



**Henbury, Brentry & Southmead Neighbourhood Partnership
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Recommendations

1. The NP notes the closure of the NP programme from June 2017 as a consequence of the Budget decisions taken at the 21st February Full Council meeting and the BCC 'Offer and Ask' and request to develop a Transition Plan outlining the broad 'direction of travel' to create community-led post-NP arrangements. **(Item 1, Appendices 1, 2 & 3)**
2. The NP notes the holding of the 20th March event with the Police & Crime Commissioner and formally thanks the Greenway Centre for allowing free use of their Hall to support this event **(Item 2)**
3. The NP notes the VCS funding decisions flowing from the approval of the Bristol Impact Fund recommendations at the 7th March Cabinet meeting and their impact on H&B & S-based projects and organisations **(Item 3)**
4. The NP notes the re-commissioning of Youth Services and the consultation opportunity which is open to 27th April and decides if and how it wants to feed in any collective or individual opinions **(Item 4 & Appendix 4)**
5. The NP considers the recommendation to use the offer of BCC support to hold 'Forum' and NP events until end June 2017 and considers the proposed dates and the option to use those to continue Transition work to develop post-NP arrangements. **Item 5**

1. Closure of the Neighbourhood Partnership Programme and future community-led working in Henbury, Brentry and Southmead Wards

1.1 The Henbury, Brentry & Southmead NP has been considering its work plan for some time in the light of BCC budget reductions as they emerge.

1.2 At the Full Council meeting on 21st February the following reductions in NP-specific budgets were approved:

- Of the current £1.1 million - £500,000 to be removed in 2017/2018
- £562,000 to be removed in 2019/20
- This means that a reduced BCC staff team will work across 2017/18 and 2018/19 to support neighbourhoods develop community-led models of local influencing, decision-making and community building.

1.3 The Neighbourhood Partnership model as developed since 2010 in the city will come to a close as a result of these budget decisions. BCC are offering until end June 2017 to support the Forum/NP meeting model, although NPs are being asked to use these opportunities to engage their communities more widely in developing models for post-NP arrangements, rather than 'business-as-usual' activities.

1.4 The City Council is still committed to working with local communities and to supporting communities to build influencing and community-shaping arrangements to follow on from NPs, but obviously with reduced resources from the City Council.

1.5 To this end Councillors, the NPs and NP staffing are being asked to work with their wider communities to develop a **Transition Plan** which outlines how they might want to organise themselves to build on the most useful aspects of Neighbourhood Partnership work and other community activities. The basic questions being asked of this Transition Plan are

- What community arrangements & structures do you want to develop between now and March 2018 to develop your communities and to work with the Council and other statutory bodies (Police; Health etc.)?
- What does the community best do for itself?
- What does the community and Council do best working in partnership?
- What does the Council do best for the community?

1.6 Local Decision-Making & the City Council's Offers and Asks: The City Council is developing both an 'Offer' and an 'Ask' to support local activities, influencing and decision-making which does not depend on BCC officer input to the degree it did within the NP model.

Essentially, BCC is exploring models to:

- Provide a basic level of 'wellbeing fund' financial support to fuel local activities, with the suggestion of an enhanced funding allocation to those parts of the city containing the 42 most deprived Lower Super Output Areas (LSOAs). In Henbury & Brentry Ward there are 1 such LSOA, in Southmead there are 2. **A local arrangement for allocating and**

