Clare Champion-Smith, Tony Carey, Craig Cheney, Barry Clark, Jos Clark, Stephen Clarke, Harriet Clough, Eleanor Combley, Asher Craig, Chris Davies, Mike Davies, Carla Denyer, Kye Dudd, Richard Eddy, Jude English, Martin Fodor, Helen Godwin, Paul Goggin, Geoff Gollop, John Goulandris, Fi Hance, Margaret Hickman, Claire Hiscott, Helen Holland, Gary Hopkins, Chris Jackson, Carole Johnson, Steve Jones, Anna Keen, Tim Kent, Sultan Khan, Gill Kirk, Cleo Lake, Mike Langley, Jeff Lovell, Brenda Massey, Olly Mead, Matt Melias, Graham Morris, Anthony Negus, Paula O'Rourke, Steve Pearce, Celia Phipps, Ruth Pickersgill, Kevin Quartley, Jo Sergeant, Afzal Shah, Paul Smith, Clive Stevens, Jerome Thomas, Mhairi Threlfall, Estella Tincknell, Jon Wellington, Mark Weston, Lucy Whittle, Chris Windows and Mark Wright

**Aldermen/women:** M Bailey, A Massey, J McLaren, W Payne, G Poultney, B Price, J Smith, CJN Williams, S Williams

### **1. Welcome and safety information**

The Lord Mayor welcomed all attendees to the meeting, and made a safety announcement in relation to the fire/emergency evacuation procedure.

### **2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jama and Radford.

### **3. Minutes of previous meeting**

On the motion of the Lord Mayor, seconded by Councillor Eddy, it was



**RESOLVED:**

**That the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council meeting held on 15 January 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Lord Mayor.**

**4. Declarations of interest**

The Lord Mayor reminded members that at its meeting held on 25 January 2018, the Audit Committee had overseen and granted a range of dispensations to the Mayor and councillors, to enable them to participate and vote on matters relating to the civic budget 2018-19 and the setting of the Council Tax at this meeting.

**5. Lord Mayor's business**

None.

**6. Public petitions and written statements**

**Public petitions:**

The Full Council received and noted the following petitions:

Petition PP 01 – “Marvin Rees: set a no-cuts budget to fight Tory austerity!”

Petition organiser – Matthew Carey (petition presented at the meeting by Tom Baldwin)

Petition PP 02 – “Re-open the Rent Offices in Hartcliffe, Southmead, Ridingleaze & Fishponds”

Petition organiser – Matthew Carey (petition presented at the meeting by Heather Jarrett)

Petition PP 03 – “Re-open Bristol City Council owned public toilets”

Petition organiser / presenter – Owen Adams

**Written statements:**

The Full Council received and noted the following statements:

PS 01 - Oliver Fortune – Libraries

PS 02 - Catherine Ninji – Bristol Rethink Carers Service

PS 03 - Judith Caines – Council tax/libraries

PS 04 - Ornella Saibene – Budget cuts

PS 05 - Esther Giles – Budget

**7. Corporate Strategy 2018-2023**

The Full Council considered a report seeking the adoption of the Corporate Strategy 2018 – 2023 as part of the Council’s policy framework.



Cllr Cheney, Deputy Mayor for Finance, Governance and Performance moved the report and the recommendation contained therein.

Cllr Craig seconded the report.

The report was then debated.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 2.28 pm and reconvened at 3.35 pm

On the meeting being reconvened, it was:

**RESOLVED (38 members voting in favour, 16 against, with 12 abstentions):**

**That the Corporate Strategy 2018 - 2023 be adopted as part of the Council's policy framework.**

## **8. 2018-19 Budget report**

The Full Council considered a report setting out the Mayor's 2018-19 budget recommendations.

The Lord Mayor drew members' attention to the budget procedure to be followed.

At this point, on the motion of the Lord Mayor, it was

**RESOLVED:**

**That the relevant standing orders (policy and budget framework procedure rules) be suspended, noting that the procedure to be followed at this meeting is at variance with the Council's standing orders.**

The Mayor then moved the budget report.

Cllr Cheney, Deputy Mayor for Finance, Governance and Performance then seconded the report.

Cllr Gollop then presented comments on behalf of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 3.45 pm and reconvened at 4.05 pm

On the meeting being reconvened, the Full Council then (under section 5 of the procedure) considered and debated each of the proposed budget amendments, as follows:



### **LIBERAL DEMOCRAT BUDGET AMENDMENT**

Amendment summary: Investing in parks, open spaces and street trees; More funding for the Better Lives programme; Reverse library cuts, maintain a full network; Investing in communities and area boards; Improve flood protection; Reduce capital financing; School expansion in south Bristol; Aids & adaptations - private homes; Remove capital contingency; Investing in parks and play; Investing in libraries - better access fund.

Funding source: Investing CIL into capital programme.

Councillor Kent moved the amendment.

Councillor Negus seconded the amendment.

Following debate, upon being put to the vote, the amendment was **LOST** (29 members voting for the amendment, 37 against, with 2 abstentions).

### **GREEN BUDGET AMENDMENT 1**

Amendment summary: Increase funding for the Local Crisis Prevention Fund, which provides one-off emergency support for the most vulnerable people (this was cut by £1.05m or approx. 70% in the 2017-18 budget).

Funding source: Increase income from skip, scaffold and hoarding licenses (the fee paid by developers for blocking the highway) by £100k.

Councillor Denyer moved the amendment.

Councillor Fodor seconded the amendment.

Following debate, upon being put to the vote, the amendment was **CARRIED** (65 members voting for the amendment, none against, with 1 abstention).

### **GREEN BUDGET AMENDMENT 2**

Amendment summary: Buy/refurbish 2 properties to run small scale (2 or 3 bed) specialist children's homes.

Funding source: Use part of the capital contingency/Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) drawdown, instead of putting it all into reserves.

Councillor Combley moved the amendment.

Councillor Stevens seconded the amendment.

Following debate, upon being put to the vote, the amendment was **CARRIED** (66 members voting for the amendment, none against, with 1 abstention).



### **GREEN BUDGET AMENDMENT 3**

Amendment summary: Put an additional £30k into the parks budget to allow the parks department to operate reducing the pressure to introduce advertising in parks.

Funding source: Charge for the car parking passes for City Hall which are currently issued free to councillors, aldermen and senior council staff.

Councillor Combley moved the amendment.

Councillor Hance seconded the amendment.

Following debate, upon being put to the vote, the amendment was **LOST** (12 members voting for the amendment, 47 against, with 6 abstentions).

### **GREEN BUDGET AMENDMENT 4**

Amendment summary: Hire/retain a planner for half a year to gather the evidence needed to support the university expansion mitigation proposals in the Local Plan (being consulted on currently) and any SPD/practice notes required.

Funding source: Use £25k from the MRP drawdown, instead of putting it all into reserves\*

Councillor Stevens moved the amendment.

*\* Note: As part of the moving of the amendment, it was noted and clarified that, in the event of this amendment being carried and included in the 2018/19 budget, the Section 151 Officer had advised that in terms of implementing the amendment, the funding source would be £25k drawn from ring-fenced planning fees (i.e. not funded from the MRP drawdown).*

Councillor Lake seconded the amendment.

Following debate, upon being put to the vote, the amendment was **CARRIED** (65 members voting for the amendment, none against, with 1 abstention).

### **CONSERVATIVE BUDGET AMENDMENT**

Amendment summary: Partially restore the Parks services budget; Restore Wellbeing grants to NP successor bodies; Partially restore cuts to library service budget; Partial (then full) restoration of discretionary rate relief for charities, voluntary groups and not for profit organisations; Restore, then increase spending on PCSOs.

Funding source: Remove funding for Brussels office; Reduction (50%) in PR & consultation; Introduce change to local council tax reduction scheme with staged increase; Remove expenditure on the Poet Laureate position in Bristol City Council.

Councillor Hiscott moved the amendment.



Councillor Goulandris seconded the amendment.

Following debate, upon being put to the vote, the amendment was **LOST** (11 members voting for the amendment, 56 against, with 1 abstention).

At the conclusion of the Full Council's consideration of, and voting on the individual budget amendments, the Lord Mayor clarified (under section 6 of the procedure) that the following amendments had been CARRIED:

Green budget amendment 1

Green budget amendment 2

Green budget amendment 4

Also under section 6 of the procedure, on the motion of the Lord Mayor, the Full Council noted the Section 151 Officer's statement regarding the robustness of the budget estimates.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 6.05 pm and reconvened at 6.15 pm

On the meeting being reconvened, there was then (under section 7 of the procedure) a general debate on the budget proposals.

At the conclusion of the debate, the Mayor responded to the debate and to the Full Council's earlier consideration of the budget amendments. The Mayor indicated at this point that he was minded to accept an amended budget, i.e. incorporating Green budget amendment 1, Green budget amendment 2 and Green budget amendment 4.

On the motion of the Lord Mayor, seconded by the Deputy Lord Mayor, the Full Council then

**RESOLVED (37 members voting in favour, 28 against with 3 abstentions):**

**That Full Council NOTES:**

**a) The report from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board as outlined in Appendix 10.**

**b) The budget consultation process that was followed and feedback as outlined in Section 18 and Appendix 7.**

**c) That the consultation feedback and equality impact assessments have been taken into consideration and have informed the final budget proposals.**

**d) The comments of the Acting Executive Director of Resources (Section 151 Officer) on the robustness of the budget and adequacy of reserves as set out at paragraph 16.**



**That Full Council AGREES:**

- e) The Bristol City Council levels of Council Tax increase of 4.99%; which includes 2% to support Adult Social Care and noting the precepts of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Avon and Somerset, and the Avon Fire Authority.**
- f) The Council's General Fund net revenue budget for the year 2018/19 (as amended by Green budget amendment 1, Green budget amendment 2 and Green budget amendment 4, as carried under Section 5 of the budget procedure at this meeting) as £355.8 million and Directorate expenditure allocations as set out in Appendix 1 and savings proposals identified in Appendix 6 (£76.4 million).**
- g) The Council's capital budget (including the HRA) for the year 2018/19 as £244.4 million (paragraph 14) and the setting of the capital budget for each of the Council's directorates.**
- h) The Council's provisional capital budget (including the HRA) for the years 2019/20 - 2022/23 totalling £700.5 million as set out in paragraph 14 and detailed in Appendix 2.**
- i) The proposed total Schools budget of £341.3 million for 2018/19 as set out in paragraph 10, which will be funded by the Dedicated Schools Grant.**
- j) The proposed Treasury Management Strategy for 2018/19 in Appendix 4, incorporating the Minimum Revenue Provision policy and the prudential indicators and limits.**
- k) The calculations for determining the Council Tax requirement for the year 2018/19 in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as set out in Appendix 9.**
- l) To approve the Strategy for the Flexible use of Capital Receipts as set out in Appendix 5.**
- m) The delegation of authority to the Acting Executive Director of Resources & Section 151 Officer, after consultation with the Deputy Mayor for Finance, Governance and Performance and the Mayor to make any necessary technical adjustments to the figures upon receipt of any further details associated to the final Local Government Finance Settlement.**

Meeting ended at 6.50 pm

**CHAIR** \_\_\_\_\_





## Full Council 20 March 2018



**Report of:** Shahzia Daya, Director: Legal & Democratic Services

**Title:** **Petition debate – “Save Fay’s St Andrews Park tea garden / café”**

**Ward:** Ashley

### **Recommendation**

**That Full Council debates the petition and refers it to the Mayor / relevant Cabinet member for a formal response.**

### **Summary**

Under the Council’s petitions scheme, where a petition has 3,500 or more signatures from people who live, work or study in Bristol, the petition organiser can request a Full Council debate.

The Council has received a petition entitled “Save Fay’s St Andrews Park tea garden / café”

The petition organiser has requested that Full Council debates the petition.



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## Details of the petition

1. The wording of the petition is as follows:

Petition title / subject: "Save Fay's St Andrews Park tea garden café"

Petition wording:

"That Bristol City Council should allow our much loved Tea Garden in St Andrews Park, which has been in place since 2006, to continue."

Additional comments / background information from petition organiser:

"All communities need a centre or focus and for St Andrews Park, this is the café, which has consistently served our community well since 2006. Due to this commitment, the local community including The Friends, councillors and church all support and back the Tea Garden as it is. It is impossible to include in the proposed tender process what the present café contributes to the park community. There is an annual Halloween party fund raising for CLIC and Fay attends Friends Of St Andrews Park meetings.

Pride is taken in good service and delivering homemade food using good quality ingredients at reasonable prices. The majority of sales are served on reusable china as opposed to single use cups. The opening hours are tailored to the wishes of the customers.

It is more than just running a café or becoming another branch of a chain and we want the Council to hear the strength of local feeling."

2. The petition organiser is Simon Davis.
3. The petition has secured 4360 signatures to date.
4. The Full Council is asked to debate the petition.
5. Under the petition scheme, the petition organiser is permitted up to 5 minutes to present and speak to the petition. The petition scheme allows a further period of up to 15 minutes for discussion of the petition by councillors at the Full Council meeting.
6. The Full Council has agreed the following in relation to dealing with petitions with over 3500 signatures: The topic of the debate should be referred to the Mayor/Cabinet, or other relevant body with the petitioner's views and Full Council's views.

