Your Neighbourhood

Consultation on changes to local services

Information Booklet

BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL

Your chance to influence changes to services in your neighbourhood

Due to reductions in central government funding and the needs of a growing and ageing population, the council will have less money to provide services in Bristol over the next five years.

We consulted on **which** service areas would be reduced from October 2016 - January 2017. In February 2017, the council decided what sums of money had to be saved in each area. Now we need to decide **how** to make the savings. This is where you come in.

We have already consulted on savings proposals for Targeted Youth Services, dementia care and recommissioning alcohol and other drug misuse services for adults.

Now we are asking for your views on a group of five consultations which bring together savings proposals that impact on neighbourhoods and local services you may use regularly. They are:

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These surveys all run for 12 weeks, ending Tuesday 5th September.

There are several options for how savings could be delivered. We need your views to shape what comes next.

The consultations share the bigger picture of the reductions as well as showing how each proposal works on its own.

An interactive map at **www.bristol.gov.uk/yourneighbourhood** can help you visualise what the proposals look like. It will also give you an overall picture of what services could look like in your local area based on your feedback. If you have internet access you can complete all of the surveys online at this same address, and you might find it useful to keep the map open in a separate tab or window as you respond.

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Next steps

The responses will be analysed to help the council decide how best to deliver the agreed budget savings.

Your feedback, along with the views of other local groups and partners and the results of our Equalities Impact Assessments, will be taken in to consideration in developing a set of final proposals that will be put to the Mayor and his Cabinet to make a final decision. In making a decision Cabinet will also take consultation responses and Equalities Impact Assessments into consideration.

The consultation results and the council's decision on how to deliver future services will be published later in 2017 or early 2018.

How you can take part

There are five consultation surveys where you can comment about proposals for various local services. These are available online at **www.bristol.gov.uk/yourneighbourhood** or, if you do not have internet access, in our printed Your Neighbourhood survey booklet.

Please comment on as many consultations as you can. This will help us build a picture of the potential combined effect of the proposals across the city.

We ask that everyone completes the "About you" and "Next Steps" sections.

When you are finished you should return only the survey booklet to us using the freepost envelope provided. If you don't have a freepost envelope, you can send it to us at:

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Bristol Community Links

Introduction

Bristol Community Links is Bristol City Council's in-house day service for adults with learning disabilities, dementia, physical and sensory impairment or social care needs.

On 21 February 2017 Full Council decided to save £1.239m from the Bristol Community Links service budget over the next three years. This represents about a third of its current budget and our current proposals reflect this. There is also a requirement to bring in an additional £100k in income.

The council's Corporate Strategy includes a commitment to deliver more community-based services to enable people to become more independent.

We have carefully considered and followed up the suggestions for Bristol Community Links which we received during the Corporate Strategy consultation in 2016/17. We have used these suggestions to design the proposed new service described here.

What this means for the service

Although known as Bristol Community Links, it is actually a group of different services, including:

- Three Community Links centres, based in North, South and Central Bristol, which provide services for people with complex and high level personal care needs. They also provide a base for people to go out and access community activities. Approximately 130 people currently use the service. People who attend the centres are brought to and from the centres in minibuses.

- Three drop-in centres which offer low level support to people with learning disabilities who otherwise live independently in the community. These centres are located in community-based centres. At the moment, approximately 120 people currently use the drop-in service.

- This reduced budget means that we can no longer afford to run services in the same way.

We have completed an Equalities Impact Assessment for these proposals. You can read this online at **www.bristol.gov.uk/yourneighbourhood** or in the printed 'Your Neighbourhood - Equalities Impact Assessments' booklet.

What we are proposing

We are proposing changes to the drop-in centres, the Community Links Centres and the minibus transport service.

1. Drop-in Service

- We propose that we maintain the drop-in service. This is because people have explained how important it is to have help close to home so that they can access support when they need it.

- We will look at ways we could develop the service so it is available in other parts of the city and supports other residents' needs; for example people with a sensory impairment or physical disabilities. This could also include working with city partners to offer the service from alternative venues.

- We will explore partnerships with other organisations such as health services, or other providers of social care services, so drop-in services can be available to more people.

2. Bristol Community Links Centres

From our discussions with people who use the service, carers and professionals we understand that local people need help in two distinct ways:

• To develop the skills to live independently.

• To cope with the challenges of dementia.

Due to the level of savings we need to make we have to change the way we provide services, whilst making sure we can still directly provide services where there are gaps across the city.

We propose that services currently provided from the Community Links Centres are split into two separate parts:

• **Independent Living**. This service will work with people with a range of disabilities - for example, learning disabilities, autism or sensory impairment – helping them to live more independently by accessing things like training, employment, accommodation and other useful skills. It will also help people become more involved in their community. This approach is designed to reduce the need for people to use ongoing packages of support from adult care services. When people have developed their skills enough to not need the Independent Living service, the drop-in service will still be available as and when they need it.

• **A Centre of Excellence for Dementia**. This will be a day centre for people with mild and moderate dementia. Our aim is to create a centre of excellence for the whole city that brings together council, health and dementia provider services plus support for carers and families. As this service develops it is likely this will include a main centre as a base plus outreach services across the whole city.

We now need to develop the detail of how we can best deliver these two services, including where they are located and how the council and other providers can work together.

The council will no longer act as a provider for individuals with more complex learning disabilities. Our research shows there is a good range of other providers offering this care at a high quality standard across the city.   This means we can help individuals and their families move to a new provider within a suitable timeframe and be confident they will receive an equivalent level of care based on their specific needs.

We will work with all existing users of Bristol Community Links services on an individual basis to ensure that their eligible needs continue to be met, in line with the Care Act and the Corporate Strategy. This may be through a council-run service, or it could be through services from other providers in the city, as appropriate to the individual.

We will also work with partners to develop the new service and will explore new opportunities. These might include looking at ways we can make money from the existing buildings, as well as how we might open these new services to self-funders and people in receipt of a personal budget.

As a result of feedback to these proposals we may need to change the buildings that we operate from and may no longer require all of our current Bristol Community Links buildings.

We recognise these buildings are valuable assets to local communities and to people with disabilities citywide, so we will explore ways other organisations might be able to use them. We will also look at other opportunities to provide our services from other locations so we can best meet peoples' needs.

We considered a number of other ideas for the Bristol Community Links buildings but none of these would enable us to make the required savings.

3. Transport

Current minibus transport to centres is very costly and uses funds that could be used to provide more services at the centres. So we are proposing to:

• Assess people's needs on an individual basis through their Adult Social Care review before any potential changes are made.

• Work with individuals to see if they can use support closer to home so their travelling time is reduced.

• Stop universal transport to our centres. Instead will we look at how people can arrange their own transport. For example where people receive the mobility component of benefit we will consider, in consultation with them, whether they can arrange their own transport to services or may be able to use public transport if appropriate.

• Where people do require support to access services, we will work with them to find suitable travel solutions.

PLEASE NOTE: Any proposed changes to current transport arrangements will be done on an individual basis as part of a person's Adult Social Care review.
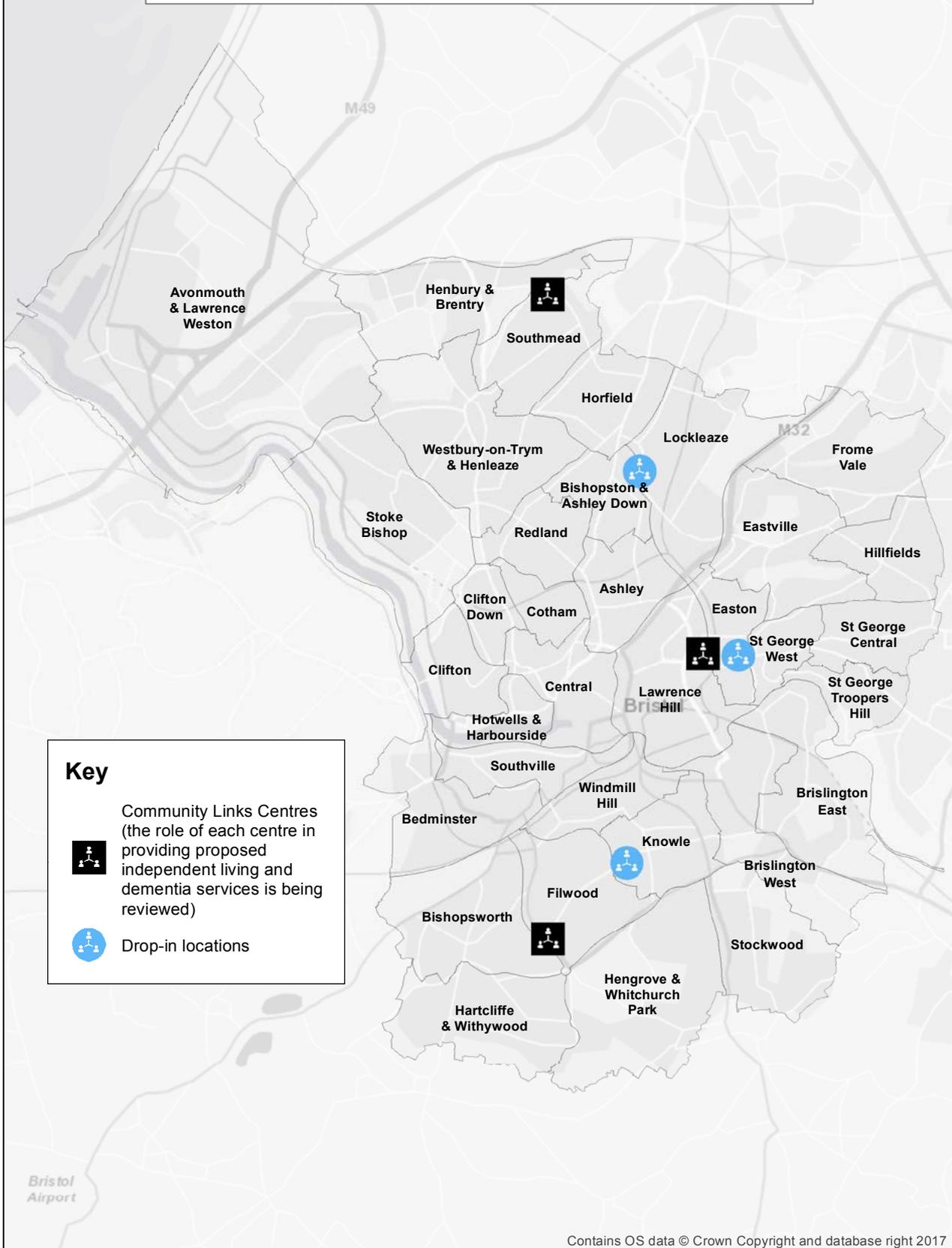
More Information

In the Bristol City Council Corporate Strategy consultation in 2016/17, some options were suggested for Bristol Community Links about how we could make the savings. These included that we might close Bristol Community Links Central, and also that we might close the drop-in services as separate services, and bring them into the main Links buildings.

Since then we have been talking to a wide range of people in the City. This includes people who currently use the service, their families and carers, Bristol City Council councillors, staff, external providers, voluntary sector organisations, and others. These conversations have given us a wide range of views and helped us to reach certain conclusions.

1. The Drop-In services are valued very highly. They offer a good value service to people that allows them to live independently in the community, knowing that they can access support when they need to.

