



**Avonmouth & Lawrence Weston Neighbourhood Partnership
Wednesday 22nd March 2017**

Title: Port Communities Resilience Fund Update

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the NP notes the key decisions approved for action at the second meeting of the PCRf Strategic Board on 15th February 2017 and the minutes of the meeting attached at Appendix 1
2. That the NP takes up the recommendation either to confirm the existing community representatives or appoint new ones to the Strategic Board as part of the Transition Plan activities for post-NP arrangements. **(Item 2)**

1.1 The second meeting of the PCRf Strategic Board met on 15th February 2017

1.2 All four 'village' areas were represented by NP resident members, along with Ward Councillors and BCC service leads and Kate Royston from SevernNet representing businesses

1.3 Progress on delivery of the PCRf was made, with 5 key decisions being made:

- Approval to create a post for 18 months at 24 hours per week to co-ordinate the Fund programme
- Approval to set up a communication strategy in line with recommendations made at the November community event.
- Clarification of proposals for the Jobs and Enterprise strand
- Clarification of the emerging shape of a assessment process for the Community Facilities strand
- Clarification of the proposals contributing to Thriving High Streets strand

Actions proposed to take all five elements of the PCRf programme forward were approved by the Board

1.4 BCC budget cuts and the PCRf £1million: it was clarified that the £1million for the PCRf is not within scope for either being frozen or cut within the Council's deficit reduction proposals. The fund is adopted within the Capital programme of the Corporate Strategy budget agreed on 21st February at Full Council.

1.5 The Minutes of the 15th February meeting are attached as **Appendix 1** to this paper

1.6 The next meeting of the Board is: 12th April, 6.00pm – 7.30pm within Avonmouth or Lawrence Weston, venue to be confirmed

2. Consideration of PCRf 'village' representation on the PCRf Strategic Board post NP

2.1 Given that the NP Programme is closing in June 2017 it's recommended that the Transition Plan and post-NP arrangements should include the adoption of new or confirmation of existing community representatives on the PCRf Strategic Board