## RECOMMENDATION

**Following the debate, the Full Council is recommended to refer the petition to the Mayor, in order that the Mayor can consider his response, in liaison with the relevant Cabinet member.**

## Full Council 20 March 2018



**Report of:** Shahzia Daya, Director: Legal & Democratic Services

**Title:** **Petition debate – “Keep our parks advertising free”**

**Ward:** Citywide

### Recommendation

**That Full Council debates the petition and refers it to the Mayor / relevant Cabinet member for a formal response.**

### Summary

Under the Council’s petitions scheme, where a petition has 3,500 or more signatures from people who live, work or study in Bristol, the petition organiser can request a Full Council debate.

The Council has received a petition entitled “Keep our parks advertising free”

The petition organiser has requested that Full Council debates the petition.

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## **Details of the petition**

1. The wording of the petition is as follows:

Petition title / subject: "Keep our parks advertising free"

Petition wording:

"Please drop proposals to introduce commercial advertising to Bristol's parks and green spaces."

2. The petition organiser is Robbie Gillett.
3. The petition has secured 3892 signatures.
4. The Full Council is asked to debate the petition.
5. Under the petition scheme, the petition organiser is permitted up to 5 minutes to present and speak to the petition. The petition scheme allows a further period of up to 15 minutes for discussion of the petition by councillors at the Full Council meeting.
6. The Full Council has agreed the following in relation to dealing with petitions with over 3500 signatures: The topic of the debate should be referred to the Mayor/Cabinet, or other relevant body with the petitioner's views and Full Council's views.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**Following the debate, the Full Council is recommended to refer the petition to the Mayor, in order that the Mayor can consider his response, in liaison with the relevant Cabinet member.**

## Full Council 20 March 2018



**Report of:** Shahzia Daya, Director: Legal & Democratic Services

**Title:** **Petition debate – “Build Bristol Arena at Temple Meads not at Filton”**

**Ward:** Citywide

### **Recommendation**

**That Full Council debates the petition and refers it to the Mayor for a formal response.**

### **Summary**

Under the Council’s petitions scheme, where a petition has 3,500 or more signatures from people who live, work or study in Bristol, the petition organiser can request a Full Council debate.

The Council has received a petition entitled “Build Bristol Arena at Temple Meads not at Filton”

The petition organiser has requested that Full Council debates the petition.

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## Details of the petition

1. The wording of the petition is as follows:

Petition title / subject: "Build Bristol Arena at Temple Meads not at Filton"

Petition wording:

"Sign this petition if you believe that Temple Meads in Central Bristol is the best venue for a Bristol arena because it has excellent public transport links and its location is better for our local economy.

Despite its already strong music scene, we all know that Bristol's burgeoning growth means that it could do with an arena and deserves to be on the major touring list.

We know that it is prudent to consider other options such as the Brabazon Hangar but it simply doesn't make sense for the reasons highlighted further below.

This should be an arena location that offers as equal access as possible from across the city. The site will not be remembered by being associated with other mayors but for being delivered by someone in the right place.

### Why is this important?

It makes sense to build at Temple Quarter (Arena Island) because:

1. It is located next door to Bristol Temple Meads train station, the major transport hub in the region, set to grow its numbers over the coming years and in line for major development from GWR and Network Rail.
2. Local train stations and lines go directly to Temple Meads and visitors from outside the city can already easily travel from their towns, mitigating pollution and congestion.
3. Bus routes from all over the city already go to the area and the new metro bus lines will also enable quicker access to the site.
4. It is in a central position allowing many locals to either walk, cycle, or take public transport to the venue. Historically South Bristol is underserved by access to facilities, work and opportunities mainly located in North Bristol. The Arena Island would enable fairer access.
5. Other successful arenas are built in the centre of cities, don't have lots of car parking and work perfectly well.
6. We believe Buckingham group are ready to start work for a fixed price of £110 million, within the budget set by BCC.
7. The arena would further accelerate the economic development of the Temple Quarter Enterprise Zone, much needed.
8. The arena would be owned by Bristol City Council and profits can be put back in to fund local services.
9. Money has already been spent there - in 2007 £13 million had already been spent to purchase and clear the site. The total cost of the arena, £91 million, will be funded by the council which will provide £38 million and the West of England Local Enterprise Partnership funding the remaining £53 million.

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10. Identity - an arena building in the centre would become an iconic emblem adding to the city's reputation, feeding the city-scape and helping to bring more international recognition to our great city, a site next to South Glos would not have that same setting or impact.

It doesn't make sense to build at Brabazon Hangar in Filton because:

1. An arena at the Brabazon Hangar is car-centric, and given the current lack of travel alternatives, would go against the attempts of the city, local institutions, citizens, businesses and communities to create a more environmentally friendly city and would increase air pollution which is already at illegal levels.
2. It would create further gridlock for roads around Filton and the M4/5 unless significant transport developments are put in place, which would take many years to achieve.
3. Roads across the city will be gridlocked with thousands of people attempting to cross the city from the south, centre, west and east.
4. The likely economic benefits will be passed on to South Glos and surrounding areas in north Bristol, already bestowed with higher than average economic opportunities.
5. The Brabazon is already privately owned by YTL, a Malaysian group. How much of the profits will go back to Bristol's economy?
6. The location doesn't encourage overnight stay, 'the night time economy' or tourism as much as in the centre would. It doesn't have the enormous range of accommodation, eateries and other attractions on its doorstep that the temple quarter site already has."

2. The petition organiser is David Wilcox.
3. The petition is not yet closed and currently has 4225 qualifying signatures under the Council's petition scheme.
4. The Full Council is asked to debate the petition.
5. Under the petition scheme, the petition organiser is permitted up to 5 minutes to present and speak to the petition. The petition scheme allows a further period of up to 15 minutes for discussion of the petition by councillors at the Full Council meeting.
6. The Full Council has agreed the following in relation to dealing with petitions with over 3500 signatures: The topic of the debate should be referred to the Mayor/Cabinet, or other relevant body with the petitioner's views and Full Council's views.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**Following the debate, the Full Council is recommended to refer the petition to the Mayor, in order that the Mayor can consider his response.**

# Full Council

20 March 2018



## INFORMATION ITEM

**Title: Update report from Youth Mayors and Youth Council**

### Recommendation

**That Full Council notes and acknowledges the update report of the Youth Mayors and Youth Council.**

### Summary

The report contains:

- \* An overview / update report on this year's activities from the Youth Mayors and Youth Council.
- \* Appendix 1 – report from the Youth Voice conference.
- \* Appendix 2 – report from the Equality of Voice conference.
- \* Appendix 3 – report from the Listening Partnership.



## **Presentation to Full Council Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup> 2018**

### **Opening - Hannah G**

Hello everyone, I'm Hannah Gardner and we're here today as the half-way point in our term of office. I've had the honour of being chair for the past year of this amazing group and right now we want to report to you the successes of our last year as well as looking at how our campaigns and work are going to evolve over our next 12 months. This last year, we've met with many of you, our councillors, as well as with the dedicated council staff and believe we have managed to build on strong relationships.

We've also been allowed by you to use this chamber to host our own debates- one just before our term of office on being a sugarsmart city, and two during our youth conference based around brexit and votes at 16. We believe they've really helped us the youth council, and wider young participants involved to develop our debating skills and question our own views and the things we champion as young people.

Between us, we've ran a youth conference, made appearances on BBC Radio Bristol and Made in Bristol to talk about votes at 16 and the work of the youth council, met with all 4 Bristol MPs and the Police and Crime Commissioner and collaborated with the council - feeding into many of its consultations.

Something I've been particularly involved in leading has been an Erasmus+ project that will see Bristol and our two twinned cities of Bordeaux and Hannover visit each other and share best practice around youth participation, so that we can strengthen our own model and in the future see even greater political engagement from young people in the city.

## **Young & Equal Mohamed**

Hello and welcome to my presentation on behalf of the Young & Equal campaign group.

**Our campaign Young and Equal aims to recognise, reduce and prevent discrimination. A shocking statistic that we found is that 10.2 million people felt like they belonged to a minority and felt that they had no external support.**

Over the past year we have developed an equalities assembly for schools. We also are now working towards developing an Equality Champions programme. Also, Young & Equal have helped Unity BAME Youth Forum plan the Equality of Voice conference in November which was a great success.

We are also working to make a blog type website for victims of discrimination with information on how to deal with the situation.

And finally we will be submitting a new youth development programme for minorities in deprived communities. This programme will help young people of BAME background that live in deprived areas further themselves in finding support and education .

**Before the end of our term in office we will be holding an equality event for young people to attend to discuss equality and how to work together to help reduce discrimination.**

### **Youth voice-** Jack W + Jack Payne

Over 12,500 young people took part in this year's Bristol Youth Vote, representing a 40% turnout of 11-18 year olds living in Bristol. This shows a willingness to engage politically and we want to ensure that Bristol City Youth Council continues to be seen as a point of contact for Bristol's young people.

One of our major achievements this year was the success of the Youth Voice Conference. This saw over 100 young people from across the city engage in democracy and debating for a whole day. We held workshops about getting more young people engaged in democracy in schools, a Q&A session that involved many councillors, and two debates; one on Votes at 16, and another on a second referendum on the terms of the Brexit deal. We would like to thank the councillors that took part.

Later this year, we plan to create a video that will go out to all schools promoting the Youth Council, saying who we are, what we have done in the past, and what young people can do to get engaged with politics in their local area.

## **Education for Life- (Eve)**

**Intro:** Hi I'm Eve and I'm from the Education for Life campaign team. Our campaign is based around the belief that the current PSHE (Personal, Social, Health education) curriculum needs to be updated, to suit the modern needs of young people and taught more effectively with more time and resources dedicated to it. This year we have been meeting with Julie Coulthard from Healthy Schools and working with her to achieve our goals.

This year we wrote a letter to the former education secretary Justine Greening about making PSHE compulsory in schools and how the curriculum can't be watered down. We wrote to her about the parts of the curriculum that we felt were missing or were taught too late. This letter was signed by the mayor, the four Bristol mps and the police and crime commissioner. Now that there is a new education cabinet member Damian Hinds who is sadly planning to reverse changes put in place by Justine Greening. He is planning on not making PHSE and sex and relationships education a necessity for schools to teach so we plan to write a letter urging him against this and we hope to meet him to discuss why this is detrimental for young people, especially young women who are often the receiving end of rape and abuse which would decrease if young people had proper compulsory sex education and consent education.

**Surveys:** We wrote a survey to send out to schools that will collect young people's views on what topics in PSHE should be included and improved, we are in the final stages of getting this sent out and this will help us be informed over the quality of PHSE teaching in schools across Bristol and what aspects need most improvement.

We have also scrutinised the current curriculum taught in Bristol schools and have written a long list of amendments such as adding more about the teaching of mental health and gender which we have sent off to be incorporated into the curriculum.

In October this year we are planning on holding a conference for teachers and some students from schools across Bristol to share best practice standards as we have realised that schools have very different approaches. This would involve workshops sharing how schools teach PHSE and sharing good methods as well as making recommendations. We hope that this conference will help PHSE be put higher on schools agenda, we appreciate that schools are under more pressure than ever with cuts and to get good grades however learning skills and about things that will set you up for life is just as important as science or maths. We hope to invite a councillor, an

OFSTED officer, the mayor and some people from the department of education. We would use the results of this survey to inform our workshops.

Thank you for listening!

**What Next?** - Caitlin + Letisha

**Introduction:**

- we're the reps from what's next group
- this group in particular has been working together for a year now
- the name for the group is based on the idea of what is next for young people be that university, apprenticeships or full-time employment - it all starts with getting a taste of what you might want to do and that is work experience.
- Today, we're going to explain what we've done and what we are preparing to do in the next year.

**Current issues with finding work experience**

- young people struggle to find useful work experience - we wanted to work alongside council services to help young people decide their future with the adequate support from a service like the Works.

**Our previous aims** , and still a part of our core purpose as a campaign group, were a) to find a way to connect schools and businesses to allow students the opportunity of getting access to a variety of work experience placements b) to create more useful work experience in the city and to create a way for students to make the most of their work experience, ie use their transferable skills or contacts to use after the actual work experience.

**There has now been a further development with our involvement as part of the Works program** we are now working with the Works and BoomSatsuma, an education organisation, to help them make the most of their services.

What started as an advice consultation for the Works, What's next is now a part of the research and [design and creation] part of the Works - helping with the pastoral element of their services - or simply put, given a young person's perspective in the matter to better engage the project with other young people.

**We've also had Karen Blong, in charge with internal and external work experience organising within the council**, visiting to centralise work experience in the council to get a consultation from the youth council members.