2. "Bristol Community Links" is not just one service. It offers a range of different things to different people.

3. The Voluntary & Community, and Private sectors are keen to work with us in partnership to support the needs of vulnerable people in Bristol.

4. There is a gap in provision of services for people living in the South of the City with low and mid-level dementia.

5. There is a lack of provision for younger adults with disabilities to access support into employment and independent living.

6. One of our biggest costs in the service is transport. At the moment we bring almost everyone into our centres on minibuses that drive around the city. Feedback from conversations with people over the last few months tell us that we could reduce this cost, if our centre opening hours were more flexible.

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Bristol Community Links Proposals

Avonmouth & Lawrence Weston

Henbury & Brentry

Southmead

Horfield

Lockleaze

Frome Vale

Westbury-on-Trym & Henleaze

Bishopston & Ashley Down

Eastville

Hillfields

Stoke Bishop

Redland

Clifton Down

Cotham

Ashley

Easton

St George West

St George Central

Clifton

Central

Lawrence Hill

St George Troopers Hill

Hotwells & Harbourside

Southville

Windmill Hill

Brislington East

Bedminster

Knowle

Brislington West

Bishopsworth

Filwood

Stockwood

Hengrove & Whitchurch Park

Hartcliffe & Withywood

Bristol Airport

Key

Community Links Centres (the role of each centre in providing proposed independent living and dementia services is being reviewed)

Drop-in locations

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More Information - Options for Community Links buildings which were considered and rejected

The other options we have considered for the Community Links buildings are:

1. To keep the current service the same as it is, but close one of the buildings. This would mean people who attended whichever building was closed would need to have a new service provided.
   This option does not allow us to make the full amount of savings needed. It also means that we are likely to need to make further changes at the end of the 3 year budget period.

2. To keep all three buildings open, but offer a reduced service. This would mean that some people who currently attend the centres may no longer be able to, and would need to have a new service provided. It also means that the service offered in the centres would be reduced and we would be able to offer fewer activities for those people.
   This option does not allow us to make the full amount of savings needed. It also means that we are likely to need to make further changes at the end of the 3 year budget period.

3. To completely close the service, and arrange for all current users of the service to access alternative provision.
   This option does not allow us to make the full amount of savings needed. This is because we would still need to re-provide the services in other settings.

Tell us what you think

You can comment on these proposals online at **www.bristol.gov.uk/yourneighbourhood**.

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Libraries

Introduction

On 21 February 2017 Full Council decided to save £1.4m from the Library Service budget. As a result we are proposing to reduce the number of council-run libraries, while meeting our statutory duty to ensure Bristol has a "comprehensive and efficient" library service.

Detailed information regarding each existing library is also available here: **www.bristol.gov.uk/libraries-consultation**

What this means for the service in future

• We propose to run a reduced number of libraries that are spread geographically around the city

• We have developed three different options for providing our library service in the future

Please tell us which option you prefer in Question 1 in the survey. However, we remain open to other suggestions and Question 2 allows you to make those.

We have completed an Equalities Impact Assessment for these proposals. You can read this online at **www.bristol.gov.uk/yourneighbourhood** or in the printed 'Your Neighbourhood - Equalities Impact Assessments' booklet.

What we are proposing

• The Central Library will still be our main library. It will have seven-day opening over 54 hours a week

• As well as the Central Library, there will be two types of branch libraries – Area libraries and Local libraries

• The Area and Local libraries will be spread across three geographical areas (North West, East and South) which together cover the city

• **Area Libraries:**

    - There will be one Area library in each of the three areas which will be open 47 hours a week (Monday to Saturday with late opening on Friday) and library staff will be present at all times.

    - They will be large, adaptable libraries in visible locations. They will be close to retail or other facilities and on transport routes. They will appeal to both the local and wider community.

• **Local Libraries:**

    - There will be two Local libraries in each of the three areas open Monday to Saturday. Local libraries will be staffed 9.30am-5pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays (22.5 hours in total).

    - We aim to provide Extended Access at these libraries. Extended Access is where you can use your library card to come into the building at certain times when the library is unstaffed. When a decision has been made about which the Local libraries are, we will look at where we can provide Extended Access.

The options aim to provide a library service that best meets the needs of the whole city based on need and suitability. They were developed by assessing our current branch libraries against four criteria:

• Community need (using Indices of Multiple Deprivation* which takes into account 37 local indicators, by ward area, that cover health, education, housing and employment).

• Building suitability and sustainability (i.e. the state and cost of running and maintaining the building),

• Location,

• Current use.

Geographic spread was also considered. No other factors have influenced the proposed options.

The three options were created by applying different weighting to these criteria.

Option 1 and particularly Option 2 are weighted towards community need.

This is in keeping with the council's Corporate Strategy which prioritises services to the most vulnerable people, seeks to address inequality and ensure that life chances are not determined by wealth and background.

• In Option 1 we also put more weighting on building suitability and sustainability and location, rather than on current use. With fewer council-run libraries it is important that the buildings that remain are suitable for higher levels of use in future and can accommodate changes in customer use due to a likely increase in visitor numbers.

• In Option 2 we put the higher weighting on community need and low weighting on building suitability and sustainability, location and current use.

• Option 3 puts equal weighting on all the criteria.

Tell us what you think

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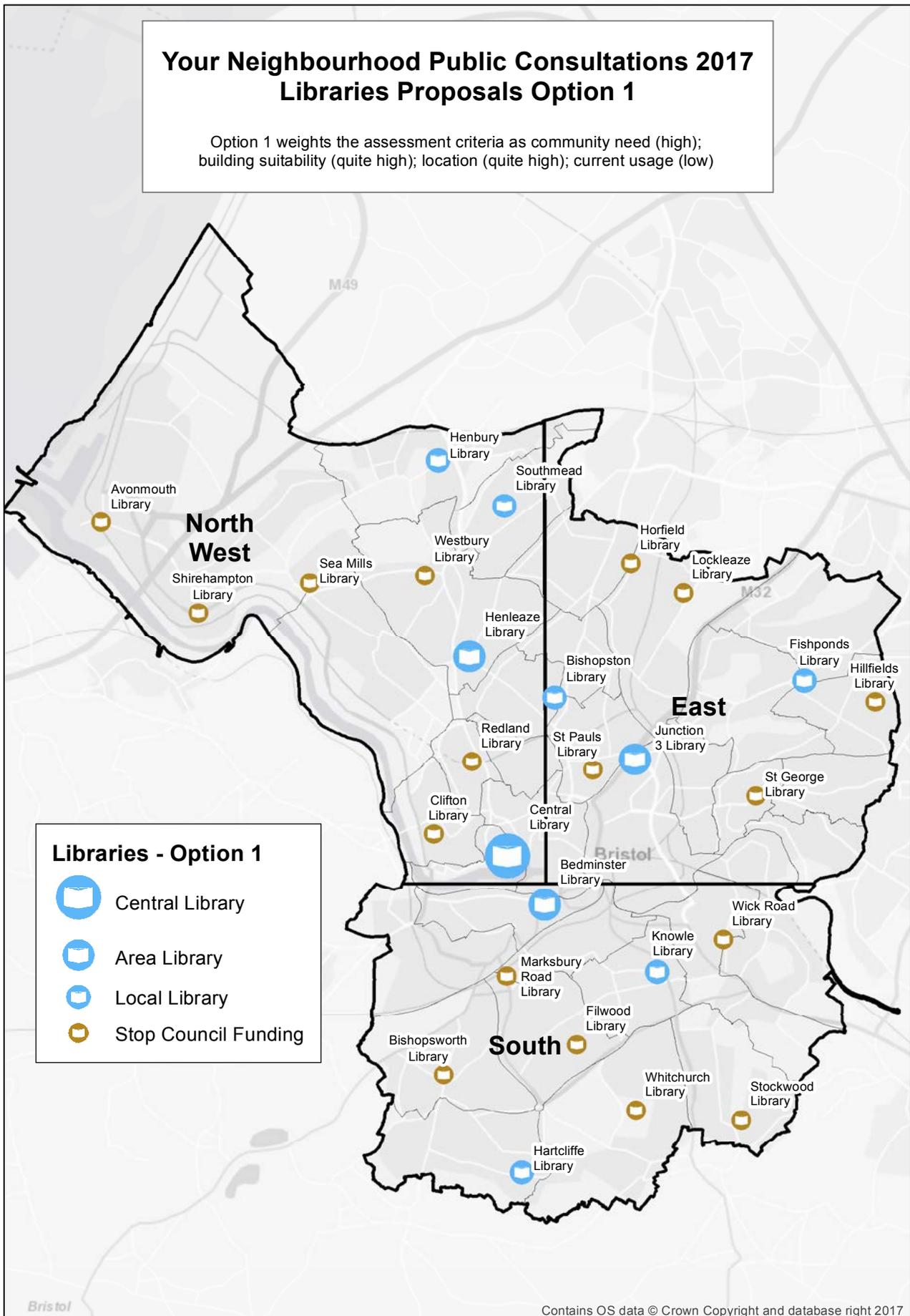
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* Footnotes

• The Index of Multiple Deprivation 2015 is the official measure of relative deprivation for small areas in England. The Index of Multiple Deprivation ranks every small area in England from 1 (most deprived area) to 32,844 (least deprived area).

• The Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2015 combine a number of indicators, chosen to cover a range of economic, social, environmental and housing issues, into a single deprivation score for each small area in England.

• The Indices are used widely to analyse patterns of deprivation, for resource allocation, to identify areas that would benefit from special initiatives or programmes and as a tool to determine eligibility for specific funding streams.

• You can find out more about deprivation at www.bristol.gov.uk/statistics-census-information/deprivation