monitoring this grant funding will be needed

- To provide a core fund to support ‘community spaces’ – room hire and a little publicity – that can act to bring groups, organisations and individual residents together to share ideas, agree priorities and work with statutory bodies. BCC is asking that two such ‘community spaces’ take place a year. Henbury & Brentry and Southmead may want to consider how it might want to use any such funding offer to address the needs of the Wards. **The essential thing is that neither the ‘wellbeing fund’ nor the ‘community spaces’ will be co-ordinated by BCC staff.** The ask from BCC is that a local organisation or structure comes forward or is created which can co-ordinate these funds and activities on behalf of the wider neighbourhood.
 - Decision-making about S106 & CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy): The City Council is also exploring how local decision-making by Councillors can be influenced by local people and take place. There are several models which are being explored. These will be put out for formal consultation between May 2017 and August 2017 before a final method is agreed and put in place.
- 1.7 BCC’s draft **Local Decision-Making Models** discussion papers and **Transition Timeline** are attached at **Appendices 2 & 3**
- 1.8 The essential task – and opportunity – is for the Henbury & Brentry and Southmead NP Councillors and resident members, NP Co-ordinator and Neighbourhood Officer is to work with the wider communities and organisations across the wards to pull together ideas and proposals for future community-led working and an ‘ask’ to the City Council and other bodies to support the community’s development of their preferred model(s) over the coming year/two years.
- 1.9 The NP Co-ordinator has put together a Transition Plan with proposed activities with the aim of achieving this initial Transition Plan – **Appendix 1**
- 1.10 **Recommendation: that the NP considers this Transition Plan, amends it and adopts it to guide its production of an initial Transition Plan to guide the development of post-NP arrangements over the coming year by the end of April 2017. In particular that the NP approves working with Henbury & Brentry Community Council to hold explorations for Henbury & Brentry at their planned 20th April meeting and with Southmead to hold an event on either Saturday 22nd April or Saturday 6th May to bring people and organisations together to draft the elements of a Transition Plan**

2. Police Crime Commissioner Public Meeting: Monday 20th March meeting date

2.1 As part of the agreed priorities from the NP Plan, the meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner, Sue Mountstevens, takes place on Monday 20th March at 7.00pm at the Hall, The Greenway Centre, Doncaster Road, Southmead.

2.2 The NP is asked to thank the Southmead Development Trust for the free use of their Hall to support this event.

2.3 A verbal update on the event will be provided at the NP meeting on 28th March.

3. Bristol Impact Fund decisions and impact on Henbury & Brentry and Southmead organisations

3.1 The Bristol Impact Fund has brought together £3.29m of BCC voluntary sector grant funding from a range of BCC directorates into a single Prospectus to deliver a consistent range of impacts across the city:

- reduced disadvantage and inequality.
- improved health and wellbeing.
- increased resilience.

To be delivered by:

- Giving the right help at the right time.
- Helping people to help themselves and each other.
- Building on the strengths of people and communities.
- Connecting people and organisations within and across communities.

3.2 Henbury & Brentry ward will receive input from projects funded from Bristol Impact Fund of £88,652 per annum.

Southmead will receive input from projects funded from Bristol Impact Fund of £51,731.

a. Local organisations receiving Large or Medium Grants are:

- none

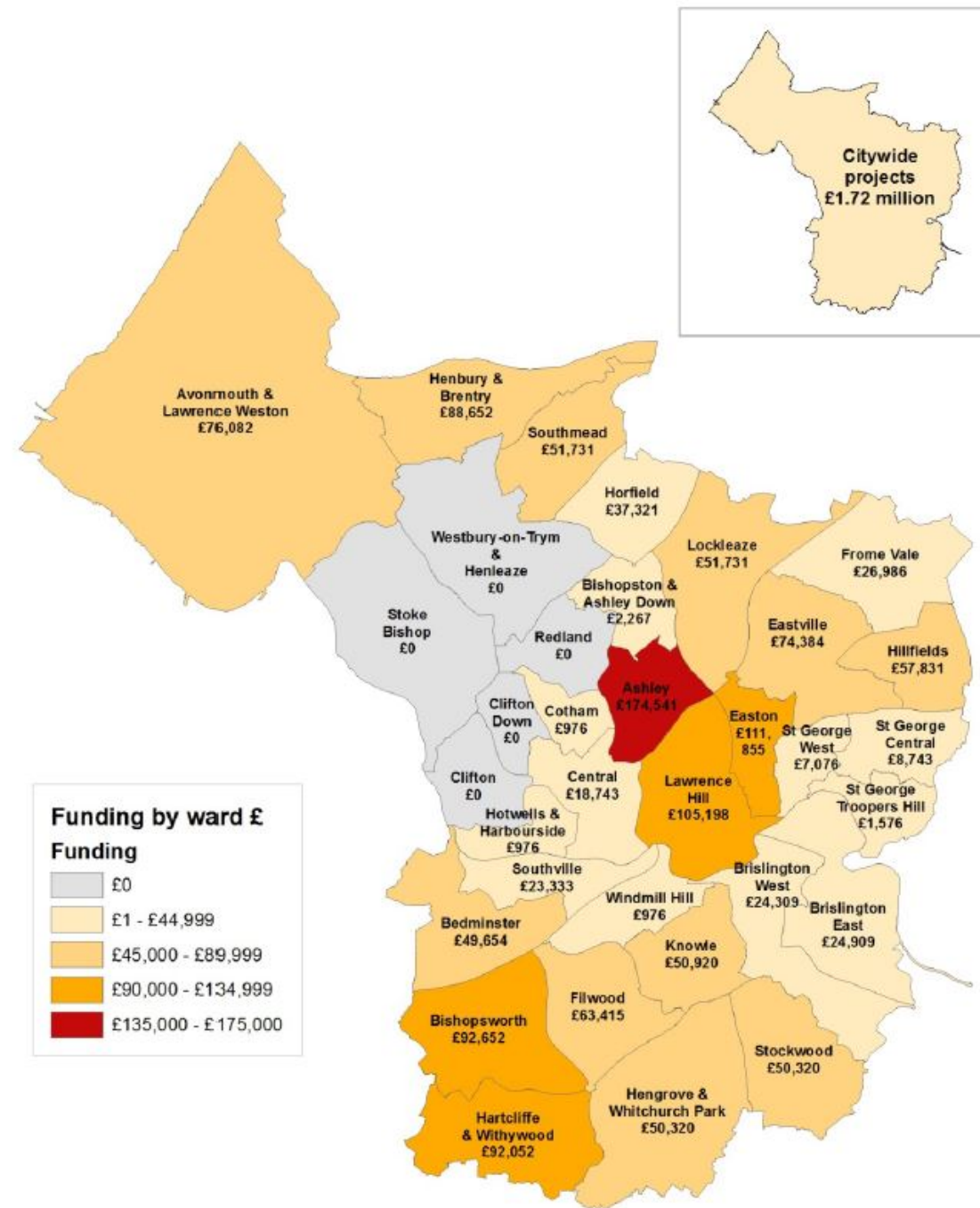
Small Grants:

- Henbury Community Centre

b. Local organisations which have not succeeded or whose existing grant will end in **July 2017**:

- **Southmead Community Centre**
- Southmead Development Trust
- **WISH (Working in Southmead for Health)**

3.3 In drawing up its Transition Plan and any Asset mapping, Henbury & Brentry and Southmead will need to consider the impacts on its different communities of both continued, new or lost grant support from the City Council



Distribution map of successful Bristol Impact Fund monies across the City

4. Re-commissioning Bristol Youth Services from 2018 – Consultation

4.1 The current contract for Youth Services run until 2018. The City Council is starting the process of re-commissioning this service.

4.2 The contract value will reduce from its current £4.2 million to £3 million. The proposed shape of the new contract is reflects the 'Our journey Together' priorities put together by CYP & youth sector (being healthy, safe, learning skills). Children Young People and Families Strategy provide the overarching outcomes (safe, healthy, involved, achieving) and the need for more targeted services on areas of deprivation and vulnerable children and young people – tackling inequality in the city. **This means that North Bristol will receive less funding support in comparison to central Bristol and South Bristol, because of the weight of deprivation factors evidenced in those parts of the city.**

4.3 Consultation: the consultation on the current focuses for service provision is open until **27th April 2017**. See presentation attached at **Appendix 4**

The NP and any interested residents can give collective or individual feedback via:

Online questionnaire:

<https://bristol.citizenspace.com/people/targeted-youth-services-commissioning-plan/>

Email to byl@bristol.gov.uk

5. Dates for NP events:

5.1 BCC Neighbourhood Management is offering to support NP events until June 2017. To support post-NP Transition planning and to enable some of the funding decisions proposed in the Business Report the NP is recommended to use the following pencilled in 'Forum' and NP meeting dates:

Henbury & Brentry 'Forum space' – shared with H&BCC: **Wednesday 24th May?**

Southmead 'Forum space': **Thursday 25th May?**

Henbury, Brentry & Southmead NP event: **Tuesday 20th June?**