- **plan to include all equality groups in the next year**
- **also, to use the results from our survey, designed by a part of the What's next team, to add to our research with Boomsatsuma**

**Soon in our calendar, we're meeting on the 4th of April for our designing session at the Engine shed to create our resources for young people.**

**We're looking forward to working further on this project, which we know to be not only a mayoral priority, but also a British Youth Council campaign. Thank you**

### **Outgoing UKYP**

UKYP - (Matt Simpson)

Good evening, I'm Matt and I'm here for the moment to discuss the work of the Bristol Youth Parliament members last year. Our first campaign last year was votes at 16, something I feel we made real progress on last year. We worked with some of our other youth councillors and the Green party councillors to put forward a motion regarding Votes at 16 and e-voting, and I was very proud to hear that the motion passed with the support of 3 of the 4 parties in this council, I know very little ever gets that much cross party support in here. Our other campaign was curriculum for life, and we really didn't have to do much, as the fantastic Education for Life group has worked so hard and so successfully on it. We have of course met with all our Bristol MPs, and discussed these issues among others. MYPs have also run Make Your Mark in Bristol, the Youth Parliaments national consultation on the issues that matter the most to our young people. We got 6699 votes from across the city, and transport was voted the number one priority, suggesting perhaps we both need to collaborate and work on that.

We also attended a range of events including 4 South West conventions, the Youth Parliament annual conference in Liverpool and even going to the HOC in London. At the House of Commons I was lucky enough to be chosen to speak in support of a Curriculum for Life and Fintan Yeatman, who has since resigned from BCYC, spoke on the topic of protecting LGBT+ people. I will now hand over to our 2 new members of Youth Parliament, Caitlin and Eddie.

### **New UKYP introduction (Caitlin)**

Hi I'm Caitlin and I, alongside, the unfortunately absent, Eddie Groves, are the newly elected members of UK youth parliament. We are very honoured to be representing the youth council in this way and hope to continue the great work Matt, Fintan and Alistair have done over the past 12 months.

The two campaigns Eddie and I will be focused on promoting and getting more insight upon are the Curriculum for life and Votes for 16 and 17 years old - a personal priority for myself as I believe passionate young voices should have a say in our democracy. I also hope to use my experience as a member of youth parliament to transfer knowledge which I may acquire as a member of parliament into my campaign on the youth council - improving work experience.

The opportunities which Matt mentioned previously, will undoubtedly be very helpful in helping Eddie and I provide a voice not only for the youth council, but for young Bristol in the Youth Parliament. It promises to be a very busy but fulfilling year ahead.

## **Outgoing Youth mayors Jack Payne and Eve**

### **Eve:**

**Introduction to our role:** In February 2017 Jack and I were elected to the position of Youth Mayor. We have had a brilliant year and learnt so much from as well as had an influence on the city. Over the year we have met with the Mayor every other month and attended events weekly.

One of the main things that I have been involved in is working on the 2050 city plan, influencing the plan, running a workshop with young people creating a giant timeline of all the things that we want done, which has been included in the plan. I have also been involved in breakfast meetings breakfast meetings about the City Office to help create the city of the future. Part of this has also been speaking at the City Gatherings reminding the meetings of what really matters to young people so that they can make informed decisions

Two of the things that I have been passionate about over the last year and talked about a lot are women's rights and the environment . I have attended a debate about feminism, spoken on a panel at the international women's day celebrations and at the lantern parade to mark 100 years of suffrage, inspiring the young people who attended to help create the city we want to see. At all the events I have attended, I have highlighted and brought up climate change and creating a zero waste renewable energy city and I want to continue this work this year, helping Bristol introduce a recycling tax back system to work towards a zero waste city.

Outward Bound: the Mayor has supported and been passionate about outward bound, 12 of us went on a week long residential last year to become ambassadors for it. Outward Bound is a centre in wales where we did outdoor activities we had never done before and improve our confidence and teamwork skills. We created a video from this which is now being used to give presentations to schools and headteachers. This will ensure more young people get the opportunity to go on OB.

**Jack:**

Hello, my name is Jack Payne. I'm one of Bristol's Youth Mayors, as Eve previously mentioned. First of all, I'd liked to second what's been said. It's been a brilliant year, full of exciting opportunities. Every week has seen Eve and I travel all across the city to very different events. Every single event I have attended as youth mayor, has gave me a thought changing insight into Bristol and the people that live in this city. Obviously I can't go through all of the events Eve and I have been to (we've heard some already), but I'll go through two highlights of my term.

One event that has to be mentioned is the Mayor's annual city address, at the beautiful Wills Memorial building. The youth mayor's presented to an attendance of over a 1000 people, to deliver our manifesto and our 2050 city outlook. We both opened the annual city address before Mayor Marvin Rees gave his annual address. Overall, the event was a great experience personally for me. Talking to over a 1000 people, whilst talking in one of Bristol's most beautiful buildings, will really be an experience that I'll always be thankful for.

Another highlight per say, was meeting with the CEO of cities of service, Myung Lee. The meeting was at the engine shed and was in Isambard Brunel's original Bristol office. In the room was business partners, NGO/Charity directors and City Council employees. It was great the views of those from the third sector to those who work in local government. Conferring with the very experienced Myung Lee was also a big treat!

To conclude, I'd like to say a big thank you. Thank you to Mayor Marvin Rees who happily accommodated us in his meeting room every two months. Also, a massive thank you to the youth workers (Martin, Claire, Carl and Pete) who came with us to each engagement and never failed to support us to the maximum. It's been a great experience, thank you.

## **New youth mayors introduction ( Hannah H + Jack Pitt )**

Hello!! We are the new youth mayors and we were elected this February by our fellow youth councillors. As the new youth mayors the main issue that we are both concerned and passionate about is the improvement of PSHE in Bristol's schools.

We have been working on this for a year in our Education for Life team and want to use our positions as Youth Mayors to further our campaign. This includes us meeting with heads of the Bristol MAT's and Bristol Learning Partnership and discussion mutually beneficial and comprehensive PSHE lessons across the city.

Individually, we each have our own interests and areas that we will work especially hard on and, for me, it is regenerating areas of Bristol like the Bear Pit and ensuring all under 18 year olds have access to exercise as this improves both physical and mental health.

For me i am passionate about areas of equality like being involved in feminist groups and movements in Bristol, whilst also being interested in mental health and LGBTQ+ awareness.

We look forward to working in tandem with you all in the near future and we hope we can make a tangible and lasting impact

### **Matt to close**

And that takes us to now. I am the new elected chair of the Youth Council and I am hoping we can make this year another successful one. We have our residential coming up in a couple of weeks, where we will be resetting our campaign goals, and hopefully we will see some of you there. It would also be great to see some of you at our meetings this year, to work with us to help achieve change for the young people of Bristol, who we all have a responsibility to serve. Thank you for your support over the last year, and again we hope for another year of success.

Appendix 1. report form Youth Voice Conference

Appendix 2. Report form Equality of Voice Conference

Appendix 3. Report from Listening Partnership

# Bristol Youth Voice Conference Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017



## 1.0 Introduction

On Thursday 12th October 2017, 116 young people came to Bristol City Youth Council's Youth Voice Conference 2017 held at City Hall. Bristol City Youth Council held this conference to engage with school councils and youth forums with the aim of better understanding some of the priorities that school councils and youth forums are working and campaigning on.

The schools and youth organisations represented are as following:

### North

- Redland Green School
- Bristol Grammar School
- Henbury School
- Orchard School
- Cotham School

### East Central

- Fairfield School
- City Academy Bristol
- Bristol Brunel Academy
- Colston's School
- City of Bristol College

### South

- St Mary Redcliffe

### Youth Organisations/ Colleges

- Listening Partnership
- City of Bristol College

**Bristol City Youth Council would like to thank all the schools and youth organisations that attended. We hope to see them again at next year's conference.**

Here is the feedback from our workshops.

## 2.0 Question Time Workshop



## 2.1 How it worked

The room was divided into 14 tables of between 5-10 young people each. Schools sat together with other schools from the same area (North, East/Central and South). Tables had a facilitator from the local area and also a facilitator from the Youth Council. The idea was to encourage young people to think about issues both in school but also in the wider community. Each table was then required to formulate a question to put to a panel of Councilor's, Youth Mayors and members of Youth Parliament Matt Simpson at the end.

## 2.2 Results

Out of the 14 tables the top 8 issues for young people in school and in their local area were:

- **Public Transport**
- **School Budget Cuts**
- **Quality of PHSE and life skill teaching**
- **Mental health and young people**
- **Hate crime**
- **Young people's voice,**
- **Behaviour management and**
- **Feeling safe outside school**

## 2.3 Recommendations

### 2.31 Public Transport

#### Discussion Points and Actions

- Public Transport was voted for by Bristol young people as the top issue in the recent Make Your Mark survey. This will result in Public Transport being debated by the Youth Parliament in the House of Commons in November. Locally, this has been an issue for Bristol's Youth Council in previous years and prices were reduced as a result, however, this was only temporary and did not deal with the issue of buses being late.  
**ACTION** Ensure concerns are raised with the appropriate officer in the Council/ service providers, perhaps at a Full Youth Council meeting and with the Mayor  
**ACTION** The Youth Council could include Public Transport as campaign priority in their new manifesto in February.  
**ACTION** Engage schools and young people in recording how many times they were late due to public transport across the city to identify problems areas and get the Council and Service Providers to respond.  
**ACTION** Schools could identify the impact this has on education across the city. Could do this by getting young people to record every time they were late with the companies and ensure companies publish and respond to this data  
**ACTION** Initiate a similar campaign to last time to reduce fares but maintain pressure to keep fares low.  
**ACTION** Link with local and city-wide groups who share similar issues with public transport to increase voice and influence.

### 2.32 School Budget Cuts:

#### Discussion Points and Actions

**ACTION** Youth Council invites Cllr Claire Hiscott (Cabinet Member for Education and Skills) and/ or Sue Rogers (Interim Service Director for Education & Skills) to a Youth Council meeting to discover what she is doing locally to fight the cuts and to reduce the

impact of cuts and then feedback to school councils.

**ACTION** Determine if there are ways the Youth Council can support the Council to fight the cuts or to guide the decision making

### **2.33 Lifeskills Teaching**

#### **Discussion Points and Actions**

- Education for Life and What Next are already campaigns outlined in the Youth Council's manifesto. Work Experience Hubs will be debated by the Youth Parliament in the House of Commons in November, as this was raised as a priority through the Make your Mark survey.

**ACTION** Update School Councils on progress

### **2.34 Mental Health**

#### **Discussion Point**

- This has been a previous priority of Bristol City Youth Council and is also prioritised Curriculum for Life campaign. Mental health and mental wellbeing is a priority for the city in the Thrive Bristol initiative

### **2.35 Hate Crime**

#### **Discussion Points and Actions**

- Young and Equal is already a campaign outlined in the Youth Council's manifesto. Protection of LGBT+ People will be debated by the Youth Parliament in the House of Commons in November, as this was raised as a priority through the Make your Mark survey.
- Reporting hate crime is a priority of Unity Youth Forum.

**ACTION** Update School Councils on progress

### **2.36 Young People's Voice**

#### **Discussion Points and Actions**

- Youth Voice is already a campaign outlined in the Youth Council's manifesto. Votes at 16 will be debated by the Youth Parliament in the House of Commons in November, as this was raised as a priority through the Make your Mark survey.

**ACTION** The Youth Council could approach each area for part of the Community Space money to hold an area Youth Forum. Ideally, this would tie into the Community Instructure Levy (planning money) decision making processes which may make funding available to young people.

**ACTION** Community organisations could be invited to attend a Youth Council or campaign meeting to discuss how this would work in their areas and across the city.

### **2.37 Behaviour management**

#### **Discussion Point**

This needs to be dealt with in schools, perhaps it could be fed back to the Schools Forum so that Head Teachers and Governors understand that this is an issue for young people.

### **2.38 Feeling safe out of school**

#### **Discussion Points and Actions**

- Is this a local issue which needs to be dealt with in local communities?

**ACTION** Sue Mountstevens, the Police Commissioner could be invited to a Youth Council meeting and the results of this meeting fed back to School Councils and local communities.

- School Councils could be advised how to speak to local community organisations to get support to deal with these issues.
- Convene a city-wide meeting where young people are involved in the discussion to make Bristol safer



### 3.0 Political Education Workshop

#### 3.1 How it worked

The facilitator introduced the workshop and asked young people to think about why political education was needed and what would be the important elements to cover in a lesson. The tables were asked to design a lesson and think of creative ways to encourage political debate.

#### 3.2 Results

There were lots of good ideas for a lesson, including:

- Starting with a mini-quiz to see what people knew
- Gathering people's thoughts about politics
- Playing "Top Trumps" with the main parties
- Watching short videos, followed by a discussion
- Learning how to vote, why to vote, about taxes, budget setting, recent history of politics current politics e.g. Brexit, local, national and international politics,
- Lots of ideas for practical illustrations e.g. mock debates and elections; Chancellor of the Exchequer scenarios
- One lesson was to illustrate by a real process of voting and campaigning on in-school issues and following these up by influencing the school's senior leadership team
- Encourage politicians to talk directly to young people
- Make a video to show in lessons or assembly
- Workshops in schools and youth clubs
- Social media campaigns with celebrity endorsements
- Make a website for teaching young people
- Posters for schools and youth clubs

#### 3.4 Recommendations

- To be led by the Bristol City Youth Council Youth Voice Campaign Group.
- To use the ideas above as a basis of putting together a **Bristol Lesson in Politics** (could be a series of lessons) for all secondary schools and, perhaps made age appropriate for primary schools..