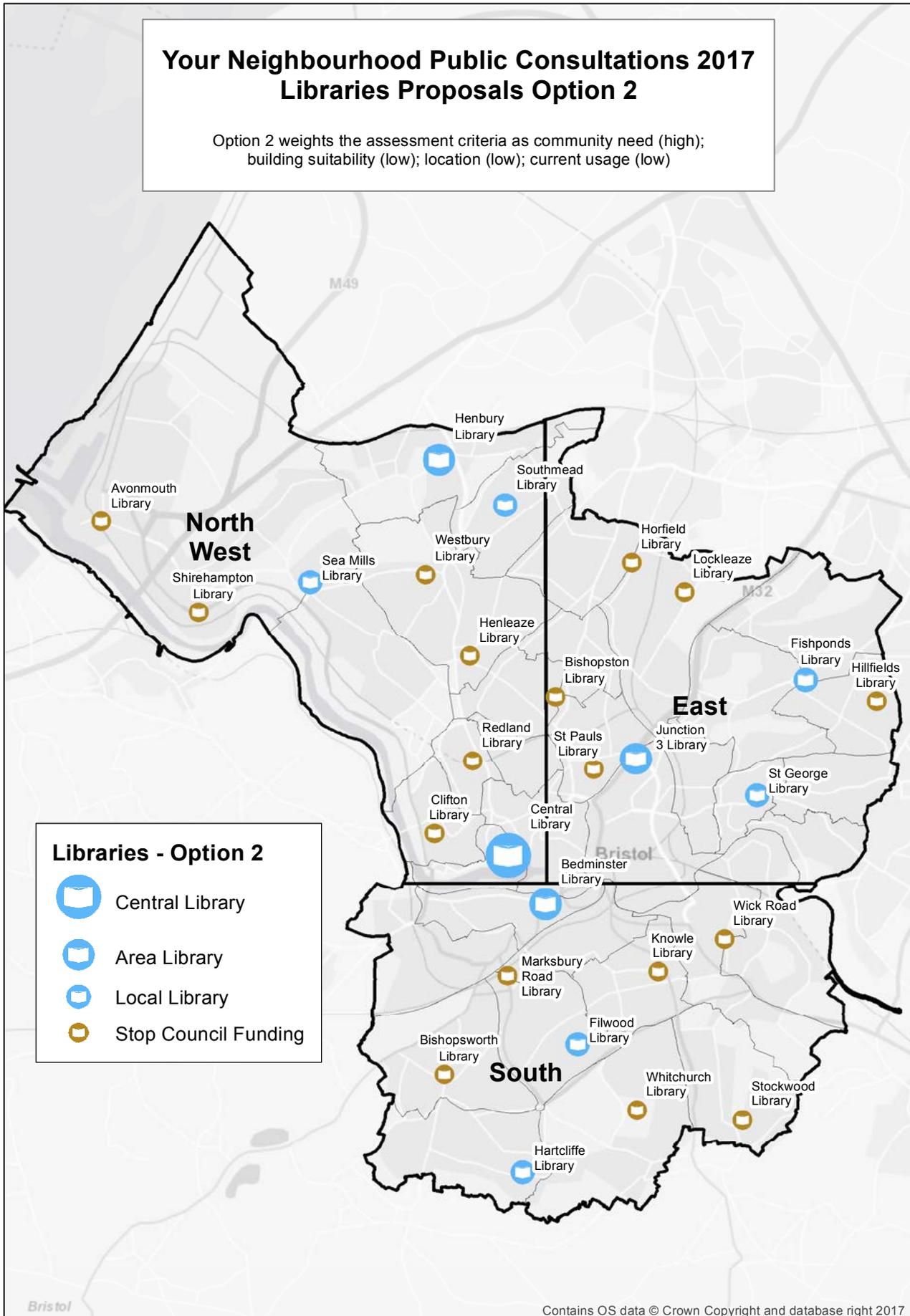**Your Neighbourhood Public Consultations 2017
Libraries Proposals Option 1**

Option 1 weights the assessment criteria as community need (high);
building suitability (quite high); location (quite high); current usage (low)

North West

Avonmouth Library

Shirehampton Library

Sea Mills Library

Henbury Library

Southmead Library

Westbury Library

Horfield Library

Lockleaze Library

Henleaze Library

Bishopston Library

East

Fishponds Library

Hillfields Library

Redland Library

St Pauls Library

Junction 3 Library

St George Library

Clifton Library

Central Library

Bedminster Library

Wick Road Library

Knowle Library

Marksbury Road Library

Filwood Library

Bishopsworth Library

South

Whitchurch Library

Stockwood Library

Hartcliffe Library

Libraries - Option 1

- Central Library
- Area Library
- Local Library
- Stop Council Funding

Bristol

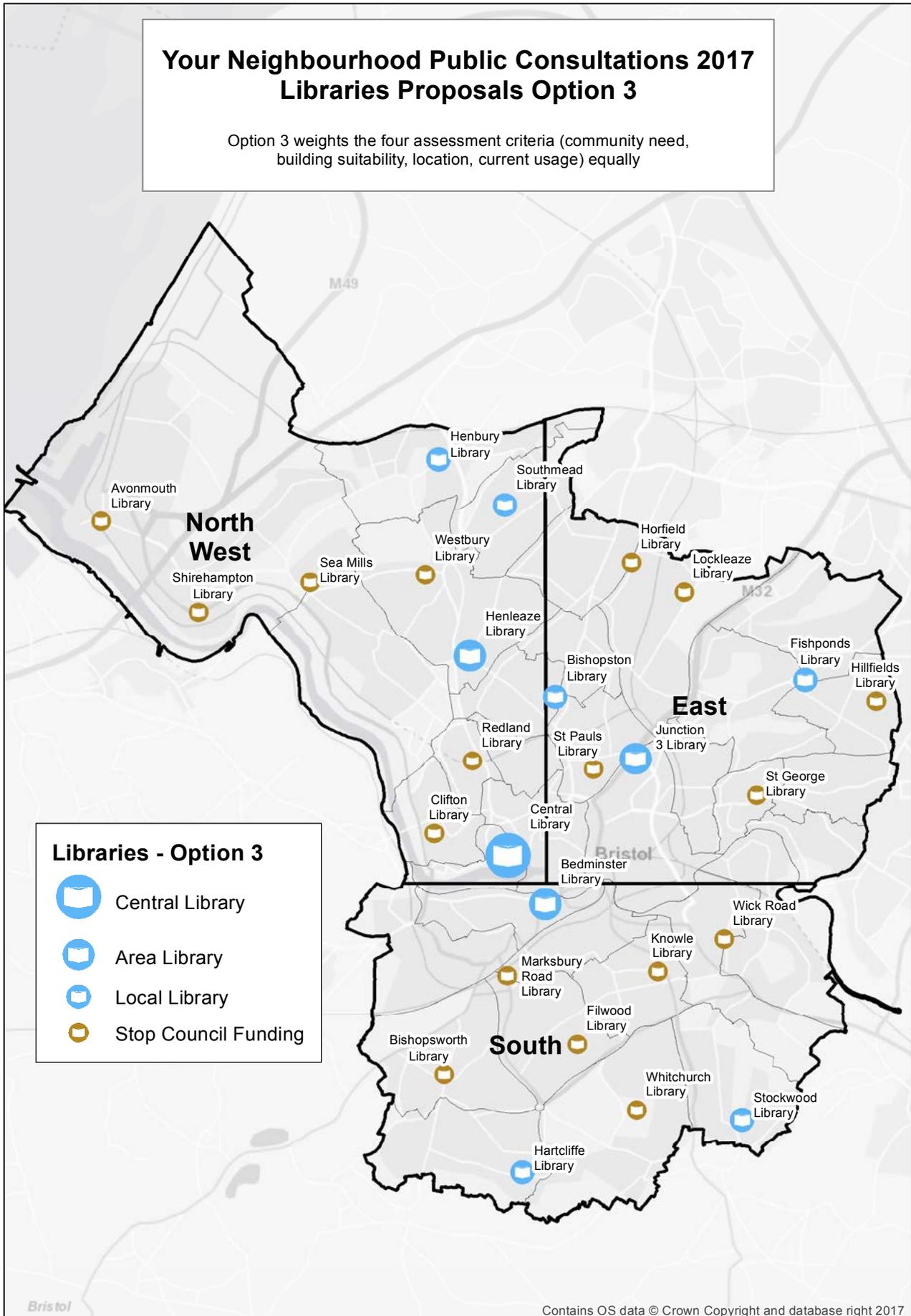Contains OS data © Crown Copyright and database right 2017

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Libraries Proposals Option 2**

Option 2 weights the assessment criteria as community need (high);
building suitability (low); location (low); current usage (low)

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Henbury
Library

Southmead
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Avonmouth
Library

**North
West**

Horfield
Library

Lockleaze
Library

Westbury
Library

Sea Mills
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Shirehampton
Library

M32

Fishponds
Library

Henleaze
Library

Hillfields
Library

Bishopston
Library

East

Redland
Library

St Pauls
Library

Junction
3 Library

St George
Library

Clifton
Library

Central
Library

Libraries - Option 2

Central Library

Area Library

Local Library

Stop Council Funding

Bedminster
Library

Bristol

Wick Road
Library

Knowle
Library

Marksbury
Road
Library

Filwood
Library

Bishopsworth
Library

South

Whitchurch
Library

Stockwood
Library

Hartcliffe
Library

Bristol

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Libraries Proposals Option 3

Option 3 weights the four assessment criteria (community need,
building suitability, location, current usage) equally

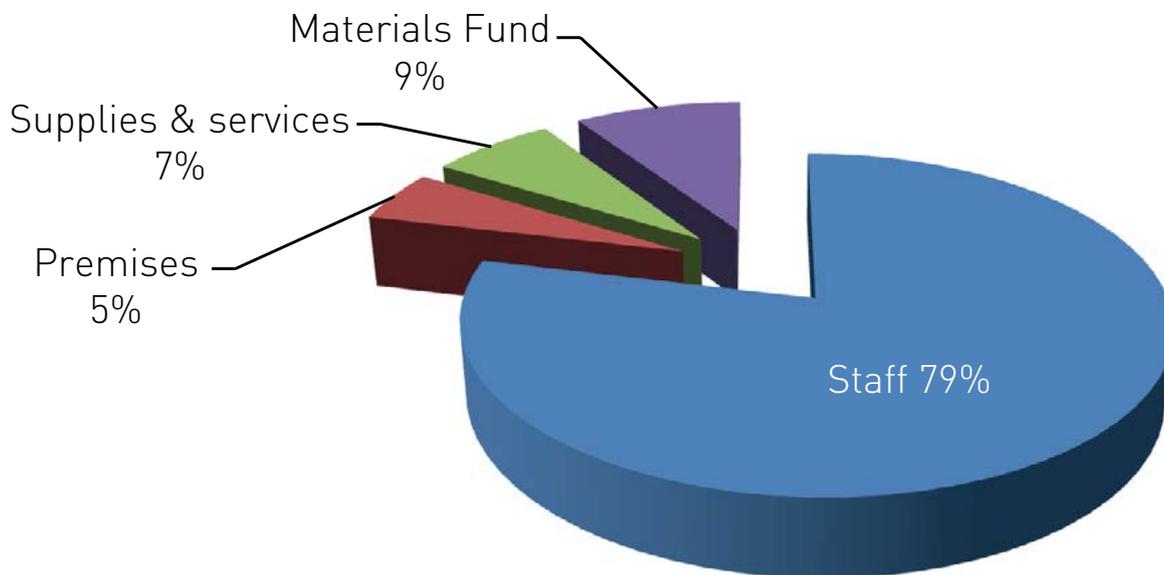Henbury
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Libraries - Option 3

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Area Library

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Libraries Consultation 2017 – Further Information

Our current budget

The current budget for the library service has already been reduced by £300k from 1st April 2017. The remaining budget of £4.29m will be reduced by a further £1.1m over the following two financial years to give the total saving of £1.4m. Although the budget for 2018-2020 is yet to be formally approved, this consultation is based on the need to find savings of £1.4m on an ongoing basis from the revenue budget.

The diagram below shows a breakdown of expenditure for the Library Service budget for 2017/18:

Expenditure		
Staff	£3,652,965	Contains all the staff budgets
Premises	£236,126	Includes £173k Rents and Service charges for the nine branch libraries we currently rent, plus bin collection, grounds maintenance and a small contingency for all 27 libraries including the Central Library
Supplies & Services	£320,500	Includes the commissioned At Home delivery service, charges relating to public photocopiers and printers in all 27 libraries, the subscription to LibrariesWest (over £100k) for the library management system, payments for self-service machines (£50k), costs for library membership cards, overdue reminders, payments for third party recovery of long overdue items and materials for the Summer Reading Challenge
Materials Fund	£430k	Books, electronic resources, audio visual material, newspapers and reference stock
Expenditure Total	£4,639,591	

Income	-£346,700	Includes £91k in rental income, £35k in room hire for all 27 libraries and £200k in library transaction income (overdue and hire charges), plus income from public printers and photocopiers.

