



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

**Title:** Post-NP Transition Workshop

**Report of:** Keith Houghton, Neighbourhood Partnership Co-ordinator

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. To hold the second half of the 22<sup>nd</sup> March NP meeting as a structured 'conversations workshop' to generate ideas, issues, risk-identification and actions to build towards the completion of a Transition Plan to shape post-NP community-led arrangements

1.1. The Council Budget decision to cut the NP Programme budget by £500,000 in 2017/18 and by £562,000 in 2018/19 poses a challenge to the City's neighbourhoods to consider how they might want to take forward any of the benefits they gained from the NP process into new, community-led arrangements for the future

1.2 The City Council has developed some ideas of a financial 'offer' to support elements of neighbourhood working, but with the emphasis on local organisations, not BCC staffing, to deliver local decision-making, priority setting and good practice and project development ideas. Ward Councillors are a key resource in this future work.

1.3 The NP has the opportunity to engage its existing contacts and to invite participation from the wider Ward's residents, groups and service organisations to imagine a future way of supporting the community-building aspirations within the NP area – and beyond, in that NP boundaries based on wards are not the basis on which neighbourhoods have to define themselves.

1.4 The NP will therefore devote the second half of the 22<sup>nd</sup> March NP meeting to a workshop-style way of working to generate conversations to build towards a Transition Plan for the neighbourhood. These can include:

- Ideas about how the neighbourhoods in the existing NP area might continue to improve the quality of life for residents – working separately and together

- Ways in which the BCC offer of a 'wellbeing' fund and funds to support 'community spaces' might be used and administered by community organisations
- Any potential 'asks' to BCC and other services to support community-led working
- Identifying priorities to take forward – from the existing NP plan, from existing and emerging Community Plans etc.
- Identifying risks
- Mapping existing, at-risk and emerging assets within the neighbourhood
- Responding to the BCC offer and ideas for local decision-making around S106 and CIL
- Identifying wider groups to include in Transition conversations and who will reach out to them