- Funding remaining from the Neighbourhood Partnership Transformers Grant could be used to deliver this.
- Link the Bristol Lesson in Politics to experiences of actual politics in school, through school councils, engaging in decisions and influencing in your local area and Bristol City Council Youth Elections.

### **5.0 Meeting with Teachers and Support Staff**

A separate session was also ran for teachers and support staff while young people were having their question time discussions. This was an opportunity to share practice around how school councils are working in each of the schools represented. We were joined by OFSTED inspector Nigel Evans. We found that each school's school council was in a different place in terms it's evolution. Here are some of the themes that emerged.

- Often school councils depend on one or two dedicated members of staff, rather than being embedded within the governance of the school.
- Young people that came forward to be in school councils were often not representative of the broad range of students in the school and there was a desire to engage some of the more disengaged pupils.
- Some of the issues discussed at school council were sometimes trivial.
- There was a strong desire to learn from each other and maybe create a Bristol standard. This could be done through the development of a Bristol school council network



Names and email address of those that attended were collated and will be written to to thank them for attending and also to test the water for a future meeting to help the development of school councils across the city.

### **6.0 Conclusion**

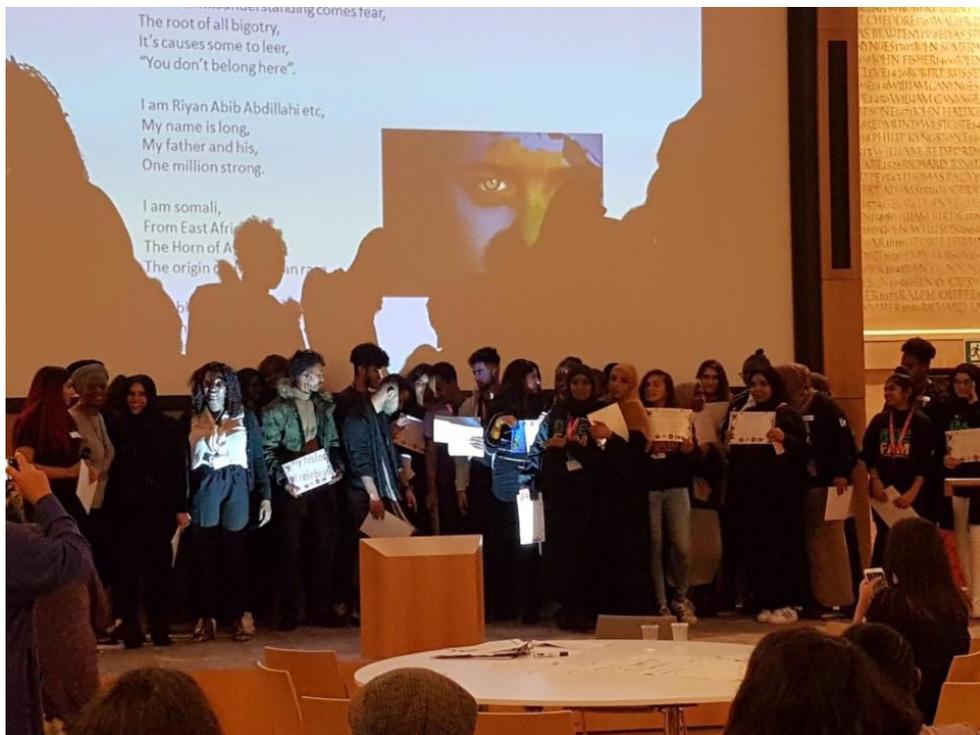
Bristol City Youth Council would again like to thank all the schools and youth organisations for coming to the conference, and we look forward to working with you again in the future. We would also like to thank those from Neighbourhoods who came and facilitated our question time workshop, as well as the Councillors who took part in the question time workshop. As stated by the recommendations from each workshop Bristol City Youth Council now has lots to work on and will use your feedback to shape what we do, as our primary role is to serve the young people of Bristol.



# Equality of Voice Conference

## 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Hosted by Unity Youth Forum





## Background

Unity Youth Forum is a forum that is run by and for BAME (Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic) & RAS (Refugee and asylum seeking) young people, to ensure their voices are being heard within Bristol City Council and wider communities. The group meet twice a month to work on their manifesto campaigns, discuss and debate issues that affect BAME and RAS young people and then represent their views to decision makers so we can have our say to make changes and influence decision-making processes.

The group felt that they needed to get the views of a wider cohort of BAME & RAS young people in Bristol therefore Unity youth forum developed and carried out a consultation asking the views of BAME and RAS young people aged 11-19 up to 25 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities across Bristol to find out what the issues are and experiences for young people. The young people decided to host a conference as an opportunity to speak about issues that affect them and their experiences 'Equality of Voice Conference'. The event was to bring awareness to how BAME & RAS young people feel, emphasise that there are issues that they are facing and to challenge decision makers to ensure they have voice and influence on changes they would like to see happen in the future.

## Introduction

The Equality of Voice conference took place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017 hosted by Unity Youth Forum at City Hall. Over 155 people attended the conference, 112 of those were young people. The aims and objectives of the conference were:

- Raise awareness of the issues facing BAME and RAS young people
- Celebrate Black history
- Opportunity and platform for Young people to have their voices heard
- Present the findings from the consultation report

To meet the aims and objectives the conference included a presentation of the findings from the consultation, a selection of excellent speeches, poems & performances by young people, workshops and Black history. The event will help raise awareness and in turn encourage young people to speak up and be heard.

## Summary of Consultation findings



Before the conference Unity Youth forum carried out a consultation asking the views of BAME and RAS young people aged 11-19 up to 25 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities across Bristol. The aim of the consultation was to find out what the issues and experiences for young people including; identifying any gaps in services and barriers for BAME and RAS young people accessing youth provision, establishing the levels of hate crime and how it could be reported. There was a total of 108 responses this number was disappointing considering there are approximately 14,000 BAME and RAS young people of this age living in Bristol. The majority of the responses were from young people living in Central Bristol (Easton, St Paul's & Barton Hill). 51% of the young people said that there was not enough activities in their area and would like to see more sports, Open Access youth clubs and more opportunities to volunteer. One of the questions we asked was 'Do you think there are any barriers to BAME or RAS young people getting involved in activities and if so, please tell us what they are?'

The staff are not relatable -  
No Somali Workers, no  
BAME workers

Language barrier, cultural  
barriers and  
understanding

We aren't always taken  
seriously, thought to be bad  
behaved or unreliable

61 young people said they had been a victim of Hate crime but the number of young people reporting was very low and the number for knowing how to report was even smaller.

No I didn't report it. I was getting off the bus with my friends. We all wear head scarves which is a symbol for our religion. We heard some Caucasian people nearby talking loudly about how we were going to bomb and that they should be careful. They basically accused us of being terrorists without knowing anything about us.

Basically, I was in yr6 and I was walking to school for the first time, so I got out of my house and walked across the road and this white man said 'Go back to you F'ing country you black B, you terrorist!' so I was crying my eyes out and I ran to school and told my teacher and head teacher and police. I didn't go to school for 2 days and my self-confidence had decreased massively. My teachers gave me support and guidance.



I was abused in the street, told horrible things and nobody stopped to intervene. I felt targeted and isolated and this has made me fearful of going out ever since. Thankfully I have been able to talk to my Youth Forum Unity about it and they have supported me to report and help make things better for me which has helped me feel more confident and not to self-blame.

When asked how would you report a hate crime, 32% said they didn't know how to report it. Only 9% said they would inform the police and 59% said they would tell someone.....



Tell a responsible adult.

Report it to SARI

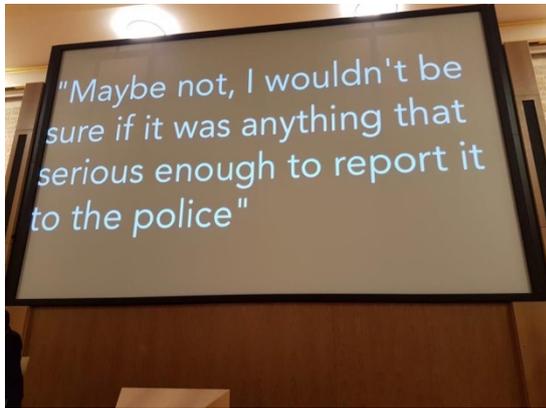
I would report this crime online by using a secure website that is high in confidentiality.

If it is an extreme case such as being physically attacked then, I would report it to the police.

If I wanted to report a hate crime, I'd most likely tell someone which can support me at school. I would trust talking to someone I know (such as my friends or a trustworthy teacher) more than talking to the police.



The findings from the consultation were clear that there was a lot to deliver in terms of raising awareness of how to report hate crimes.



### Table discussions

As part of the conference we also asked the participants to answer some of the questions asked in the consultation:





### How can we inform young people how to report hate crimes?

- \*Social media
- \*Police
- \*SARI
- \*Education
- \*Advertisement
- \*Local radio
- \*Leaflets
- \*Local newspapers
- \*Social workers, teachers, other professionals
- \*Faith groups
- \*Youth groups
- \*Peer mediators
- \*Anti-bullying sessions
- \*Know what a hate crime is
- \*Hold events/ workshops to inform young people on how to report
- \*Make it easy to access e.g; social media, school
- \*Train people/ leaders to be able to deal with situations appropriately
- \*Protected reporting
- \*School groups & presentations
- \*How to identify and recognise it
- \*Interview people
- \*Post social pages – twitter, Instagram, snap chat
- \*Have respectful dialogue
- \*Standard knowledge and legal rights

### What are the barriers for BAME & RAS young people getting involved in services?

- \*Perceptions and stereotypes
- \*Feeling nervous – not having someone to go with
- \*Not having support form family
- \*Difficulties finding out about services and activities
- \*Language barriers
- \*Mental barrier
- \*Not enough appeal
- \*It's uncool
- \*No one told me about it
- \*Schools don't do much
- \*Fro non BAME & RAS it's out there readily available for them.
- \*Services are not promoted – raise awareness
- \*Negative labels
- \*Lack of diversity – people not looking like us
- \*Adults need to step back to allow to lead
- \*Accessibility
- \*Service are not relevant – adults decide on what they think YP need
- \*Over protective parents
- \*Distrust of services
- \*Travel – where are the services located



### What can we do to prevent hate-motivated behaviours?

- \*Stop people from being disrespectful
- \*Stop people from being racist
- \*Change the way you are and prove people wrong
- \*Don't act the way they want
- \*Groups of people from different backgrounds so they can be made aware of different cultures and backgrounds
- \*Challenge the person and ask why they think that way.
- \*Ignore the negativity

### What is a hate crime?

- \*Discrimination based on difference - race, nationality, age, culture, sexual orientation, disability, job, status.
- \*It can happen anywhere (even a place of worship).
- \*Verbal or physical or systematic e.g; financial
- \*Also can be an inaction
- \*Can be pre-meditated or spontaneous
- \*A crime due to ethnicity, gender, disability, sexuality, religious beliefs, culture.
- \*Essential to what the person feels
- \*Types; verbal, physical, emotional
- \*Isolates a person
- \*Discriminates against a person
- \*Difficult to tackle
- \*About power
- \*A mechanism in which an institution discriminates against someone
- \*Partly unconscious bias
- \*A crime based on discrimination or prejudice, targeted at specific people, not a random crime



## Why do hate crimes occur?

- \*Social Deprivation
- \*Peer pressure
- \*Misguided information
- \*Uniformed sources e.g.; media, community
- \*Territorial
- \*Closed minded
- \*Don't accept difference
- \*Personal opinions
- \*Pressure
- \*Prejudice due to discrimination – race, sex, religious beliefs
- \*Upbringing
- \*Don't accept difference
- \*Bad influences
- \*Political events
- \*Misunderstanding
- \*Lack of cultural exposure
- \*Past experiences
- \*Scapegoating
- \*Resistance to change
- \*Power in balance
- \*Jealousy
- \*spitefulness
- \*Lack of understanding/education
- \*Anger
- \*Isolated upbringing
- \*Ignorance
- \*Scared of difference
- \*Prejudice
- \*Media bias/influence
- \*Bias environment

## Speakers

### Mayor Marvin Rees (video message)

Marvin spoke to the young people about his experiences and journey becoming the first Mayor of African descent in Europe. Marvin spoke about how his background and where he grew up made him insecure compared to the 'rich kids' but he doesn't see it like that now, he is now more resilient and that has given him the power to overcome barriers. He advised the young people to take opportunities when they arise because hard work and talent are not always enough.

He concluded to say he will be making space and making opportunities for marginalised people in this city and that he and his cabinet are here to support and help in any way they can.

### Young people

### Media Bias and Me by Mohammed Aidid and Sabrina Mohammed

This speech addressed the increase in media bias towards Muslims' and ethnic groups and how news coverage has helped influence the rise in hate crimes and Islamophobia. Although the media and technology has advanced we are still going backwards – the media plays on people's fears and reinforces stereotypes of ethnic minorities. The negative language used to describe black people 'thugs', 'super predators and 'sub human'. Many media images of



Black men are linked to criminality or poverty and the positive depictions are often limited to sports and music. Despite these representations being factually inaccurate they are often left unchallenged and this representation is dangerous in a world with young people who are engrossed in media.