Net budget	£4,292,891	

The cost of running the entire library service is split between the library service, Property Services and ICT. Property currently pay the running costs of library buildings which varies from year to year and is in the region of £1million. This may change in the future. Property Services are responsible for the buildings as corporate assets. This consultation is about savings required from the library service budget and not from the Property/ Corporate assets budget. More information about the estimated running costs of each library are contained in the library data sheets.

As we consider how to make the best use of our budget, we have costed all parts of the library service. The service spends a lot on staffing, as the staff support the opening hours and work in a range of other functions that support the service in libraries (for example, ensuring that books reach libraries, activities in libraries and keeping our buildings and technology in good order).

What we already know: previous review and consultation

In the previous review of 2014/2015, we had an extensive citywide consultation about libraries and we have learned a lot from that feedback, which is still helpful. The decision in September 2015 by Bristol City Council's Cabinet, to retain 27 libraries, close Eastville Library and reduce the opening hours by 25% across the network of libraries, was implemented in April 2016. Since then we have reviewed the effect of those changes with the staff and through the Citizens' Panel. The Citizens' Panel is a group of around 2,000 residents who reflect the diversity of the city and regularly answer a range of consultations. We also have customer and staff feedback about the opening hours. We will also be using what we've learned from that feedback in this review.

2017: This Consultation

In this review we are now consulting you about proposals to reduce the number of council-run libraries, while meeting our statutory duty to ensure the City of Bristol has a "comprehensive and efficient" library service.

We have developed three different options to do this and in this consultation we're asking you to tell us which of those options you would prefer, and to put forward alternative suggestions that you may have. In January 2018, Bristol City Council's Cabinet will decide what changes will be made to Bristol's libraries taking into account the results of this consultation alongside other factors (as shown in the following graphic).

Local & national priorities and guidance:
-Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS)
-DCMS' Libraries Deliver report
-Society of Chief Librarians' Universal Offers
-Bristol City Council's Corporate Strategy

Feedback from consultation
(June - September 2017)

New Library Service

Available budget with savings identified – reduced to £3.19M by 2019/20

Knowledge of community needs, priorities and equalities information across the city (using Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, Neighbourhood Profiles, Neighbourhood Plans and previous library consultation information)

Our Proposals

1. Summary: Proposed network of branch libraries

This section gives an outline of the reduced network of libraries that we propose. More details are given in subsequent sections, including about the three options referred to above. Under each option there would be 10 libraries.

There are currently 27 council-run libraries in the city: one central library and 26 branch libraries.

We propose to run a reduced number of libraries that are spread geographically around the city. The Central Library would remain as the core offer for the city centre, city and wider use in the region and nationally. There would be two types of branch libraries: Area libraries and Local libraries.

Area libraries would be accessible buildings. Where possible they would be in locations near retail or other facilities, on transport routes, with appeal to both the local and wider community. They would be large adaptable spaces. They would be able to support the stock and materials needed to be busy libraries with usually three library staff. It is likely they would be existing library buildings and occupy the same space as the current service. They would offer more hours of library staff present (47 hours a week) than any of our current branch libraries and would be open six days Monday to Saturday, with a late evening on Fridays (9:30am-5pm Monday to Thursday and Saturday; 9:30am- 7pm Friday).

Local libraries would be accessible neighbourhood library buildings; they would be visible and adaptable spaces but they may be smaller buildings than Area libraries and would offer fewer hours with library staff present (22.5 hours a week). They would be staffed from 9.30am-5pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. It is likely that they would be in existing library buildings and the space would remain the same as the current service. However, where possible, we would aim to use Extended Access technology to enable customers to use the library 8am-7pm Monday to Saturday. Extended Access is where we use technology to allow customers to use the library at certain times outside the staffed opening hours. This is currently being trialled at Stockwood, Westbury and St. George libraries.

The unstaffed library access point at Lawrence Weston has closed because of the closure of the Citizen Service Point on 31 March 2017. We are planning to relocate some library provision to the Long Cross children's centre.

Under our proposals, we have divided the city into three geographical areas: North West, East and South. The geographical division is based on the population of the city rather than the current spread of libraries.

There would be one Area library in each of the three geographical areas, open Monday to Saturday with a late evening on Fridays (9:30am-5pm Monday to Thursday and Saturday; 9:30am-7pm Friday).

There would be two Local libraries in each geographical area (North West, East and South) open with Extended Access where possible, Monday to Saturday, and staffed 9:30am-5pm Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Whilst we will take into account any consultation feedback you give on opening hours, we already have information about this from the 2014/2015 citywide consultation on preferred opening hours and patterns of use. We also have feedback from the Citizens' Panel in November 2016.

2. Central Library

The Central Library is an important hub of all Bristol library services, with provision of information for the region as well as the city, and it has an important role in supporting the branch library network.

The current listed building that hosts the Central Library was originally built as a library but is costly to run and maintain. It is also a complex building in which to run modern services. It has two floors and two entrances and currently has six service points which require staff. The physical size and shape of the building dictate the staffing model and therefore the cost of offering a service with library staff. This cost is disproportionately high compared to other Bristol libraries. However, a Central Library is necessary to enable us to offer the full range of resources and services from a location that is accessible from all parts of the city, and therefore the Central Library will be retained with the existing services.

To mitigate the reduction in the number of branch libraries, we would improve the opening hours at the Central Library to seven-day access with a total of 54 hours per week. This would be to ensure that, even with a reduced number of council-run branch libraries, citizens of Bristol will still be able to access the full range of library services on any day of the week in a location that is accessible by public transport from all parts of the city. The staffed opening hours have been designed to offer good access throughout the week and be more regular. These hours will be 9:30am–6pm Monday to Friday, 9:30am–5pm Saturday, and 1pm–5pm Sunday. It is not proposed to have Extended Access at the Central Library.

3. Quality of the Service

The current materials fund (the budget available to buy books, e-resources, newspapers and reference stock etc.) has already been reduced to find savings in the financial year 2017/2018. The materials fund would be aligned to the remaining number of libraries with a total budget available of £310k. The materials fund in 2016/2017 was £630k, reduced to £430k for 2017/18.

The current service offers substantial professional support in areas of stock selection, stock development and promotion, reader engagement and children's work. All these services and strategic management would be significantly reduced within the new budget, with a higher proportion of the total service budget directed towards the frontline service in libraries than currently.

4. How we've developed the options for the Area and Local libraries

We assessed all of our current branch libraries against four criteria to determine which libraries would best meet Bristol's needs. Those criteria are:

Criterion	What the criterion means
Community need	The Indices of Multiple Deprivation score for the area the library is in, which helps to indicate the communities with the highest need for access to free books, computer use and support from library staff to access information and online services. It takes into account 37 indicators that cover health, education, housing and employment.
Building suitability & sustainability	How much the building would cost to keep it in repair and run a library service from it over the next five years, how accessible it is for all citizens including those with disabilities and how well the building could cope with being one of a smaller number of libraries in the city (and therefore having more people using it).
Location	Whether the transport links and parking near the library are suitable for future use as one of a smaller number of libraries in the city, with more people travelling to it. How close it is to destination sites that people already travel to.
Current usage	How well used the library is currently – includes visits, issues and computer bookings.

We assessed each current library on the criteria above to help us come up with the options. In addition, we also considered the geographical spread of libraries. We considered this over the whole city, which we have divided into three areas for this purpose– North West, East and South. This led to the three options in this consultation.

The remaining libraries not in each option will have all council funding stopped.

Please note that once the council decides the final proposal, there will be buildings that are no longer required by the Library Service. What happens to these surplus buildings will be influenced by the Council's priorities and the individual circumstances for each building.

5. Other options considered but not included in the proposal

Whilst we have developed the options above, we also recognise that other library services are managed in different ways. In some cases, commercial or third-party providers or other local authorities run services. The options in this proposal are for a redesigned service delivered by Bristol City Council, which we know can be delivered within the reduced budget and within the timescales required. If another provider is able to deliver a service that adds value to this proposal (e.g. includes more libraries with library staff present) within the same budget and timescales, then the council may opt to explore this proposal.

We considered some other ways we might be able to make the required reduction to the library service budget.

These were rejected and not put forward for consultation for the reasons below:

Option	Why it is not in the proposal
Retain all our current libraries and save the money by reducing opening hours further.	This would mean reducing the staffed opening hours at each library down to just one day per week, without being able to offer extended access as that would be too expensive in the number of buildings. This would not be efficient or sustainable in the future. In our professional opinion it would not offer appropriate access to the service, and may compromise our "comprehensive and efficient" statutory duty.
Retain the Central Library and a higher number of branch libraries than proposed in the consultation options.	This would have meant reducing the staffed opening hours in the retained libraries to a level that would significantly reduce the quality of the service offered and involve more money being spent on building and infrastructure costs. Installing Extended Access, to supplement significantly reduced staffed hours with unstaffed access, also requires significant investment to make the necessary changes to the building. This would limit the number of libraries where it could be used, as would the size and set up of some of the buildings.
Retain the Central Library and a smaller number of branch libraries than proposed in the options, to save more money.	This option would have had a more severe impact on citizens in deprived areas and those who face barriers to travelling further to a library. It might not be a comprehensive and efficient library service, as required by our statutory duty.
Retain just the Central Library only and save more money.	This option would also have had a more severe impact on citizens in deprived areas and those who face barriers to travelling into the centre of the city.
Close the Central Library and have more branch libraries.	The Central Library, due to its size, can offer resources and services which far exceed what we could offer from any of our branch libraries. In addition, the central location of Central Library means that it is accessible by public transport from all parts of the city. Closing the Central Library would offer a significantly poorer service to the city as a whole, which would not be compensated for by a higher number of branches.
Select the libraries that are retained based solely on which libraries are busiest.	We think our libraries should have a good geographical spread across the city. Keeping only the busiest libraries would not achieve this.
Reinstate mobile libraries to serve those areas furthest away from a library.	We stopped our previous mobile library service for good reasons – including that it wasn't suitable to a city like Bristol (in terms of getting the vehicle around the streets of the city), it was very poorly used, and it wasn't cost effective. Adding in mobile libraries would take funding away from branch libraries for a poorer service.
Retain the Central Library and a higher number of branch libraries than proposed by the options, by having volunteers work alongside a paid member of staff to avoid reducing opening hours.	Volunteering offers a great opportunity for citizens to get involved with the library service, learn new skills and share their time and support with their community. Volunteers, however, can generally only offer limited amounts of their time, for a limited period and may have to prioritise other commitments. The Council does not believe it likely that volunteering would provide a regular and secure cover to allow a restructure to be planned around it in this way.

Though we are not including any of these ways forward in the consultation options, the consultation questions give you an opportunity to put forward any alternative to the options we are consulting on, and we will take your suggestions into account.

