

Recommendation:

- To **discuss and agree** the adoption of Shelly Swift on to the NP as a Business Rep

Please see below a statement from Shelley Swift regarding her possible adoption as a Business Rep on the Neighbourhood Partnership.

Neighbourhood Partnership

Statement of interest

Business advocate

As an owner of a local business, a teacher and a family resident, I am heavily invested in my local community. I have been fortunate to have held the position of Federation head of International which afforded me numerous opportunities. These include the establishment of local, national and international networks, the oversight of a large budget, significant leadership and experience in community engagement. I have worked within a number of multidisciplinary teams of NGOs, charities, British Council, Universities and business to organise large community events and conferences. I am expert advisor representing the UK with 'Think Global', and previous Chair to a number of education related national and international bodies. As a business owner, I have also organised community events related to martial arts and therapies. Following my return to Bristol in December 2016 from living in Shanghai for three years, I have worked to improve the functionality of the Gloucester Road BID thus becoming Chair with a new board of directors in September 2016. Since appointment of this non-remunerated position, I have invested significant time and energy to allow the board to function effectively in a sustainable manner. This has included changing the structure, reducing utilities, providing business support and of course the organisation of community events. As a team, we organised a large Christmas event in short time with minimal resources and we hope to continue to engage with our community in the future. Part of this commitment involves engagement and improved communication with other local organisations who have an interest in the betterment of our local community. I am keen to work in a fair and transparent way to enable our local area to be a place to live and work happily from the perspective of all. It is with this goal, that I wish to act as business trader representative for the Neighbourhood partnership.