### **White privilege by Iman Tazaoui**

Iman spoke about what White Privilege means using real examples of how white privilege happens socially, politically and economically.



### **Black History Month 300years by Sapphire Lees**

Saphires spoke passionately about the History of Black history Month but reinforced the message of not dwelling on slavery but remembering it and celebrating the successes of Black people. Black History Month is a reminder that we are capable of great things, we are capable of being educated, we are capable of loving relationships, we are capable of being winners and winners we will be.....'So my message today is that 300 years Black people were slaves and for 300 years no one spoke but because of those 300 years we are strong'.



## Scenes from Syria by *Farouk Al Sayed*



### Evaluation

The conference was an opportunity to give young people a voice and to raise awareness of the issues for BAME and RAS young people. The overwhelming feedback received was very positive, indicating that the conference was a success. We asked the young people who are members of unity to complete evaluation forms and Young people and adults who attended to complete a different evaluation form below is some of the feedback:

### Feedback from Young People

**What did I learn?** \*Improved confidence \*Planning and running an event \* that I can work well under pressure \*I'm a very natural speaker \*

**I enjoyed?** \*The Speeches and Poems \*The whole event \*The performances \*

**I felt I was good at?** \*Communicating with the people on the table \*

**What could have been better?** My mind set on some subjects

### Feedback from Adults

**What was the best part of the event for you?** \*Hearing the young people all representing themselves. \*Performances at the end, group discussions \*Stories of young people's experiences \* Young people being empowered to speak for themselves. \*Great poetry and informative \*Information about Syria. \*



### **If you were running the event, what would you have done differently?**

\*Get the young people to speak slower – otherwise superb \*Nothing \*Make sure that all opinions are respected and assumptions aren't made of people. The minority of white people's views were disregarded and ignored – this needs to change. \* Acoustics were poor. \*It was fantastic. \*Nothing it was perfect. \*start it a bit later.

### **Next Steps**

- Use the information from the consultation and table discussions to start to make some changes – include in Unity youth Forum Manifesto.
- Set up a meeting with the Mayor and Unity Youth Forum.
- Publish the poems and speeches written by the young people.
- Take the conference into schools for young people to deliver peer education.
- Develop the conference into an exhibition.

With thanks to in no particular order Unity Youth Forum , Youth and Community Work Team, CYN, Bristol City Youth Council, and every else that contributed and supported the Event.

## The Listening Partnership

The Listening Partnership is a group of young people in Bristol with special educational needs and disabilities aged 13 – 19 years old or up to 25 with learning difficulties. The group has been in existence for many years and has campaigned and been consulted with, on many issues and strategies. Over the past two years Listening Partnership has worked to develop a specific agenda linking into the current Citywide Youth Forum and to build a resilient group of young people able to express their needs and offer solutions.

The Listening Partnership's aim is to improve the lives of young people with special educational needs and disabilities by raising awareness of the issues that affect the lives of young people with special educational needs and disabilities, by making sure that young people are clearly aware of their rights and choices and people know about and understand our disabilities and our needs and by making sure that the voice of S.E.N.D. young people is heard and acted upon by the people who make decisions that affect our lives.

Listening Partnership supports young people moving to adulthood, works towards reducing stigma and stereotyping, enables young people to identify their needs and issues and engage with a range of groups, organisations, training opportunities, work experience opportunities and independent living choices.

The Listening Partnership has identified three major issues that they will campaign on in 2018.

The campaigns are;

1. A clear and supported route to independent living
2. A clear and supported route to meaningful employment

3. More accessible and affordable transport to enable S.E.N.D young people to travel around the city safely

The first campaign agreed by the group is

‘A clear and supported route to meaningful employment’

A film has been produced by the young people from the Listening Partnership outlining the barriers faced and possible solutions to this issue.

It is envisaged that further films outlining the issues of the other two campaigns will be in place later this year.



# Full Council

20 March 2018

**Report of:** Shahzia Daya, Director: Legal & Democratic Services

**Title:** Creating 6 Area Committees for Local CIL decisions

**Ward:** Citywide

**Member presenting report:** Councillor Asher Craig, Deputy Mayor for Communities

## Recommendation

**That Full Council approves proposed changes to the constitution to disband neighbourhood committees as part of neighbourhood partnerships and create 6 area committees (including the terms of reference set out in Appendix 1) to which decision making powers will be devolved by the Mayor, as the final step in implementing the 4 December 2017 Cabinet decision relating to Transforming Neighbourhood Working.**

## Summary

This report seeks approval of Full Council to proposed constitutional changes to give effect to the proposal supported by Cabinet on the 4th December 2017 to establish 6 Area Committees of elected member and to remove the 14 Neighbourhood Committees which were part of the former Neighbourhood Partnership structure.

## The significant issues in the report are:

See Appendix 1 –Cabinet report – 4 December 2017



**Policy**

1. Not applicable

**Consultation**

2. **Internal**  
Planning Obligations Manager  
Democratic and Scrutiny Manager
3. **External**  
Details of consultation relating to this proposal are contained in the Cabinet report of the 4th December appended to this report.

**Context**

4. This report is the final step in implementing the proposals approved by Cabinet on 4<sup>th</sup> December appended to this report (appendix 1).

**Proposal**

5. The purpose of the 6 area committees will be for the consideration and allocation of devolved community infrastructure levy and s106. The areas and proposed terms of reference are appended to this report.

**Other Options Considered**

6. Options for one, four and six areas were considered as part of the consultation process as set out in the Cabinet paper considered on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

**Risk Assessment**

7. A risk assessment forms part of the Cabinet Report of the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017 appended to this report.

**Public Sector Equality Duties**

- 8a) Before making a decision, section 149 Equality Act 2010 requires that each decision-maker considers the need to promote equality for persons with the following “protected characteristics”: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. Each decision-maker must, therefore, have due regard to the need to:
  - i) Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Equality Act 2010.
  - ii) Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected

characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to --

- remove or minimise disadvantage suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic;
  - take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of people who do not share it (in relation to disabled people, this includes, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities);
  - encourage persons who share a protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.
- iii) Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to –
- tackle prejudice; and
  - promote understanding.

8b) An Equality Impact Assessment forms part of the 4<sup>th</sup> December Cabinet Report appended to this report. Area Committee members are required to take proactive steps to tackle inequality and meet the equality duty as part of the decision making.

### **Legal and Resource Implications**

#### **Legal**

The proposal to set up new area committees to replace the existing arrangements requires Full Council approval. The Mayor's scheme of delegations will need to be amended if the proposal is agreed. The proposals outlined in the report will ensure that the distribution and spending of s106 and CIL monies will continue to meet legislative requirements and ensure community engagement with the process.

(Legal advice provided by: Nancy Rollason – Head of Legal Service and Deputy Monitoring Officer)

#### **Financial**

As per Cabinet report – see Appendix 1

#### **Appendices:**

**Appendix 1** – Cabinet Report – 4 December 2017

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

#### **Background Papers:**

None

**Cabinet Report / Key Decision**      **Date: 4<sup>th</sup> Dec**

<b>Title: Transformation of Neighbourhood Working</b>	
<b>Ward: City wide</b>	<b>Cabinet lead: Asher Craig</b>
<b>Author: Penny Germon</b>	<b>Job title: Head of NM Service (interim)</b>

<b>Revenue Cost: £ 309k</b>	<b>Source of Revenue Funding: <i>Neighbourhood Management Service</i></b>
<b>Capital Cost: £</b>	<b>Source of Capital Funding: <i>e.g. grant/ prudential borrowing etc.</i></b>
<b>One off</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Saving</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Ongoing</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Income generation</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Finance narrative:</b> These proposals are about finding ways to work with local communities to save a total revenue saving of £1.062m (£500k 2017/18 and £562k 2019/20) leaving £309k p.a. in 2019/20. These savings are before accounting for any severance costs, the severance costs arising from any changes to staff numbers in delivering this saving are expected to be met from corporate resources. Please note: £257k of the remaining budget has been included as part of the savings proposals for 2018/19 and will be included in the 2018/19 budget consultation.	
<b>Finance Officer: Neil Sinclair, Interim Finance Business Partner</b>	

<p><b>Summary of issue / proposal:</b> To change the way BCC works with place based communities from a council-led neighbourhood partnership structure to an approach which encourages local self-organisation and community-led action. Establish new arrangements for making decisions about the local element of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and devolved S106.</p>
<p><b>Summary of proposal &amp; options appraisal:</b></p> <p>1. To meet the challenge facing the city and build a more sustainable future, BCC needs to fundamentally re-shape the relationship with the people of Bristol to become collaborators and facilitators, and the council needs to be more prepared to get out of the way and transfer power to greater numbers of people. We need to minimise 'council led' and get behind 'community-led', encourage self- organisation and social action based on reciprocity and shared interests. As a city we need to develop a better understanding of what residents in communities are best placed to do together, what communities can do with the right help and what needs to be done by the council and others.</p> <p>3. Through the 'Your Neighbourhoods' consultation we asked the people of Bristol how best to spend the remaining £309k and how they want to influence decisions, in particular, the local element of Community Infrastructure Levy. A summary of the consultation process and findings is available in appendix B.</p> <p>We are bringing forward two linked proposals following and taking in to consideration the responses from consultation.</p> <p><b>Proposal 1 Supporting community-led action</b></p> <p>a. The Your Neighbourhoods consultation showed clear support for resources to be made available to enable community meetings and communications. BCC's aim is to encourage place based communities to self -organise, create a welcoming space for people of all ages and backgrounds to make new connections, build on what's strong and take action on the things that people care about. Some communities have access to suitable meeting places free of charge in other areas the cost can be prohibitive. With no funding there is a greater risk venues are used that are not accessible to disabled people. To help communities to meet together up to £14k p.a. will be made available to cover the cost of hiring accessible venues where this is needed.</p> <p>b. This community action will be supported by local councillors who have a crucial role to play in supporting residents to realise their ambitions for their communities. A recent paper from the Local Government Information Unit (LGIU) proposes ward members take 'a facilitative rather than leading part. Whether it is removing obstacles, offering advice, helping residents to navigate council processes or engaging with key decision makers, councillors are well positioned to smooth the path of community-led</p>

initiatives.' (LGIU 2017)

c. BCC continues to encourage and facilitate citizen-led action in the way we work with people, communities and partners. Practical examples include; continuing to support communities to establish local networks; a growing asset based community development network; '[CandoBristol](#)' web platform to help people make connections and take action on the things that matter to them; citywide networking to share stories, learning and inspiration; investing in community and voluntary organisations through the Bristol Impact Fund.

d. The majority of respondents to the 'Your Neighbourhoods' consultation also supported the proposal to fund community projects through a small grants fund with the majority of the funding targeted at areas with the greatest inequality and ranked 0-20% most deprived in England (Index Multiple Deprivation 2015). It is proposed Cabinet delay consideration of this until after the budget consultation and approval of the 2018/19 budget in February 2018.

### **Proposal 2 - Local CIL and S106 decision making**

a. Establish 6 'Area CIL/S106 Committees' of ward members. The purpose of the committee will be to take decisions over spend of the local element of CIL and devolved S106 where there is a decision to be made about what and or where the s106 is spent.

b. In many instances s106 monies are for a specific project and the only decision is when it should be delivered. In these cases it is proposed to delegate the final approval to service directors to deliver the scheme in full consultation with ward members.

c. The committees will meet once a year with the option of an additional meeting where required and will be supported by Democratic Services. It is suggested the meetings take place on the same day at City Hall.

d. A map showing the proposed boundaries of the 6 committees is attached in appendix A1

e. Areas with Neighbourhood Development Plans that benefit from an additional 10% of local CIL will be asked to identify priorities for the funding available.

f. Introduce a consistent citywide process where CIL funding is available to all organisations which meet the criteria and best placed to deliver priorities agreed by area committee members in consultation with local communities. Where funding is approved for a third party organisation a funding agreement and appropriate monitoring arrangements will be in place.

g. All CIL funded projects will be expected to meet citywide criteria as set out in appendix A2.

h. The new process will reduce the cost of administration by encouraging fewer, larger value projects.

i. It is suggested the process has three stages 1) Ward members consult their communities and newly established self-organised networks to agree one or two local CIL priorities. 2) Area committee members meet to agree area priorities and invite proposals. 3) Decisions are made in committee to agree spend with the first meetings taking place in June/July 2018 (The proposed Terms of Reference is attached in appendix A).

j. When consulting communities it is important to note 49.6% of respondents to the 'Your neighbourhoods' consultation said they would like to influence decisions using online platforms and suggested this is a way of reaching a wider audience.

k. It is proposed £38k will fund an officer to support the development of CIL proposal, ensure funding agreements are in place and monitor delivery of projects.