Public Toilet Provision
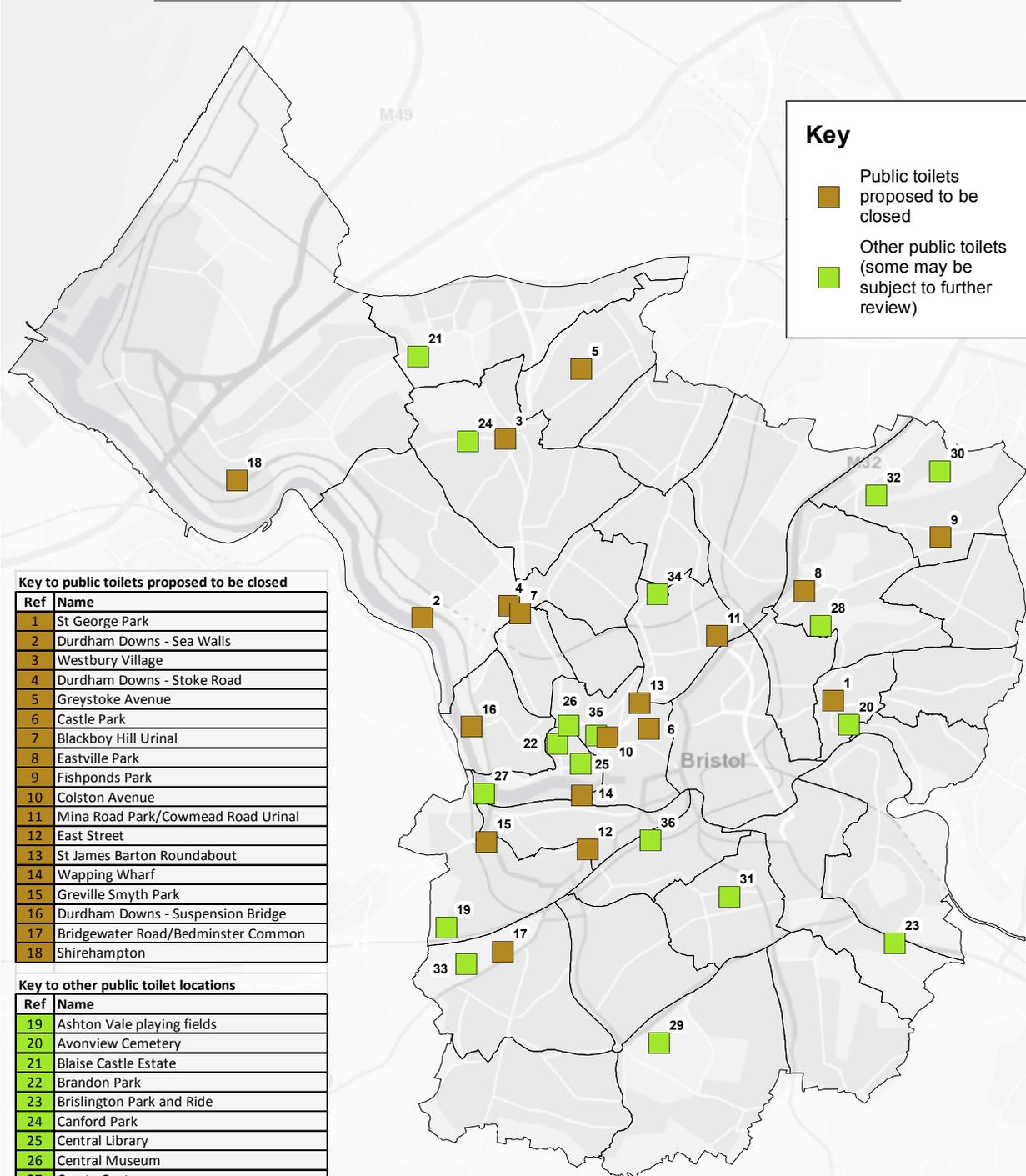
Introduction

Bristol City Council currently provides 36 public toilets and urinals.

On 21 February 2017 Full Council decided to reduce the budget for public toilets by £40k in 2017/18 and by a further £400k from 2018/19. This leaves £30k in the budget for public toilets each year and proposals have been developed on this basis.

This proposal recommends closing 18 of these public toilets (16 toilets and two urinals) which are mainly located on the street. You can see the locations of these toilets in brown on the map opposite.

This proposal does not impact any public toilets currently located in parks, which may be subject to review at a later date. These are shown in green on the map opposite and are funded from a different budget.

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Public Toilet Proposals**

Key

■ Public toilets proposed to be closed

■ Other public toilets (some may be subject to further review)

Key to public toilets proposed to be closed

Ref	Name
1	St George Park
2	Durdham Downs - Sea Walls
3	Westbury Village
4	Durdham Downs - Stoke Road
5	Greystoke Avenue
6	Castle Park
7	Blackboy Hill Urinal
8	Eastville Park
9	Fishponds Park
10	Colston Avenue
11	Mina Road Park/Cowmead Road Urinal
12	East Street
13	St James Barton Roundabout
14	Wapping Wharf
15	Greville Smyth Park
16	Durdham Downs - Suspension Bridge
17	Bridgewater Road/Bedminster Common
18	Shirehampton

Key to other public toilet locations

Ref	Name
19	Ashton Vale playing fields
20	Avonview Cemetery
21	Blaise Castle Estate
22	Brandon Park
23	Brislington Park and Ride
24	Canford Park
25	Central Library
26	Central Museum
27	Create Centre
28	Greenbank Cemetery
29	Hengrove Park Recreation Ground
30	Oldbury Court Estate
31	Redcatch Park
32	Snuff Mills Park
33	South Bristol Cemetery
34	St Andrews Park
35	Trenchard Multistorey Car Park
36	Victoria Park

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What this means for the service

• The existing public toilets are generally in need of investment to bring them up to standard, are not spread equally across the city and in many cases do not provide quality, accessible toilet provision.

• Bristol City Council is proposing changes to improve the quality, location and awareness of toilets across the city and meet the budget decided at Full Council.

We have completed an Equalities Impact Assessment for these proposals. You can read this online at **www.bristol.gov.uk/yourneighbourhood** or in the printed 'Your Neighbourhood - Equalities Impact Assessments' booklet.

Our proposals

Option 1. Close 18 public toilets (shown in brown on the map), raise awareness of where publicly accessible toilets are located and introduce a Business/Community Toilet Scheme.

Raising awareness of publicly accessible toilets

There are many buildings with publicly accessible toilets across the city, such as shopping centres, supermarkets, car parks and public buildings. However, not everyone knows where these are. Marketing this provision would help make sure more people know about them. This would include signs on windows and doors of participating buildings, showing what type of provision was available inside, it would also include a toilet map (both printed and on our website) and an app to help people find these publicly accessible toilets.

Setting up a Business/Community Toilet Scheme

Alongside greater awareness of existing toilets (outlined above) this additional scheme could provide cleaner, safer and more accessible toilets in more convenient locations for residents, within the available budget. This proposal would mean businesses like shops, cafes, pubs, some public buildings and some voluntary sector organisations would make their existing toilets available to the public without the need for people to buy anything. The £30k would be used to offer some participating businesses a small grant to help with the cost of keeping their toilets clean, stocked and well signposted. The location of these facilities would be promoted to the public.

We propose, as a minimum, to double the amount of publicly available toilet sites and ensure that they are spread across the city.

Option 2. Close 17 public toilets (see toilets shown in brown on the map for locations) and invest £30k in keeping one open

With the current funds available we could only afford to keep one street toilet open to a high quality, accessible standard. The council does not have a preferred option but will be guided by public feedback.

If this is your preferred option, please state in the survey below which toilet you would like to see kept open.

Option 3. Close 18 public toilets (see map for locations) provide no alternative provision and save an additional £30k

Tell us what you think

We want to hear your views about the proposed changes, and understand how they might affect you. We will use your feedback to inform our approach.

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More Information on business/community toilet scheme

A Business/Community Toilet Scheme involves the council working alongside business such as shops, pubs, cafes and voluntary sector organisations to make their toilets available to the public without the need to buy anything. As a member of the scheme, they would display Business/Community Toilet stickers in their windows at the entrance telling the public what kind of toilet facilities they had on their premises. They would keep their toilets clean, stocked and easily accessible to the public throughout their opening times.

The council could then offer some of the participating businesses a small grant to help with the cost of keeping their toilets clean and stocked. This grant would be targeted in priority areas. We would make sure the facilities are clearly signposted so that those with disabled and baby-change facilities can be clearly identified, we would also feature the business on the BCC web page, and work with partners on various ways to provide toilet location information to the public. (for example, by producing an app) .

The council would regularly inspect the Business/Community Toilet Scheme businesses to ensure they were up to standard.

There are already successful Business/Community Toilet Schemes in a number of other Authorities including Gloucester, Oxford, Richmond, Poole, Sheffield, and Edinburgh.

School Crossing Patrols

Introduction

Full Council decided to reduce the School Crossing Patrol budget by around 50%. There is a target to save £90k in 2017/18, with a further £65k in 2018/19 (total saving: £155k). This leaves a budget of £155k.

What this means for the service

• Currently there are 80 locations (across 56 schools) identified as School Crossing Patrol sites in Bristol.

• We are proposing removing funding for approximately 40 of these sites.

We have completed an Equalities Impact Assessment for these proposals. You can read this online at **www.bristol.gov.uk/yourneighbourhood** or in the printed 'Your Neighbourhood - Equalities Impact Assessments' booklet.

What we are proposing

• Using national guidelines, all 80 sites have been assessed to prioritise need. This includes counting pedestrian (P) and vehicle (V) volumes at school run time using a method called 'PV Squared'. This gives a score for each site.

• The national guidance sets a threshold at which School Crossing Patrols can be provided. However there is no legal obligation to provide a service at any site.

• Where the volume of children is very low the national guidance recommends that a School Crossing Patrol is not provided.

• In addition to PV Squared, we have also captured additional site information where available (such as the average speed of vehicles, visibility, incident reports and accidents near the site) to assess its relative safety.

• There may be a small number of sites where due to the reduced budget we may not be able to continue to fund a School Crossing Patrol although they meet the assessment threshold.

We have used PV Squared and the additional safety information to group the crossing patrol sites into two categories, as follows:

1. Sites where we propose to retain a School Crossing Patrol

These are sites where the PV Squared score and other safety information tells us that a School Crossing Patrol is most needed.

2. Sites where we propose to discontinue a School Crossing Patrol for one of the following reasons:

• Sites where there is an existing 'engineered' crossing such as a Zebra or Puffin (traffic-light operated) crossing. We propose to stop School Crossing Patrols at all sites where there is an engineered crossing,

• Sites which have been assessed as having lowest need based on PV Squared and other safety information. Some of these sites meet the PV Squared guideline threshold, but to a lesser degree than the sites where we propose to retain patrols,

• One site at Greenfield E-Act Academy where a crossing can be merged with an adjacent site.

We will also be writing to all schools affected to discuss these proposals.

We believe the above approach is the most appropriate way to use reduced budgets to provide safe routes to school in areas which our assessment demonstrates are most in need.

However, we welcome your views and the final decision will take into account the consultation results and any further input from schools and communities.

The map overleaf shows where we propose to discontinue and retain crossing patrols. The table on the next page provides more information about our reasoning for each site.

Tell us what you think

You can comment on these proposals online at **www.bristol.gov.uk/yourneighbourhood**.

