

# BRISTOL FUTURE PARKS

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# Agenda

1. Introduction to Bristol Future Parks
2. Discussion – does the Downs Committee want to be included in Bristol Future Parks?

# What is Future Parks?

- It's an opportunity to start to change the way we manage our parks
- Work in partnership across different sectors
- Improving health and wellbeing
- Encouraging greater use and accessibility
- Create different funding models

# How is it funded?

An exciting collaborative venture between

- National Trust, the National Lottery Heritage Fund and Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

FPA is some funds and expertise in 8 urban areas of the UK (9 if you count Newcastle).

- 80 local authorities applied
- Accelerator approach – fast and agile 2 year programme
- Big partnership group driving the project

# Why do we need Bristol Future Parks?

- Parks are not a Statutory Service
- Austerity has greatly reduced the funds that are available to Councils
- Resulted in Bristol's parks funding reducing from £6million to £2million per year
- We need to reverse this decline and ensure equity of funding across the city's parks

# What does this mean?

To work with communities, organisations and businesses to find a sustainable solution to maintain and improve parks

Create ideas and projects to

- Save money
- Generate income
- Improve the services
- Improve health and wellbeing

# Cross Cutting Themes

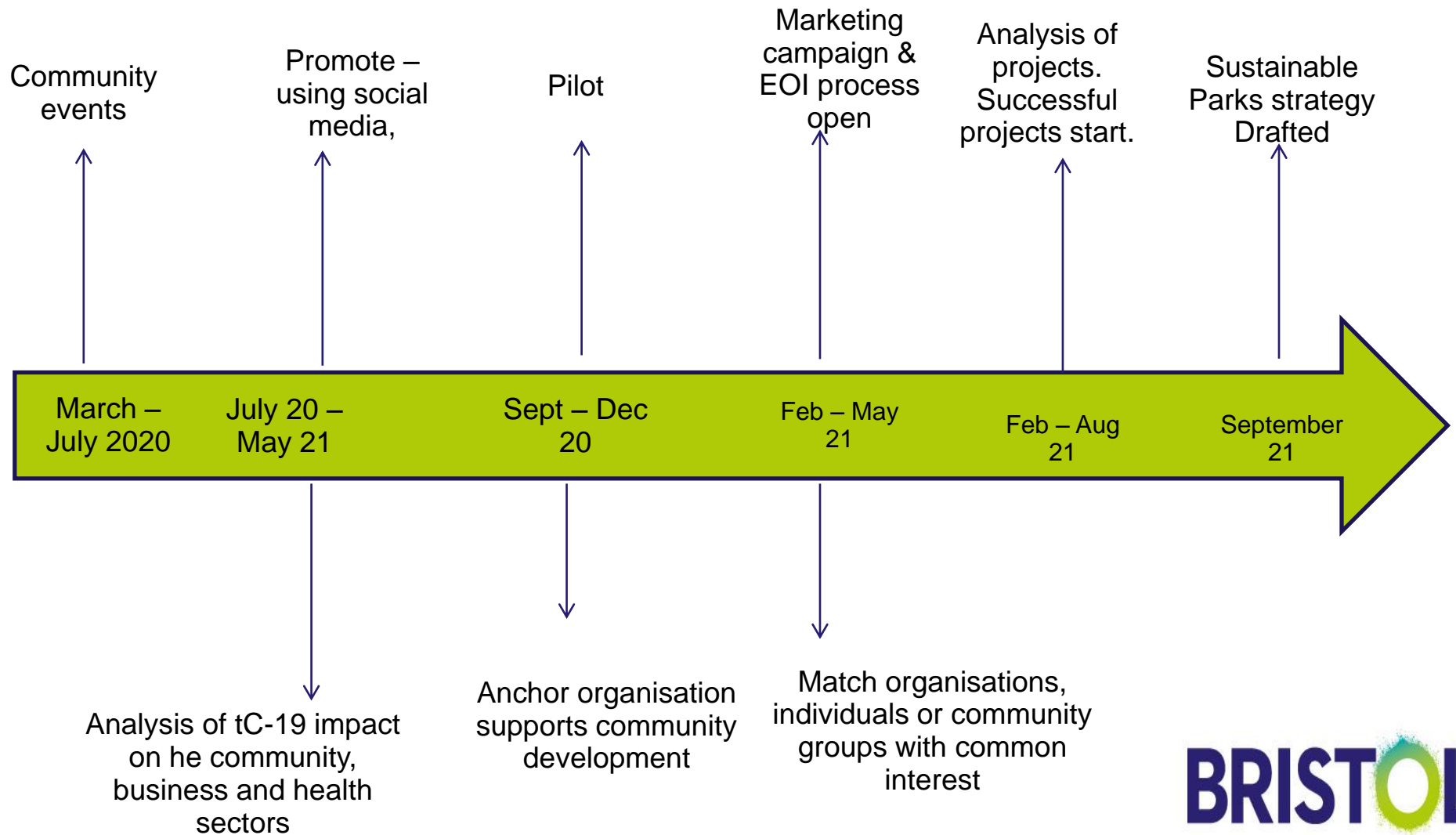
- Communities
- Health and Well being
- Biodiversity and nature
- Enterprise

# How are we doing this?

- With a dedicated team to focus on delivering this change
- By supporting citizens, communities and small organisations to enable them to be part of this change
- To secure expert advice to explore new ways of income generation and look at business opportunities
- Invite Expressions of Interest



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**Any questions?**

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# Discussion

- Do you want to put the Downs into the Expression of Interest phase to market the space for events and/or other activities.
- How would the Downs Committee respond to Expressions of Interest?