### **Recommendation(s) / steer sought:**

- 1. To approve arrangements to support community action and continue to ensure local people can influence decisions through their local ward councillors.**

2. To delegate responsibility for the expenditure of £271k (formally 'wellbeing fund' expended by the Neighbourhood Committees/Partnerships) to the Service Director of Neighbourhoods & Communities
3. To support the proposal to go to Full Council to establish 6 Area CIL/s106 Committees.
4. To note the proposals to disband the existing Neighbourhood Committees/Partnerships.
5. To, in principle, agree to the delegation of the expenditure of CIL local monies and non-earmarked s.106 monies to the 6 Area CIL/s106 committees with the Mayor's scheme of delegation to be updated once the committees have been set up.

**City Outcome:** *To change the way BCC works with local people by encouraging neighbourhood communities to self-organise and take action on the things that matter most. BCC will encourage, facilitate and collaborate.*

**Health Outcome summary:** The Marmot Review 2010 argues that key to tackling health inequality is greater self-determination and building social capital at a local level. These proposals are about encouraging community-led action (Fair Society, Healthy Lives, Marmot 2010).

**Sustainability Outcome summary:** While there will be no direct environmental impact from the proposal, the loss of any preferred communications channels between communities in Bristol and the council could lead to communication failures on environmental issues. This could affect two-way warnings, reporting, and responding during extreme weather, pollution, or fly tipping events. This will be avoided by the council's central control centre having access to and checking the council's social media accounts for specific communities and co-ordinating communications and responses. The overall indirect environmental impact is likely to be negative, but the suggested mitigation could make this impact neutral.  
Giles Liddell, Environmental Performance Team, Energy Service, Place.

**Equalities Outcome summary:**

The new structure brings a new opportunity to improve the way equalities communities engage and influence their neighbourhoods. The barriers to equalities communities being fully involved in the new structure are, the cost of accessible venues, lack of outreach to encourage marginalised communities, lack of resources in areas without social capital and infrastructure and the community led work may not ensure the views of equalities groups are sought. Resources need to be made available to guard against these barriers

There will be significant job losses of a diverse team. The managing change policy will be followed and diverse recruiter scheme encouraged throughout any subsequent redeployment process.

Wanda Knight, Equalities Policy Officer. 4/9/17

**Impact / Involvement of partners:** *Partners have been involved in the engagement and consultation and will continue to engage with communities through the self-organised groups. BCC will continue to have close working connections with the Police, third sector and other partners. Maintaining and progressing effective, place based, partnership arrangements is essential particularly in areas which experience the greatest inequality and where there is high dependency on public services.*

**Consultation carried out:** Since the full council decision we have been working with stakeholders to develop a transition process and the proposals take account of the findings and outcome of the 'Your Neighbourhoods' consultation. A summary of the engagement and consultation can be found in appendix B.

**Legal Consideration:**

**Consultation** - the consultation responses must be taken into account in finalising the decision. The process has complied with the established consultation principles:

- Consultation should occur when proposals are at a formative stage;
- Consultations should give sufficient reasons for any proposal to permit intelligent consideration;
- Consultations should allow adequate time for consideration and response;

Cabinet must demonstrate that it has considered the consultation responses, or a summary of them, before taking its decision.

**Equality Act** - the decision maker must also comply with the Public Sector Equality duty to consider the

need to promote equality for persons with “protected characteristics”: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation and have due regard to:

- i) eliminate discrimination, harassment, and victimisation
- ii) advance equality of opportunity
- iii) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it.

In order to do this Cabinet will need to have sufficient information about the effects of the proposed changes on the aims of the Equality Duty. The Equalities impact assessment is designed to assist with compliance with this duty and so Cabinet must take into consideration the assessment and the public sector equality duty before taking the decision.

The proposal to set up new area committees to replace the existing arrangements will require Full Council approval. Further legal advice will be provided as required in the establishment of these committees and regarding necessary amendments to the Mayors scheme of delegations.

The proposals outlined in the report and appendices will ensure that the distribution and spending of s106 and CIL monies will continue to meet legislative requirements and continue to ensure community engagement with the process.

**Legal Officer:** Nancy Rollason, Head of Legal Service

<b>DLT sign-off</b>	<b>SLT sign-off</b>	<b>Cabinet Member sign-off</b>
Alison Comely 13/09/17	John Redman 26/09/17	Asher Craig 23/11/17

Appendix A – Further essential background / detail on the proposal	<b>YES</b>
Appendix B – Details of consultation carried out - internal and external	<b>YES</b>
Appendix C – Summary of any engagement with scrutiny	<b>NO</b>
Appendix D – Risk assessment	<b>YES</b>
Appendix E – Equalities screening / impact assessment of proposal	<b>YES</b>
Appendix F – Eco-impact screening/ impact assessment of proposal	<b>YES</b>
Appendix G – Exempt Information	<b>NO</b>

**Community Infrastructure Levy**

CIL is a levy on new development that is intended to provide funding for infrastructure to support the growth set out in Local Plans. CIL is split into two components; strategic and local, and it is the local component to which this report relates.

Government regulations require that the local component of CIL must:

“support the development of the local area, or any part of that area, by funding—

- (a) the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or
- (b) anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area.”

The accompanying Government guidance states the following:

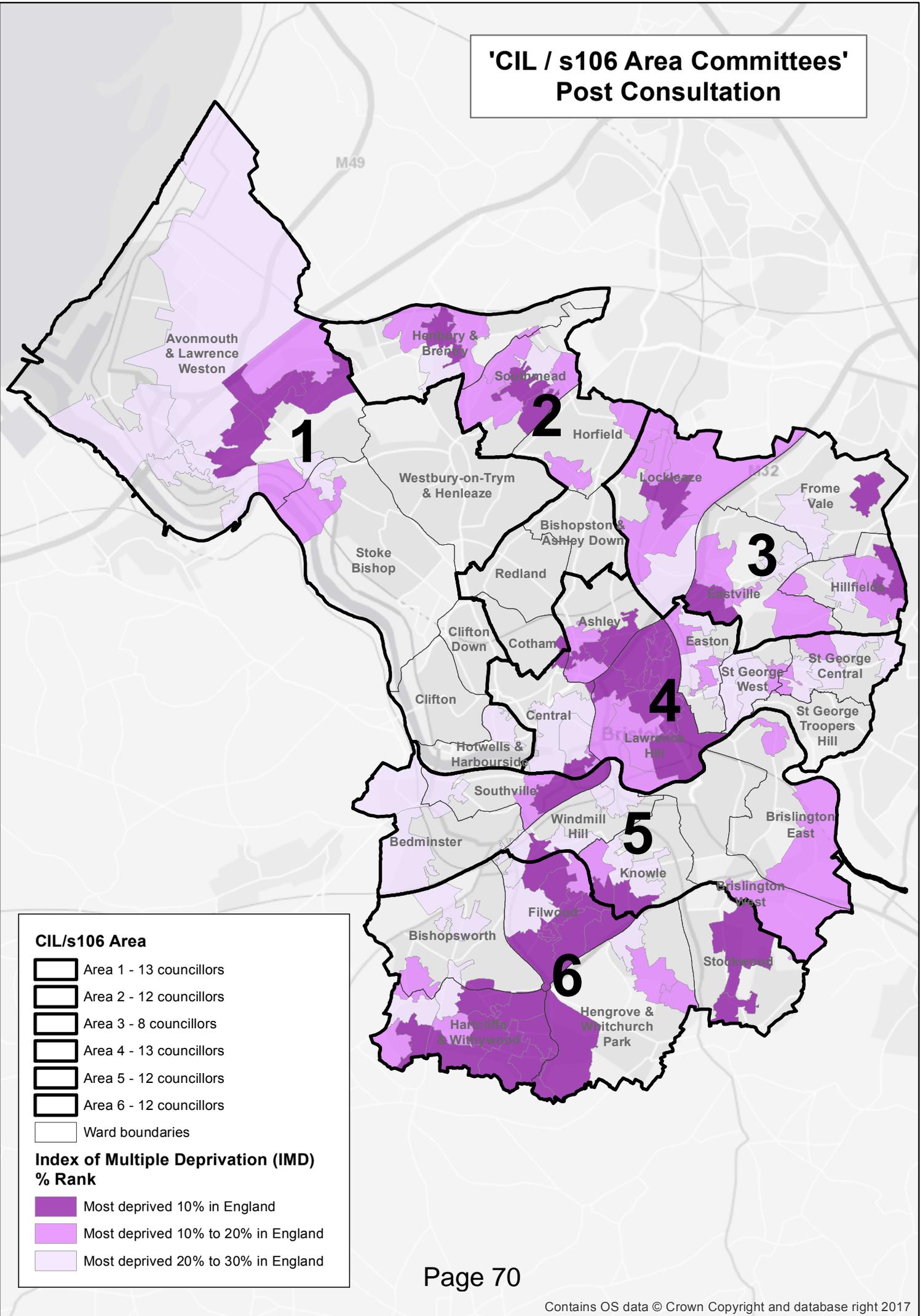
“In deciding what to spend the neighbourhood portion on, the charging authority and communities should consider such issues as the phasing of development, the costs of different projects (e.g. a new road, a new school), the prioritisation, delivery and phasing of projects, the amount of the levy that is expected to be retained in this way and the importance of certain projects for delivering development that the area needs. Where a neighbourhood plan has been made, the charging authority and communities should consider how the neighbourhood portion can be used to deliver the infrastructure identified in the neighbourhood plan as required to address the demands of development. They should also have regard to the infrastructure needs of the wider area.”

**Spending local CIL**

The table below shows what the local element of CIL can be spent on:

ITEM	LEGITIMATE USE OF CIL
A Pedestrian Crossing	✓
Park improvements	✓
A grant to enable young people to be provided with musical instruments	x
Improvements to a Community Building	✓
An alley gating scheme	x
A new shop front for a commercial enterprise	x
Improvements to land or buildings that have limited or no public access	x
The expansion of a surgery	✓
Measures to address issues of social cohesion in areas where there has not been significant development	x
Building Affordable Housing	✓
Library improvements	✓

# 'CIL / s106 Area Committees' Post Consultation



**CIL/s106 Area**

- Area 1 - 13 councillors
- Area 2 - 12 councillors
- Area 3 - 8 councillors
- Area 4 - 13 councillors
- Area 5 - 12 councillors
- Area 6 - 12 councillors
- Ward boundaries

**Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) % Rank**

- Most deprived 10% in England
- Most deprived 10% to 20% in England
- Most deprived 20% to 30% in England

All proposals must:

1. Be evidence based:
    - Deliver local priorities
    - Demonstrable need evidenced by qualitative and quantitative data.
  2. Help meet the demands that development places on the need for infrastructure, community services and facilities in an area.
- OR
- Deliver against a priority in a Neighbourhood Development Plan (there are currently 2 NDP's – Old Market and Lawrence Weston).
3. Be viable:
    - The project can be delivered within the proposed and agreed timescales.
    - Within budget
    - The proposed solution will address the problem/priority
    - The delivery organisation has the skills and capacity to deliver.
  4. Provide value for money:
    - Provides a sustainable solution to a problem or issue
    - Good project design – capital works must be properly accessible to everyone and provide high quality access for Disabled people – that is - access which will stand the test of time and is fully integrated from the outset.
    - Where appropriate three comparable quotes are available.
  5. Take proactive steps to:
    - Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited under the Equality Act 2010
    - Promote equality of opportunity
    - Foster good relations between people from different groups.
  6. Have the support of the majority of ward councillors.
  7. Be fully funded or developed with the agreement of appropriate heads of service. The council will not support any projects with unfunded maintenance attached.
  8. The decision making process will favour fewer, larger value projects.
  9. Any project on or involving council land/property must have upfront approval from the relevant service manager. For each decision making cycle the council will clarify any conditions and guidance for projects involving council land/property/maintenance.

10. Feasibility studies cannot be funded in their own right – CIL must deliver tangible improvements. Feasibility studies will need to form part of the overall project delivery.

**Who can apply?**

CIL projects can be delivered by any organisation which meets the established criteria for organisations receiving Bristol Impact Fund and must have a track record of successful delivery. Independent/third party organisations will need to complete a funding agreement /contract as appropriate.

## **DRAFT AREA CIL/s.106 COMMITTEES TERMS OF REFERENCE**

### **1. Overview**

1.1 There is an Area CIL/s.106 Committee for each of the following 6 Areas (each to be known as an “Area Committee”):

- Avonmouth and Lawrence Weston, Westbury-on-Trym and Henleaze, Stoke Bishop, Clifton, Clifton Down, Hotwells and Harbourside (Area 1);
- Henbury and Brentry, Southmead, Horfield, Bishopston and Ashley Down, Redland and Cotham (Area 2);
- Lockleaze, Eastville, Frome Vale and Hillfields (Area 3);
- Ashley, Central, Lawrence Hill, Easton, St George West, St George Central and St George Troopers Hill (Area 4);
- Bedminster, Southville, Windmill Hill, Knowle, Brislington East and Brislington West (Area 5);
- Bishopsworth, Hartcliffe and Withywood, Filwood, Hengrove and Whitchurch Park and Stockwood (Area 6).

1.2 Area Committees will make decisions about the local element of CIL monies raised within the Area and devolved s.106 monies.