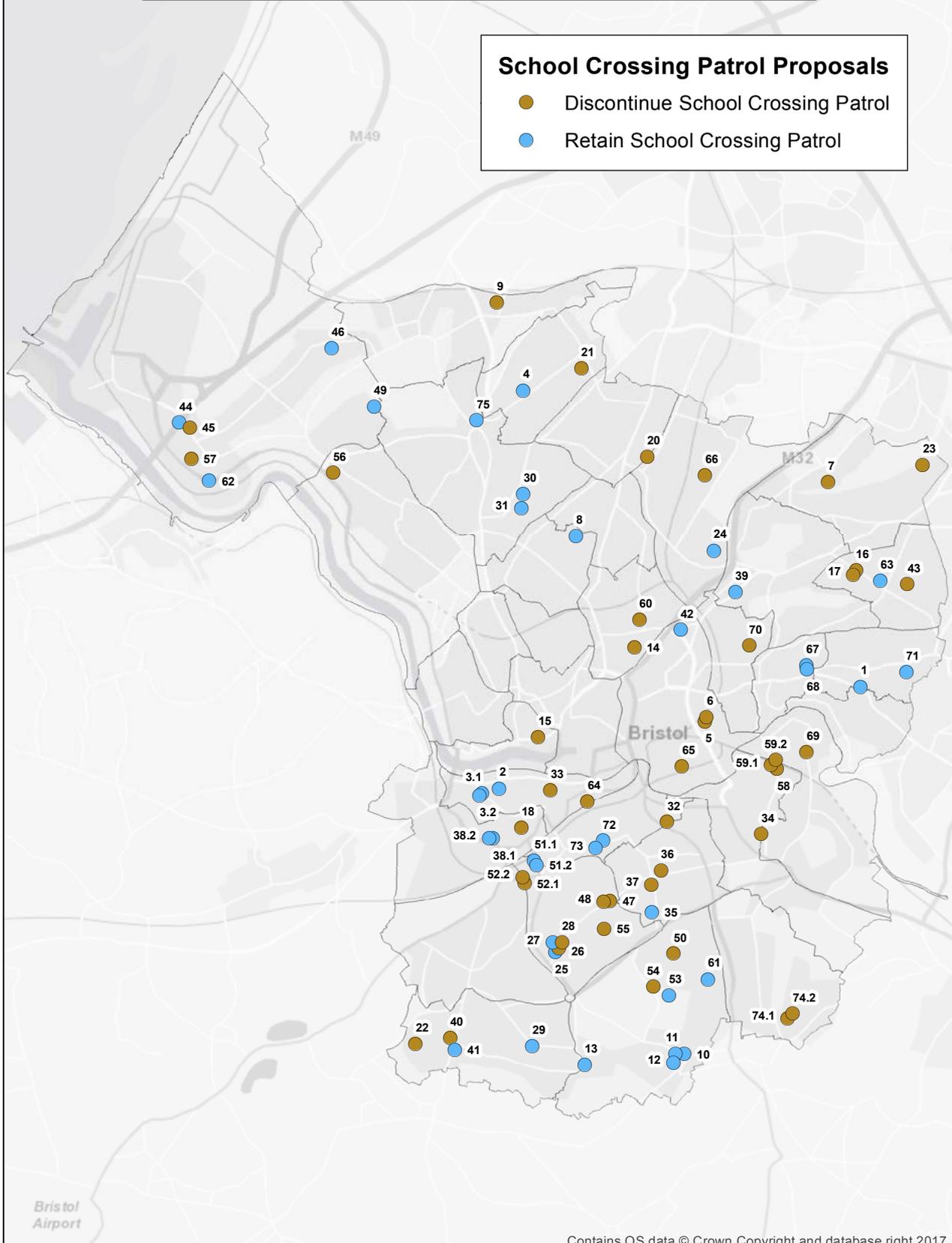If you do not have internet access you can use our printed 'Your Neighbourhood - Survey Booklet'.

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School Crossing Patrol Proposals

School Crossing Patrol Proposals

● Discontinue School Crossing Patrol

● Retain School Crossing Patrol

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Key to map

Site	School / School Crossing Patrol
1	Air Balloon Academy - Hillside Road build out by entrance
2	Ashton Gate Primary - Raleigh Road/Upton Road
3.1	Ashton Gate Primary - Greenway Bush Lane/North Street
3.2	Ashton Gate Primary - North Street/Greenway Bush Lane
4	Badocks Wood Community Primary - Doncaster Road build out outside entrance
5	Barton Hill Academy - Queen Ann Road South of Roundabout outside School entrance
6	Barton Hill Academy - Queen Ann Road North exit of roundabout at church
7	Begbrook Primary Academy - Begbrook Drive build out by entrance
8	Bishop Road Primary - Bishop Road build out by entrance
9	Brentry Primary - Brentry Lane outside entrance on bend
10	Bridge Farm Primary - Whitchurch Lane/Halfacre Lane
11	Bridge Farm Primary - East Dundry Road build out near church car park
12	Bridge Farm Primary - East Dundry Road South (shops) end of school
13	Bridge Learning Campus - Lampton Avenue /Teyfant Road
14	Cabot Primary - St. Nicholas Road build out/Halston Drive
15	Cathedral Primary - College Square outside rear of library
16	Chester Park Infants/Junior - Goodneston Road/Lodge Causeway
17	Chester Park Infants/Junior - Ridgeway Road/Lodge Causeway
18	Compass Point South Street School & Childrens Centre - South Street Traffic Island outside entrance
20	Filton Avenue Primary/Nursery - Filton Avenue/Lockleaze Road/Wessex Avenue
21	Fonthill Primary - Pen Park Road/Stanton Road
22	Four Acres Academy - Four Acres outside entrance
23	Frome Vale Academy - Frenchay Road/Gill Avenue
24	Glenfrome Primary - Glenfrome Road traffic island/Sir Johns Lane
25	Greenfield E-Act Academy - Novers Lane/Chelston Road
26	Greenfield E-Act Academy - Novers Lane outside school entrance by roundabout
27	Greenfield E-Act Academy - Novers Lane NW exit to roundabout (to Novers Hill)
28	Greenfield E-Act Academy - Leinster Avenue North exit of roundabout
29	Hareclive E-Act Academy - Hareclive Road build out /Moxham Drive
30	Henleaze Infants/Junior - Park Grove/The Drive/Henleaze Park
31	Henleaze Infants/Junior - Springfield Grove/Park Grove
32	Hillcrest Primary - Wells Road/Cemetry Road
33	Holy Cross Catholic Primary - Dean Lane
34	Holymead Primary - Wick Road outside entrance
35	Ilminster Avenue E-Act Academy - Ilminster Avenue outside entrance
36	Knowle Park Primary - Broadwalk/Queenshill Road
37	Knowle Park Primary - Salcombe Road/Teignmouth Road
38.1	Luckwell Primary - Duckmoor Road/Luckwell Road
38.2	Luckwell Primary - Luckwell Road/Duckmoor Road
39	May Park Primary - East Park/Freeland Buildings
40	Merchants Academy - Queens Road by shops
41	Merchants Academy - Bishport Avenue/Withywood Road
42	Millpond Primary - Lower Ashley Road / Waverley Street
43	Minerva Primary Academy - Thicket Avenue/Summerleaze/Forest Avenue
44	Nova Primary - Lower High Street Traffic Island /Barracks Lane
45	Nova Primary - Kings Weston Avenue/The Bean Acre
46	Oasis Academy Bank Leaze - Long Cross build out /Chapel Lane
47	Oasis Academy Connaught - Ilminster Ave traffic island/Melvin Square
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66	Stoke Park Schools - Brangwyn Grove outside entrance
67	Summerhill Infants/Academy - Plummers Hill/Oakland Road
68	Summerhill Infants/Academy - Top of Plummers Hill/Church Road
69	The Kingfisher School - Guildford Road/Litchfield Road
70	The Limes Nursery/Whitehall Primary - Johnsons Lane outside nursery entrance
71	Two Mile Hill Primary - Kingsway Crescent/Kingsway
72	Victoria Park Primary - St. Johns Lane at Raymend Road
73	Victoria Park Primary - Wedmore Vale between Weymouth Road/Sidmouth Road
74.1	Waycroft Academy - Hollway Road/Selden Road
74.2	Waycroft Academy - Seldon Road/Hollway Road
75	Westbury on Trym C of E Academy - Passage Road/Shipley Road

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	ASSESSMENT (SCP = School Crossing Patrol)	SPEED LIMIT (MPH)	AVERAGE TERM-TIME TRAFFIC SPEED (MPH)	CASUALTY DATA - DURING SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL (SCP) HOURS
	Meets criteria to provide SCP	20	11.7	None recorded
	Meets criteria to provide SCP	20	12.5	None recorded
	Attached to site 3.2	20	9.2	None recorded
	Meets criteria to provide SCP	20	15.7	None recorded
	Meets criteria to provide SCP	20	14.1	None recorded
	Engineered Crossing	20	9.2	None recorded
	Engineered Crossing	20	No data	None recorded
	Does not meet criteria to provide SCP	20	9.9	None recorded
	Meets criteria to provide SCP	20	8.3	None recorded
	Does not meet criteria to provide SCP	20	13.4	None recorded
	Meets criteria to provide SCP	20	14.1	None recorded
	Meets criteria to provide SCP	20	12.3	None recorded
	Meets criteria to provide SCP	20	17.5	None recorded
	Meets criteria to provide SCP	20	11.2	None recorded
	Does not meet criteria to provide SCP	20	17.3	None recorded
	Does not meet criteria to provide SCP	20	No data	None recorded
	Does not meet criteria to provide SCP	20	12.6	None recorded
	Meets criteria to provide SCP	20	6.8	None recorded
	Does not meet criteria to provide SCP	20	14.5	None recorded
	Engineered Crossing	30	12.3	None recorded
	Engineered Crossing	30	7.8	None recorded
	Does not meet criteria to provide SCP	20	12.6	None recorded
	Does not meet criteria to provide SCP	20	No data	None recorded
	Meets criteria to provide SCP	20	21.6	None recorded
	Meets criteria to provide SCP	20	12.7	None recorded
25)	Meets criteria to provide SCP	20	11.0	None recorded
	Meets criteria to provide SCP	20	No data	None recorded
	Meets criteria to provide SCP	20	16.1	1 slight injury (SCP)
	Meets criteria to provide SCP	20	14.3	None recorded
	Meets criteria to provide SCP	20	14.9	None recorded
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	Engineered Crossing	20	11.4	2 child pedestrians not at SCP times or site
	Engineered Crossing	20	16.9	None recorded
	Meets criteria to provide SCP	20	14.4	None recorded
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71	Two Mile Hill Primary - Kingsway Crescent/Kingsway	Retain School Crossing Patrol
72	Victoria Park Primary - St. Johns Lane at Raymend Road	Retain School Crossing Patrol
73	Victoria Park Primary - Wedmore Vale between Weymouth Road/Sidmouth Road	Retain School Crossing Patrol
74.1	Waycroft Academy - Hollway Road/Selden Road	Discontinue SCP (existing engineered crossing)
74.2	Waycroft Academy - Selden Road/Hollway Road	Discontinue - remove funding based on lowest need
75	Westbury on Trym C of E Academy - Passage Road/Shipley Road	Retain School Crossing Patrol

