

Decision Pathway – Report



PURPOSE: For reference

MEETING: Cabinet

DATE: 02 June 2020

TITLE	Port Communities Resilience Fund – Project Closure Report	
Ward(s)	Avonmouth and Lawrence Weston Wards	
Author:	Warren Pickles	Job title: PCRf Enabling Manager
Cabinet lead:	Cllr Asher Craig	Executive Director lead: Stephen Peacock
Proposal origin: <i>Councillor</i>		
Decision maker: Cabinet Member		
Decision forum: <i>Cabinet</i>		
Purpose of Report:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Report for information only including a summary of the projects delivered and lessons identified from the Port Communities Resilience Fund Capital spend project. 		
Evidence Base:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The PCRf Project Closure Report included at Appendix A provides a summary of the Capital spend phase of the programme. The Capital spend delivery phase was delivered through the Enabling Manager role and ceased on 31 March 2020 with all of the funds being spent/committed at that point. Monitoring of target outcomes will continue until end March 2023. A summary of each of the PCRf themes is provided below. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Community Facilities Theme - £315K All grants have been paid and an annual monitoring workshop initiated. Capital grants were awarded to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ambition Community Energy CiC for development of the community owned inshore wind turbine Avonmouth Community Centre for building renovation works Avonmouth Football Club for clubhouse improvements and extension Avonmouth Old Boys Rugby Football Club for pitch maintenance equipment Twyford House Cricket Club (in association with Shirehampton Football Club) for refurbishment and extension of the clubhouse Jobs, Training and Enterprise Theme - £450K <u>JTE Hubs:</u> Four will be delivered within the ward using PCRf Capital funding to deliver accessible and useable spaces: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Lawrence Weston Community Hub building expected to deliver spatial requirement from late 2020 but remains subject to approval. Avonmouth spatial requirement to be included in renovated community centre from early 2020. Shirehampton hub capacity to be delivered through an improved Methodist church hall from Spring 2020. A Sea Mills hub capability to be delivered at the library with improved AV and furniture from spring 2020. <p><u>Space4Makers:</u> A grant has been paid to Oasis Community Hub to develop the textile and design programme. A new Space4Makers community workshop is to be available at the Bristol North West Foodbank from summer 2020.</p> <p><u>Community Market:</u> A grant has been paid to Avonmouth Projects Group to run community markets in the ward supporting local sole traders and home based start –ups. Markets to commence in spring 2020.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Thriving High Streets - £135K BCC Highways team have installed improvements in Sea Mills and are developing installation plans for April 		

onwards for Ridingleaze in Lawrence Weston. Sustrans will be delivering improvements in Shirehampton and Avonmouth from April 2020.

d. Technical Assistance - £100K (non Capital)

PCRF Enabling Manager role ends 31 March 2020. The balance of the technical assistance budget has been used to support progress of projects over the two year Capital spend phase.

3. A number of key lessons are identified at Appendix A. The project has demonstrated that there is value in an area based approach with community participation in decision making. A flexible approach to project support and challenge has enabled funding to be directed into community led projects through demonstrably secure community organisations. A key point that emerges is that projects that are generated by and for the community with a robust team to drive them are the ones that succeed. The opportunity of obtaining PCRF funds has been the trigger for most of the projects delivered and funded by the project. The perceived ownership of the fund by the community and subsequent high level of engagement with the enabling manager has initiated projects that may never have emerged without PCRF. Examples would be the Shirehampton JTE Hub and the Space4Makers workshop.

Cabinet Member / Officer Recommendations:

1. That the Cabinet Notes the PCRF Project Closure Report (Appendix A).

Corporate Strategy alignment:

The PCRF programme supports all four of the Key Commitments by delivering the following elements:

1. Prioritise community development and enable people to support their community
2. Help develop balanced communities which are inclusive and avoid negative impacts from gentrification
3. Reduce social and economic isolation and help connect people to people, people to jobs and people to opportunity
4. Keep Bristol a leading cultural city, helping make culture, sport and play accessible to all

City Benefits:

1. The need to take forward the PCRF programme was approved at Cabinet August 2017. Annex E to the Cabinet submission (Equalities Impact Assessment) includes details of the benefits expected to be delivered by the programme for minority and disadvantaged groups.

Consultation Details:

1. The PCRF programme was shaped following extensive councillor and public consultation during 2016 and 2017. During the Capital spend period (2018-2020) the programme has been overseen by a Strategic Board including the ward councillors and four neighbourhood representatives from the local communities. The programme has been delivered with significant input and involvement from the key community organisations across the Avonmouth and Lawrence Weston Ward.

Background Documents: August 2017 BCC Cabinet Minutes

Revenue Cost	£0	Source of Revenue Funding	Not Applicable
Capital Cost	£0	Source of Capital Funding	Not Applicable
One off cost <input type="checkbox"/>	Ongoing cost <input type="checkbox"/>	Saving Proposal <input type="checkbox"/>	Income generation proposal <input type="checkbox"/>

Required information to be completed by Financial/Legal/ICT/ HR partners:

1. Finance Advice: The Port Communities Resilience Fund which was approved by Cabinet in March 2015, using capital cash receipt from freehold land sale of the port. £1m was set aside to support a number of capital projects with no associated prudential borrowing liabilities. It was proposed during the last administration, this £1m would be used on a case by case basis. Legible themes and priorities are:

- Jobs & Enterprise £450,000
- Social Impact/ Community Facilities £315,000
- Thriving High Streets £135,000
- Technical Assistance and Project Management £100,000

The fund has been fully committed in the pursuance of the named objectives and there are no further financial

implications for the Council, as a result this report aims to update Cabinet on what has been achieved as well as signal that the Fund is now closed.
In the unlikely event that grants awarded have not been fully expended, the Council will expect the grant recipients to refund the balance of funding. There will be an annual review of outcomes each Nov (2020, 21 and 22), part of which will be the production of final accounts for all the grant funded activities/schemes.

Finance Business Partner: Kayode Olagundoye, Interim Finance Business Partner, Growth & Regeneration, 9th March 2020.

2. Legal Advice: There are no specific legal implications arising from this Report, which is for Cabinet to note.

Legal Team Leader: Husinara Jones, Team Leader/Solicitor 4 March 2020

3. Implications on IT: No anticipated impact on IT Services

IT Team Leader: Simon Oliver 3rd March 2020

4. HR Advice: There are no HR implications evident

HR Partner: Celia Williams 3rd March 2020

5. Procurement Advice: No procurement processes were conducted as no contracts were placed and there is no future procurement activity planned.

Category Manager: Niotia Ferguson, Procurement Category Manager, Resources, 09/03/20

EDM Sign-off	Stephen Peacock	4 March 2020
Cabinet Member sign-off	Cllr Asher Craig	5 March 2020
For Key Decisions - Mayor's Office sign-off	Not required	

Appendix A – Further essential background / detail on the proposal PCRF Project Closure Report –Cabinet	YES
Appendix B – Details of consultation carried out - internal and external	NO
Appendix C – Summary of any engagement with scrutiny	NO
Appendix D – Risk assessment	NO
Appendix E – Equalities screening / impact assessment of proposal	NO
Appendix F – Eco-impact screening/ impact assessment of proposal	NO
Appendix G – Financial Advice	NO
Appendix H – Legal Advice	NO
Appendix I – Exempt Information	NO
Appendix J – HR advice	NO
Appendix K – ICT	NO
Appendix L – Procurement	NO