1.3 The councillors elected to serve the wards in a neighbourhood are members of the corresponding Area Committee. For the purposes of the Council constitution, all of the councillors on an Area Committee comprise a Council committee with delegated power to take certain local decisions on behalf of the council.

1.4 The Area Committee is expected to take its decisions as part of a public meeting, following consultation with the community and networks within the community to agree local Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) priorities.

1.5 As a committee of council, Area Committees will be governed by the [Committee Procedure Rules](#), subject to any amendments within these Terms of Reference.

### **2. Functions delegated to Area Committees**

2.1 Decision-making in relation to devolved s.106 monies where there is a decision to be made about in relation to what and where the monies should be spent (as opposed to when the funds have already been earmarked for a specific project as part of the agreement) and the expenditure of local CIL.

2.2 When s.106 monies have been earmarked for a specific project, the only decision relates to when that project should be delivered. Such decisions will be taken at Service Director level in consultation with the members of the Area Committee.

### **3. Membership**

3.1 The membership of each Area Committee will include all councillors who have been elected for wards in the Area and no other councillors. It is expected that all councillors will attend each meeting of their respective Area Committee.

#### **4. Procedure rules**

##### **Meeting arrangements**

4.1 Area Committee meetings will normally be held annually, with the option of an additional meeting when required. These meetings will be supported by Democratic Services.

##### **Election of Area Committee Chair**

4.2 An Area Committee Chair will be elected at a formal meeting of its members.

4.3 The Area Committee Chair will be elected by overall majority. Where there is no overall majority of votes, the Area Committee Chair shall be either: a member of the political group with the most councillors on the Area Committee; or where there is no such largest group, a member of whichever political group represented on the Area Committee, is the largest group on the Council.

4.4 The Area Committee Chair shall remain in post until:

4.4.1 they resign;

4.4.2 a motion is passed by the majority of the Area Committee members to remove the Chair; or

4.4.3 a local election is held after which a chair shall again be elected at an informal meeting of the new members.

##### **Quorum**

4.5 The quorum for the Area Committee to take a delegated council decision is 50% of councillors in the Area Committee.

##### **Voting**

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

4.7 In the event of an equality of votes the Area Committee Chair will have a second, or casting vote.

##### **Substitute arrangements**

4.8 Area Committee councillors cannot be substituted.

##### **Agenda**

4.9 A model agenda is set out in the notes to this document. Each agenda must include Declarations of Interests of councillor members.

### **Minutes of meetings**

4.10 The meetings of Area Committees shall be minuted and such minutes will be made available to the public in accordance with the Access to Information Procedure Rules (in part 4 of the Council's constitution).

### **Right to submit statements**

4.11 Members of the public may submit statements that relate to issues that are on the agenda for the meeting or any other issues, provided sufficient advance notice is given.

Statements may be submitted by:

E-mail: [democratic.sevices@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.sevices@bristol.gov.uk)

Post: Bristol City Council, Democratic Services Section, City Hall, College Green Bristol BS1 5TR (if delivered by hand) or Bristol City Democratic Services Section PO Box 3176 Bristol BS3 95S

Fax: 0117 9222146

## **5. Access to Information Rules**

Area Committees will comply with the Access to Information Rules contained in Part 4 of the Council's constitution, which means, among other things, that:

- Meetings must be held in public;
- 5 days' notice of meetings must be given;
- Agendas and reports must be published 5 days in advance of meetings;
- Minutes and records of decisions with reasons must be published.

## **6. Code of Conduct**

Area Committee councillors shall comply with the Members' Code of Conduct and any other code of conduct or protocol relating to the conduct of councillors which may be adopted by the council (e.g. officer member protocol).

## **7. Decision making**

7.1 Area Committees must make decisions:

- in accordance with the Council's budget and policy framework;
- in accordance with the approved local CIL/s.106 budget and requirements for its area;
- after due regard to the local priorities and consultation with the local community;
- in accordance with the Council's Equalities Duties;
- in accordance with all relevant procedure rules within the constitution

including -

- financial regulations;
- contract procedure regulations;
- procurement rules;
- in accordance with any other Council policy, plan or criteria approved by cabinet and with any relevant contractual arrangements; and
- in a meeting following consideration of a report from a Strategic Director or his/her nominee.

7.2 An Area Committee may only exercise a function in so far as the function impacts on its own area.

7.3 Area Committees may not make a decision which impacts in a significant way on another Area without first consulting with the committee for that Area. If they cannot secure the agreement of that neighbouring Area Committee, then the matter should be referred to either the relevant Strategic Director or cabinet for decision.

7.4 An Area Committee, or two or more Area Committees jointly, may refer a matter to either the relevant Strategic Director or cabinet for a decision.

7.5 The decision-making power of Area Committees is delegated by the Elected Mayor. As such, the Mayor may at any time choose to take a decision normally taken by the Area Committees, or to delegate the power to take that decision to the Cabinet or a Strategic Director.

7.6 Where the Monitoring Officer or Chief Finance Officer is of the opinion that a proposal, decision, or omission of an Area Committee is or if made would be:

- (a) outside its terms of reference; or
- (b) outside its approved budget; or
- (c) outside any relevant policy, plan or criteria approved by Cabinet or with any relevant contractual arrangements; or
- (d) outside the budget and policy framework; or
- (e) not in accordance with any relevant procedure rules,

then the Monitoring Officer or Chief Finance Officer shall refer the matter to Cabinet or Full Council, as appropriate, for consideration at the next available meeting.

7.7 Where a matter has been referred to Cabinet or Full Council under section 7.6, the implementation of the proposal or decision shall be suspended until the matter has been considered by Cabinet and/or Full Council.

7.8 Where a matter has been referred to Cabinet under 7.6 (a) (b) or (c) Cabinet may:

- decide the matter itself; or
- endorse any decision already made; or
- refer the matter back to the Area Committee for determination; and/or
- make any other decision it considers appropriate.

7.9 Where a matter has been referred to Cabinet under 7.6 (d) or (e), then Cabinet may:

- (a) refer the matter to Full Council for consideration; or
- (b) decide the matter within the budget and policy framework or in accordance with the procedure rules; or
- (c) refer the matter back to the Area Committee for determination within the budget and policy framework, or in accordance with the procedure rules.

7.10 Before deciding any matter in accordance with section 7.6 to 7.8, Cabinet will consider a report from a statutory officer or Strategic Director.

### **Guidance notes**

i. The Area Committees are established pursuant to regulation 6 of The Local Authorities (Arrangements for the Discharge of Functions (England) Regulations and are “area committees” as defined by s.18 Local Government Act 2000.

ii Councillors will be expected to work closely together with other members of their communities to help in the improvement of the area.

Whilst Councillors will be expected to take into account these, this should not compromise their independence as Councillors and not constrain them from making decisions that they deem to be in the interests of the wider community.

iii Agendas of meetings will normally include the following items:

- a) Apologies for absence
- b) Approval of minutes from previous meeting.
- c) Declarations of Interest (of councillors)
- d) Public Forum statements (maximum time of 30 minutes)
- e) Reports on proposed decisions for councillors

Sometime prior to the public meeting the Area Committee Chair and other interested parties as appropriate, may meet with relevant officers in private to plan and agree what business is to be transacted during the coming and future meetings.

iv The statements should normally be no longer than one side of A4 paper. Members of the public may then address the meeting (the chair may wish to set a time limit, e.g. a maximum of three minutes). Anyone wishing to submit a statement is expected to contact the Democratic Services Officer named on the agenda and submit their statement by no later than 12.00 noon the working day before the meeting. The Chair has the discretion to allow any member of the public, whether or not they have submitted a written statement, to speak during the meeting.

**Appendix B – ‘Withdrawal of Funds from Neighbourhood Partnerships’ Consultation and Engagement**

This proposal formed part of the ‘Your neighbourhoods’ consultation. A full report of the survey results can be found [here](#).

The table below sets out the consultation and engagement relating to the withdrawal of funding from Neighbourhood Partnerships and the development of proposals. The proposals for local CIL have been developed in discussion with BCC Planning Obligations Manager and Legal Services. The Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for Neighbourhoods has been closely involved in the process.

Action	Stakeholders	Outcome	Timescale
<b>Phase 1 Developing options for consultation</b>			
Transition– 12 week piece of work within each NP area to consider priorities and options for the way forward. Supported by the neighbourhoods team.	Cllrs./ NP members, Local organisations and residents not currently involved	Share plans for the transition process for feedback.  Transition plan for each NP area setting out what communities want to achieve by 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2018 and the help needed to get there.	4 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2017
Initial ideas/proposals to support local decision making and resource allocation including S106 and local CIL for feedback and suggestions.	NPs/Cllrs./local communities/ organisations	These early discussions informed proposals for formal consultation. Changes were made to the local CIL proposals and options for allocating £271k as a result of the discussions.	Feb/March Feedback deadline - 7 <sup>th</sup> April
Meeting with equalities voice and influence groups to share proposals	BDEF, BOPF, BWV, BOPF, BME Voice, LGBT Voice, Multi faith Forum	Concerns raised about how new arrangements will be better at involving equalities communities. Agreement to share information with members and to be involved in future consultation.	13 <sup>th</sup> March
Meeting with voluntary sector partners to discuss the transition arrangements and support for local communities	Voscur, Locality, Quartet, Knowle West Media Centre, Black South West Network	Partner input to transition plans.	29 <sup>th</sup> March, 10 <sup>th</sup> May
Neighbourhoods Scrutiny	Councillors	Feedback on initial proposals which led to changes in the approach.	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017
City wide community networking	Councillors/NP	Development of ideas for community-led	Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> April

Action	Stakeholders	Outcome	Timescale
meeting to present the feedback from the initial ideas and proposals and key changes	members/community activists/vol orgs./members of the public.	networks. Feedback about 2 options for local CIL committees	2017
Meeting with the Bristol Disability Equality Forum (BDEF)	Disabled people	Feedback about local issues of interest to disabled people and advice about how local networks could be more inclusive of Disabled people.	6 <sup>th</sup> April 2017
Share feedback from initial ideas/proposals and key changes. Develop options for local CIL decisions	Councillors	Feedback and suggestions.	Wk. Com 24 <sup>th</sup> April
Workshop about Local CIL process organised by 'Up Our Street'	Representative from each NP area.	Ideas about how the local CIL decision making process could work	25 <sup>th</sup> April & 8 <sup>th</sup> May
Confirm offer of support for 'Building strong communities where we live' to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2018.	Local communities & councillors	All communities/Np members have a list of resources and know what support they can expect until 31 <sup>st</sup> March.	Wk. com 15 <sup>th</sup> May
Further development of future working arrangements (subject to consultation)	Councillors	Feedback and suggestions about potential community funding and process for decision making about local CIL.	Wk. Com 17 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> July and 7 <sup>th</sup> Aug.
<b>Phase 2 - Formal consultation on options developed</b>			
'Your Neighbourhoods' consultation - over 12 weeks and included 8 public meetings led by The Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Exec Members.	Public, Cllrs, community and voluntary sector & other public organisations.	Your Neighbourhood consultation report setting out the finding of the consultation	12 <sup>th</sup> June – 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept
Additional meeting with young people	Youth Council, Listening Partnership and Unity youth group.		
Additional meeting with older people	Older people		
Additional meeting with equalities groups	Equalities groups		
			10 <sup>th</sup> August
			16 <sup>th</sup> August



**Appendix D - Risk Assessment - Transforming Neighbourhood Working**

**FIGURE 1 - The risks associated with the implementation of transforming neighbourhood working**

No	RISK Threat to achievement of the key objectives of the report	INHERENT RISK(Before controls)		RISK CONTROL MEASURES Mitigation (i.e. controls) and Evaluation (i.e. effectiveness of mitigation).	CURRENT RISK (After controls)		RISK OWNER
		Impact	Probability		Impact	Probability	
1	Relying on self-organisation risks increasing inequality in the city by advantaging communities with influence and resources and further disenfranchising communities which face inequality and multiple barriers to building powerful networks.	high	high	<p>BCC will take positive action to support those communities which are not yet in a position to self-organise because of inequality, barriers to participation and/or where there is a culture of ‘doing to’ or ‘doing for’.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Provide community development support to help build connections and grow citizen-led action so that local people are in a stronger position to decide for themselves whether to establish a neighbourhood network or ‘community space’.</li> <li>b. Work with partners with the aim of aligning resources and support where required.</li> <li>c. Focus available resources on the the lower super output areas ranked 0-20% most deprived in England (IMD 2015).</li> </ul>	medium	medium	Head of NM Service
2	Fewer people are involved in the democratic life of the city.	Medium	Low	In fundamentally changing the nature of the relationship it is necessary to create the space for new things to emerge. Whilst NPs have supported social action and provided a focus for neighbourhood work the consultation confirms that the formality of the NPs has also been off putting.	Medium	<b>low</b>	Strategic Director Neighbourhoods

	Self-organised networks do not attract participation by a diverse group and any funding benefits a small number of people	high	Medium	<p>Citizens can continue to have their say through consultations and surveys.</p> <p>Positive steps will be taken to provide support to the poorest areas which experience the greatest inequality by making better use of the resources we have.</p> <p>BCC will not 'police' the networks. Ideally they will attract participation by a wide network of people from the start including residents, Cllrs, community and voluntary groups and together they will build an open and welcoming space.</p> <p>Councillors will continue to have an important leadership role in the communities they serve.</p> <p>Where BCC provides funding or other resources or where a network is looking to influence BCC decisions we will want to see participation by a diverse group of people.</p> <p>A space for ideas exchange and training opportunities will continue to be made available.</p> <p>Bristol City Council funded equalities voice and influence groups will be encouraged to make links with neighbourhood networks.</p>	Medium	Medium	Head of NM Service
3	Local communities are unable to access the right support at the right time to support social action.	High	High	As part of the transition process the Neighbourhoods Team is gathering evidence from residents and community groups about where the BCC approach frustrates or supports social action. This evidence will be used to develop a more consistent and efficient council wide approach to supporting social action by building on what works and changing what	Medium	Medium	Head of NMS



1	Failure to achieve agreed savings of £1.062m	high	high	Savings would have to be found from elsewhere	high	high	Strategic Director

## Bristol City Council Equality Impact Assessment Form

(Please refer to the Equality Impact Assessment guidance when completing this form)



Name of proposal	Transforming Neighbourhood Working
Directorate and Service Area	Neighbourhoods & Communities
Name of Lead Officer	Penny Germon

### Step 1: What is the proposal?

Please explain your proposal in Plain English, avoiding acronyms and jargon. This section should explain how the proposal will impact service users, staff and/or the wider community.