ASSESSMENT (SCP = School Crossing Patrol)	SPEED LIMIT (MPH)	AVERAGE TERM-TIME TRAFFIC SPEED (MPH)	CASUALTY DATA - DURING SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL (SCP) HOURS
Engineered Crossing	30	11.2	None recorded
Meets criteria to provide SCP	30	24.0	None recorded
Meets criteria to provide SCP	20	9.5	None recorded
Does not meet criteria to provide SCP	20	17.8	None recorded
Meets criteria to provide SCP	30	11.3	None recorded
Does not meet criteria to provide SCP	30	9.8	None recorded
Meets criteria to provide SCP	30	15.3	None recorded
Meets criteria to provide SCP	20	13.9	None recorded
Engineered Crossing	20	14.7	None recorded
Meets criteria to provide SCP	20	15.5	None recorded
Engineered Crossing	20	17.6	None recorded
Meets criteria to provide SCP	20	6.3	None recorded
Attached to site 51.1	20	No data	None recorded
Engineered Crossing	30	9.0	1 child pedestrian with child cyclist
Does not meet criteria to provide SCP	20	No data	None recorded
Meets criteria to provide SCP	20	19.4	None recorded
Does not meet criteria to provide SCP	30	25.3	None recorded
Does not meet criteria to provide SCP	20	14.6	None recorded
Engineered Crossing	20	12.9	None recorded
Does not meet criteria to provide SCP	20	10.9	None recorded
Does not meet criteria to provide SCP	20	9.9	None recorded
Does not meet criteria to provide SCP	20	11.2	None recorded
Does not meet criteria to provide SCP	20	11.5	None recorded
Does not meet criteria to provide SCP	20	7.8	None recorded
Meets criteria to provide SCP	20	14.4	None recorded
Meets criteria to provide SCP	20	14.4	None recorded
Meets criteria to provide SCP	20	8.2	None recorded
Engineered Crossing	20	11.6	None recorded
Does not meet criteria to provide SCP	20	18.5	None recorded
Does not meet criteria to provide SCP	20	No Data	None recorded
Meets criteria to provide SCP	20	5.9	None recorded
Meets criteria to provide SCP	20	5.9	None recorded
Engineered Crossing	30	16.9	None recorded
Does not meet criteria to provide SCP	20	8.1	None recorded
Meets criteria to provide SCP	20	10.4	None recorded
Meets criteria to provide SCP	20	13.2	None recorded
Meets criteria to provide SCP	20	18.1	1 child casualty at SCP times not at crossing site
Engineered Crossing	20	12.8	None recorded
Does not meet criteria to provide SCP	20	6.7	None recorded
Meets criteria to provide SCP	20	13.5	None recorded

More Information

Can you explain more about how 'PV Squared' works?
This is the nationally accepted method used by most local authorities of assessing whether a site is appropriate for the location of a School Crossing Patrol.

It is based on the number of vehicles that pass a location (V) and the number of pedestrians (P) that cross the road close to that point within the 'busiest' half hour of an hour period.

This figure is then compared against national guidelines to calculate if a School Crossing Patrol is justified.

Why will School Crossing Patrols be discontinued at sites where there is an 'engineered' crossing e.g a zebra or puffin crossing?
The proposal to discontinue any School Crossing Patrol where there is an already existing button operated pedestrian crossing or a zebra crossing is based on the fact that unlike other sites, there is an existing safer location to cross the road. In addition, the location of School Crossing Patrols on a pedestrian crossing can often be confusing to drivers.

On crossings with lights, it has been found that drivers are looking at the School Crossing Patrols rather than the lights and then start moving before the lights change. With zebra crossings, although the School Crossing Patrols is there to help everyone cross, drivers can also start to move when the School Crossing Patrols starts to return to the footway and not observe other pedestrians (adults) who begin to cross, creating a confusing and potentially unsafe situation.

We have already notified schools that in locations where a School Crossing Patrol operates on an engineered crossing, if the School Crossing Patrol resigns or retires, we would not be replacing them. Other local authorities have also already made the decision to remove School Crossing Patrols from engineered sites.

What if there is already a School Crossing Patrol at a site where there is no zebra or puffin crossing?
Existing sites where circumstances change and the national threshold for having a School Crossing Patrol is no longer met will no longer be provided with funding for a patrol.

What if a new school is built or extended?
As part of the Planning Process will be working with any new build or school extensions that are to be built to make sure that safe routes to school are funded and delivered as appropriate.

How did you assess current usage at those sites where you state the volume of children is below that which justifies a School Crossing Patrol?
Surveys of vehicles and pedestrians were undertaken at each school over three mornings and three afternoons.

Can an existing school still apply to have a School Crossing Patrol service?
When an existing school requests a service we will undertake an assessment in line with the same approach we have outlined above. If the site qualifies for a School Crossing Patrol it will go on a prioritised waiting list for when another site becomes vacant and we will allocate any new patrol according to these priorities, unless the school is willing to fund it (see next question)

What if the school, parents or residents believe a school crossing is still required / beneficial in those areas where we are proposing removing the service?

As part of this consultation we are asking schools, parents and residents to let us know:

1. If there is anything else they feel we need to take into consideration
2. If there anything we can do to help reduce the impact of certain School Crossing Patrols being removed.
3. If they believe the school could identify funding

Withdrawal of funding for Neighbourhood Partnerships

Introduction

- On 21 February 2017 Full Council decided to save £1.062m from supporting Neighbourhood Partnerships by 1 April 2019 - £500k from the budget in 2017-18, with the remaining £562k in April 2019.

- Additionally, £447k was removed from the money set aside for the Neighbourhood Partnership budget, which was spent on local highway schemes and other community projects.

- Once all the savings have been removed, £309k will remain in the total available budget each year.

- Neighbourhood Partnerships have existed since 2008 as one of the main ways for local people to get together to take local action and work with the council on the things that matter to them.

- The council recognises the value of engaging with communities on issues that affect them but believes there are more efficient ways to do this than the current Neighbourhood Partnership structure.

- Over the next 12 months we will work with communities and partners to help establish the new community-led arrangements. We are committed to ensuring that resources we do have are focused on the areas and communities which experience the most inequality.

- The intention is to ensure that the remaining budget is spent on arrangements to help people to come together, organise and take action on the things that matter most in their community and enable local people to influence the work of the city council.

We have completed an Equalities Impact Assessment for these proposals. You can read this online at **www.bristol.gov.uk/yourneighbourhood** or in the printed 'Your Neighbourhood - Equalities Impact Assessments' booklet.

What we are proposing

- The council support for the existing Neighbourhood Partnership arrangements, including staff support and for local devolved decision making, will be removed.

- We are proposing that the remaining budget is invested in all three activities detailed below.

Proposed activity 1 – Funding independent community meetings

We propose to offer funding to each ward in the city so at least two local, independent community meetings take place each year. Some wards may choose to work together to get more for their money. A local community group would organise the meetings with help from local volunteers and the council funding. These meetings would need to be open and accessible to all. We propose that £14k is provided each year across the city.

Proposed activity 2 – Community project funding

We propose to offer funding to support small community projects, for example, plants for volunteers to improve a communal area or funding a community event or activity to bring people together. Local people will decide with their ward councillors how this money will be spent. We propose that up to £257k of funding each year is provided across the city.

One third of the grant funding will be distributed evenly across the city and two thirds will be available as additional funding to the most deprived areas in the city*.

Proposed activity 3 – enabling communities to influence decisions about how to spend Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) allows councils to charge and collect contributions from property developers which can then be put towards community infrastructure such as community buildings and parks. The council is responsible for engaging with local communities to explore how 15% of this CIL money should be spent (this is called the 'local element of CIL').

Previously this has been done through Neighbourhood Partnerships, so now we need to identify new ways for people to get involved. We propose that the decisions are influenced through engagement with local councillors. We propose that £38k of funding is provided each year to support this activity and any related committee meetings.

The three maps below show options for CIL area committees through which councillors would make decisions about CIL funding based on what the community is saying are the local priorities. The survey asks about your preferences for this.

More Information on CIL

What is CIL?

The term CIL is short for "Community Infrastructure Levy".
CIL is a non-negotiable levy based on a series of charges, which is applied to most new development.
It is calculated according to the floorspace of new development.
The operation of CIL is tightly constrained by government regulations.

What is it to be spent on?

CIL is to be spent on infrastructure to support growth. It works like a tax in that infrastructure funded by CIL does not have to be directly related to the development that paid it.

How is it apportioned?

Government regulations require that CIL is apportioned as follows:

• 80 pence in each pound is applied to strategic infrastructure (strategic component)

• 5 pence in each pound is applied to set up and administration costs

• 15 pence in each pound is passed to the Parish in which the development that paid the CIL is located, for the provision of local infrastructure / measures (local component).

* See footnotes, page 10

In non-parished areas like Bristol the Council retains the local component of CIL but should engage with the communities where development has taken place and agree with them how best to spend the local component. In Bristol, this has previously been done via Neighbourhood Partnerships.

In areas where a Neighbourhood Development Plan is in place the devolved figure increases to 25 pence in each pound, provided that the development that paid the CIL was granted planning permission after the Neighbourhood Development Plan took effect. It should be noted that the requirement is very specific that the increase percentage only relates to areas with Neighbourhood Development Plans. It cannot relate to other non-statutory plans such as Community Plans etc.

Are there constraints on the local component of CIL?

The regulations require that the local component of CIL is used

> **"to support the development of the relevant 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".**

How are decisions over spend of the local component of CIL made?

Following the dissolving of Neighbourhood Partnerships, new mechanisms will need to be put in place to ensure decisions over the spend of the local component of CIL are made in an open and transparent manner.

Examples of infrastructure / items that CIL can or cannot 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	✘
Improvements to a Community Building	✔
An alley gating scheme	✘
A new shop front for a commercial enterprise	✘
Support for a new bus service	✔
Provision of a breakfast club for children to enable parents to access employment opportunities	✔
Improvements to land or buildings that have limited or no public access	✘
Expansion of a surgery	✔
Library improvements	✔

Tell us what you think

We want to hear your views about the proposed changes. We will use your feedback to inform our approach to finding more efficient ways for the council to work with communities and support community action.

If you have any good ideas we will investigate them to see whether they offer an alternative which can be delivered within the reduced budget.

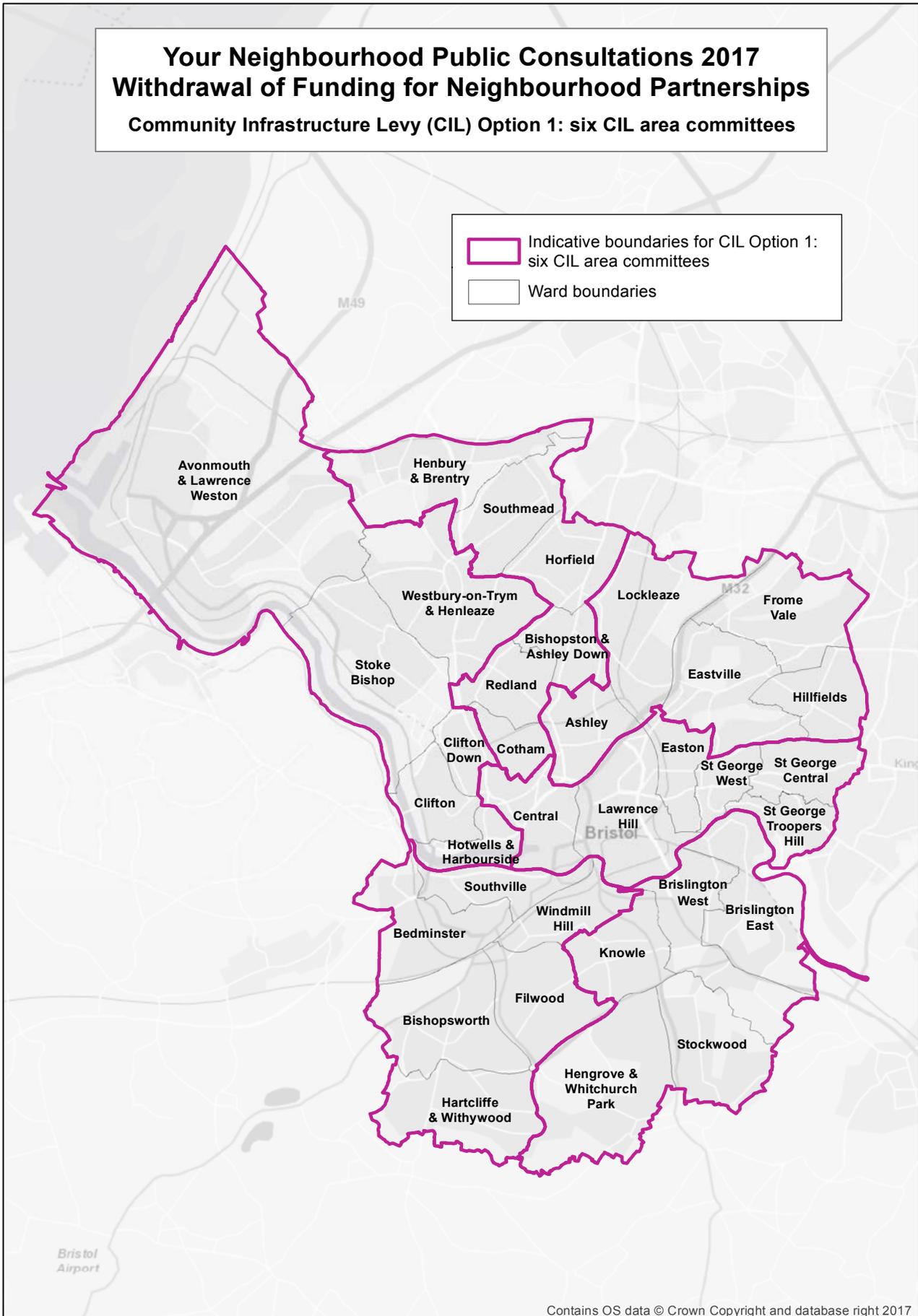You can comment online at **www.bristol.gov.uk/yourneighbourhood**.

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Withdrawal of Funding for Neighbourhood Partnerships
Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Option 1: six CIL area committees

Indicative boundaries for CIL Option 1:
six CIL area committees

Ward boundaries

Avonmouth & Lawrence Weston

Henbury & Brentry

Southmead

Horfield

Westbury-on-Trym & Henleaze

Lockleaze

Frome Vale

Stoke Bishop

Bishopston & Ashley Down

Eastville

Hillfields

Redland

Ashley

Clifton Down

Cotham

Easton

St George West

St George Central

Clifton

Central

Lawrence Hill

St George Troopers Hill

Hotwells & Harbourside

Southville

Brislington West

Brislington East

Windmill Hill

Bedminster

Knowle

Filwood

Bishopsworth

Stockwood

Hengrove & Whitchurch Park

Hartcliffe & Withywood

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Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Option 2: four CIL area committees
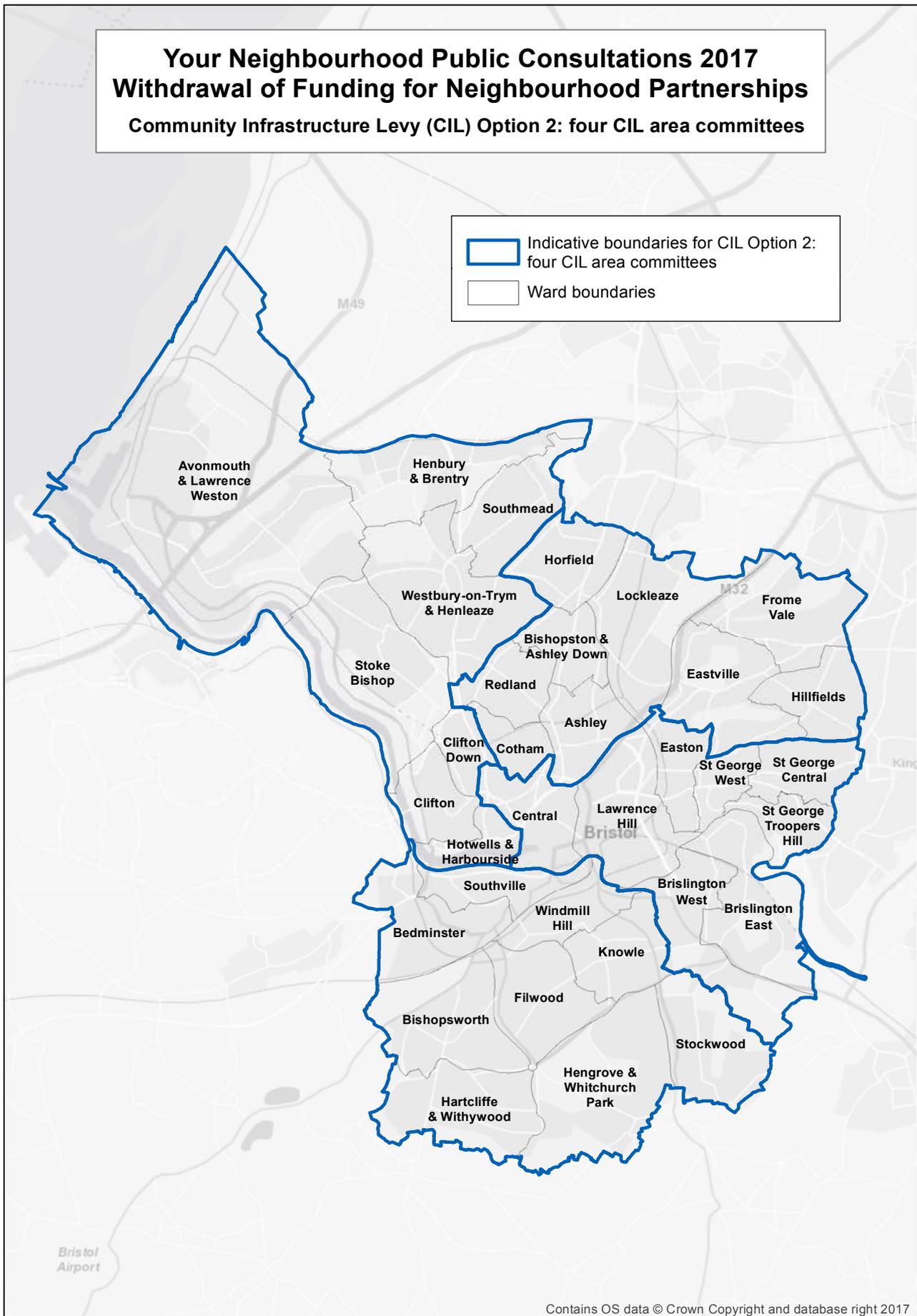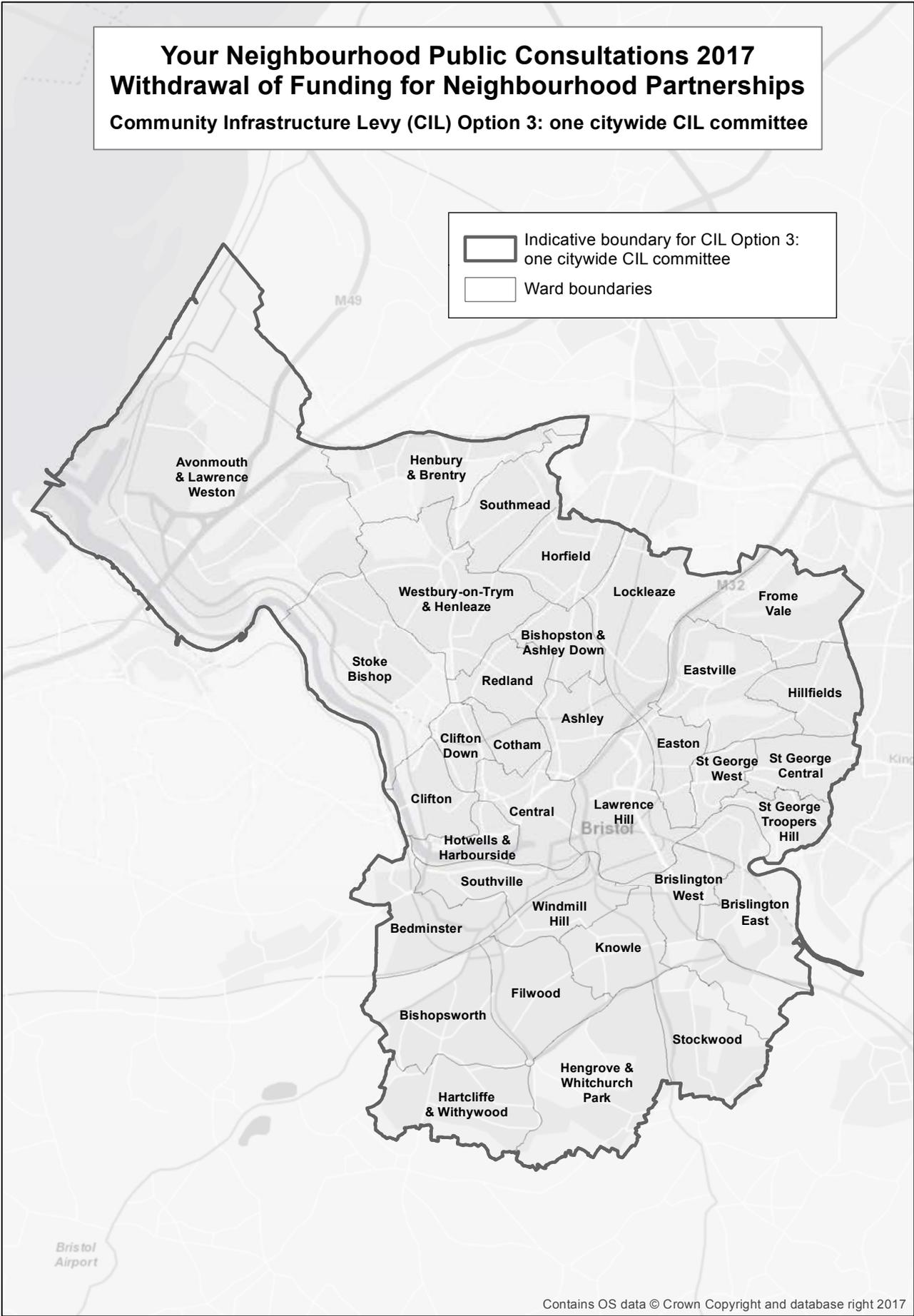
Indicative boundaries for CIL Option 2:
four CIL area committees

Ward boundaries

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Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Option 3: one citywide CIL committee

Indicative boundary for CIL Option 3:
one citywide CIL committee

Ward boundaries

M49

Avonmouth
& Lawrence
Weston

Henbury
& Brentry

Southmead

Horfield

Westbury-on-Trym
& Henleaze

Lockleaze

M32

Frome
Vale

Bishopston &
Ashley Down

Eastville

Hillfields

Stoke
Bishop

Redland

Ashley

Clifton
Down

Cotham

Easton

St George
West

St George
Central

Clifton

Central

Lawrence
Hill

St George
Troopers
Hill

Bristol

Hotwells &
Harbourside

Southville

Brislington
West

Brislington
East

Windmill
Hill

Bedminster

Knowle

Filwood

Stockwood

Bishopsworth

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Whitchurch
Park

Hartcliffe
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King

Bristol
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