#### 1.1 What is the proposal?

These proposals are about finding more efficient ways to work with local communities to save a total revenue saving of £1.062m (£500k 17/18 and £562k 19/20) leaving £309k p. a. to support new arrangements. The proposals are to:

1. Change the way BCC works with place based communities from a council-led neighbourhood partnership structure to an approach which encourages local self-organisation and community-led action.
2. Establish new arrangements for making decisions about the local elements of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and devolved S106. These are payments made to Bristol City Council by developers when they put up new buildings. The money is there to help with the impact on the infrastructure of the city e.g. roads, parks and schools in the local area.

### Step 2: What information do we have?

Decisions must be evidence-based, and involve people with protected characteristics that could be affected. Please use this section to demonstrate understanding of who could be affected by the proposal.

#### 2.1 What data or evidence is there which tells us who is, or could be affected?

Across the city NP's actively engage with approximately 6% (27,000) of the population this would increase to about 10% taking account of all aspects of social media and online engagement. We carried out a comprehensive equalities monitoring of all NP activity during April, May and June 2016. 24% of the people we worked with completed equalities monitoring questionnaires. We appreciate this is a low number and so it is difficult to draw conclusions from this however they do paint a picture of the people active in neighbourhood partnership work and reflect experience.

This information tells us our active membership is:

Age

5% under 24, 32% 25-49, 60% are over 50  
 53% Women, 45% Men  
 2% Transgender, 1% Lesbian, 2% Gay, 1% Bisexual  
 84% White British  
 6% White 'other' (non British), 2% Asian/Asian British  
 3% Black / African / Caribbean / Black British  
 1% 'Other'  
 13% Disabled people  
 44% have a religion of belief, 40% do not  
 This is city wide data. The number of returns varied from area to area.

The Neighbourhood Partnerships provide a vehicle to help people influence decisions. Lot of things impact on whether people feel able to influence to influence decisions. The NP's are just one small part of this picture but the results give useful insight. The results can be found here:

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/documents/20182/33896/Results+of+quality+of+life+in+Bristol+survey+2015+to+2016/2a83bda4-fed5-400d-b638-2d2c72f67507>

**Extract from Quality of Life Survey**

*'Just one in five people (20%) felt they could influence decisions that affected their local area. Residents felt the least influential in Hengrove & Whitchurch Park (11%), Stockwood (12%), Filwood (14%), Hillfields (14%) and St George Central (15%). The highest proportion of people who thought they could influence decisions lived in Westbury-on-Trym & Henleaze, but this was still only two out of five (40%) residents. Equalities analysis didn't show any differences between groups.'*

In addition the Neighbourhood Partnerships are supported by a diverse staff team (specific data is not appropriate to share).

**2.2 Who is missing? Are there any gaps in the data?**

These figures do not include the significant numbers of people who take part in NP consultations about the neighbourhood where there are street level conversations with a wide range of people.

Due to reasons beyond anyone's control there was a gap in the data from Easton and Lawrence Hill which we would expect to show an increased number from Black, Asian and other Minority Ethnic people. The returns were not even across the city and so some areas there were more returns than others.

The data tells us and we know from experience Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender communities and young people are all under-represented in Neighbourhood Partnerships. One of the reasons for changing the existing structures is to seek to make it more accessible and relevant to a wide range of people whilst taking account of the significant reduction in funding and support.

**2.3 How have we involved, or will we involve, communities and groups that could be affected?**

1. Through the [Your Neighbourhoods consultation report](#) which included three dedicated meetings with equalities communities:
  - With young people from all backgrounds including Black, Asian and Minority

- Ethnic, Disabled young people and young women.
- A meeting organised by the Bristol Older People’s forum with BME Voice, LGBT Forum, Bristol Multi Faith Forum, Bristol Women’s Voice, Bristol Disability Equality Forum.
  - A meeting of the equalities voice and influence groups in Bristol which make up ‘BEING’ (Older People’s Forum, BME Voice, LGBT Forum, Multi Faith Forum, Women’s Voice, Disability Equality Forum). BEING\* is the network of self-organised equality voice and influence groups funded by Bristol City Council.
2. We have worked with existing Neighbourhood Partnership members (where there is a high level of participation of women, Disabled people and older people), young people’s organisations such as the youth council, Black South West Network, SARI , VOSCUR, Bristol Disability Equality Forum.
  3. We have spoken to BEING\* about the proposed changes and to highlight our commitment to involving equalities communities in a city conversation about neighbourhoods. We talked about how we can work together ensure Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic people, Disabled people, young people, older people, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people, Women, people of faith and none, are part of the conversation and agreed in principle to organise a joint event.
  4. We have attended the Bristol Disability Equality Forum open forum to talk about the changes and find out what interests people and the barriers to participation locally.
  5. City-wide ‘Community Connections, Community Action and People Power’ event at City Hall brought together over 120 residents/activists from different backgrounds, ages, neighbourhoods and with different interests doing great stuff in their neighbourhoods to make new connections and learn from each other.

**Step 3: Who might the proposal impact?**

Analysis of impacts on people with protected characteristics must be rigorous. Please demonstrate your analysis of any impacts in this section, referring to all of the equalities groups as defined in the Equality Act 2010.

**3.1 Does the proposal have any potentially adverse impacts on people with protected characteristics?**

This proposal is about the transition process from existing arrangements to community-led arrangements and a new process for making decisions about local CIL. Broadly the adverse impacts are as follows:

1. These proposals will mean communities establishing and leading community arrangements to influence decisions and involve a wide range of people with no City Council officer support or funding. The Neighbourhoods Team has been able to reach well beyond the circle of people who attended meetings through street meets, door knocking and outreach. With this resource no longer available people who face barriers to participation and/or not part of online networks are likely experience the

greatest impact.

2. The transition arrangements will need to ensure resources are targeted at areas where there is little infrastructure and social capital to support a successful transition. If we are unsuccessful the most marginalised communities are likely to become further excluded with loss of good will, key relationships with communities and loss of social capital.
3. It is the city council's policy to use buildings which are broadly accessible to Disabled people with wheelchair access being a minimum standard. These buildings often charge more and there are fewer of them. With no resource, people are more likely to need to use free venues which are often not accessible. This will exclude people. There is no data on access to buildings. The involvement of the city council has required use of accessible buildings. It is possible that those leading community-led space do not a) understand b) consider or c) prioritise access.
4. Reliance on community-led solutions could lead to participation by equalities communities becoming more difficult particularly those who are already excluded. Some people are reassured by council involvement. For example, Disabled and LGBTQ people may have a higher expectation that council involvement will require an accessible and 'safe' environment (this is not a given and is not true for everyone).
5. Closing the team will mean a diverse staff group will be at risk of redundancy.

### 3.2 Can these impacts be mitigated or justified? If so, how?

Where possible community-led arrangements will build on what already exists in an area and make better links with community groups which are not already involved. Community groups will have an existing network of people and connections with people the local authority finds it hard to reach. Councillors will also have a key role in supporting the local communities to work together.

A risk analyses will be carried out which we will use to identify and where possible mitigate risks by working with partners.

BCC will make available some financial support to help communities organise and cover the cost of accessible venues. Voscur ([www.voscur.org](http://www.voscur.org)) has a list of accessible community venues available on their website which will help community groups make informed decisions about where to hold meetings which are broadly accessible.

Where BCC makes a financial contribution to the community space/network or where a community space/network is looking to influence City Council decisions there will be a proportionate requirement to give due regard to the equality duty and the participation of Disabled people

Where possible staff will be supported to take up other jobs in the council. An EQIA will be produced as part of the managing change process.

We will continue to work with Bristol's equalities voice and influence groups to make better links with neighbourhoods.

3.3 Does the proposal create any benefits for people with protected characteristics?

Yes

3.4 Can they be maximised? If so, how?

We know from experience some people from equality communities do not want to engage with council-led arrangements and will be more inclined to get involved with community-led solutions.

Where there is a commitment from the local community there is the potential to create a much more engaging, inviting and accessible space where people of all ages, backgrounds and life experience can come together. The formality of NPs and narrow focus of some of the meetings was off-putting to many people.

Changes to the way decisions are made about the local element of CIL and devolved S106 will create a more transparent and fairer process by establishing a citywide process.

#### Step 4: So what?

The Equality Impact Assessment must be able to influence the proposal and decision. This section asks how your understanding of impacts on people with protected characteristics has influenced your proposal, and how the findings of your Equality Impact Assessment can be measured going forward.

4.1 How has the equality impact assessment informed or changed the proposal?

EQIA has been updated following the 'Your Neighbourhoods' public consultation. Funding will be available to enable place based/neighbourhood communities to meet in accessible venues.

A small amount of funding will be available to encourage open and welcoming community spaces or networks where people from diverse backgrounds and ages come together and make new connections. Voscur has made a list of accessible venues available on its website.

4.2 What actions have been identified going forward?

The Neighbourhoods Team will create opportunities to share learning about how to create a welcoming space.

4.3 How will the impact of your proposal and actions be measured moving forward?

Ultimately the impact will be participation of local people in community-led networks or partnerships across the city with active participation of equality groups. As they are community-led there will be no formal governance or requirement on these community spaces. The 'community' is diverse – with looser arrangements there is a strong risk of the better organised communities taking over, this could work against the intention of this proposal to hear more community voices, and could disenfranchise the most excluded equalities communities. Where the council makes a small financial contribution or where community networks are looking to influence the decisions of the council there will be a proportionate requirement to give due regard to the equality duty including the use of venues accessible to wheelchair users.

Service Director Sign-Off: Gemma Dando	Equalities Officer Sign Off: Jean Candler
Date: 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	Date: 8 November 2017

## Appendix F - Eco Impact Checklist

<b>Title of report: Withdrawal of Funds to Neighbourhood Partnerships</b>				
<b>Report author: Penny Germon</b>				
<b>Anticipated date of key decision: 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>				
<b>Summary of proposals:</b> To change the way BCC works with place based communities from a council-led neighbourhood partnership structure to an approach which encourages local self-organisation and community-led action. Establish new arrangements for making decisions about the local element of CIL and devolved S106.				
<b>Will the proposal impact on...</b>	Yes/ No	+ive or -ive	If Yes...	
			Briefly describe impact	Briefly describe Mitigation measures
Emission of Climate Changing Gases?	No			Giving access to council social media groups for communities to the council's centralised control centre, so they can deliver critical resilience information, such as weather warnings and advice, and co-ordinate action with relevant council teams and other organisations to incoming information from communities about what is happening on the ground, such as drains blocking during heavy rain, or the occurrence of fly tipping incidents, etc.
Bristol's resilience to the effects of climate change?	Yes	-ve	Risk of poorer information exchange between the council and communities about extreme weather, such as flood warnings.	
Consumption of non-renewable resources?	No			
Production, recycling or disposal of waste	Yes	-ve	Risk of poorer information exchange between the council and communities about fly tipping.	
The appearance of the city?	Yes	-ve	Risk of poorer information exchange between the council and communities about anything that affects the appearance of communities.	
Pollution to land, water, or air?	Yes	-ve	Risk of poorer information exchange between the council and communities about pollution or nuisance.	
Wildlife and habitats?	No			
<b>Consulted with: Environmental Performance Team</b>				

**Summary of impacts and Mitigation - to go into the main Cabinet/ Council Report**

While there will be no direct environmental impact from the proposal, the loss of any preferred communications channels between communities in Bristol and the council could lead to communication failures on environmental issues. This could affect two-way warnings, reporting, and responding during extreme weather, pollution, or fly tipping events. This will be avoided by the council's central control centre having access to and checking the council's social media accounts for specific communities and co-ordinating communications and responses. The overall indirect environmental impact is likely to be negative, but the suggested mitigation could make this impact neutral.

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