



**Avonmouth & Lawrence Weston Neighbourhood Partnership
Thursday 30th June 2016**

Title: Avonmouth Community Plan

Report of: Avona Group

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To hear about the work undertaken by the Avona Group to develop a Community Plan for Avonmouth Village as a First Steps-funded project May 2015 to March 2016 and consider how to link it to the NP Plan

1.1 The First Steps funding programme was run by Locality in 2015/16. It offered communities across the UK access to £2,500 of funding and support from a Relationship Manager to help resident groups develop community plans to improve their neighbourhoods

1.2 In Avonmouth the NPC promoted this opportunity as part of the NP Plan and a group of residents came together take up the option. They submitted a proposal and were successful. They worked together from May 2016 to March 2017 under the group Avona.

1.3 They developed a community survey, delivered it to Avonmouth village households and online; they collated the results and held a community event in November 2015 to flesh out the priority actions into chapters.#

1.4 Their completed Plan was submitted to Locality and the Department of Communities and Local Government in February 2016

1.5 Their plan was signed off successfully with the following comments:

Really a vast improvement and an outstanding plan! There was very little information included in the draft but this has now been addressed. The plan sets out a very clear introduction to the group and the area they work in as well as their rationale, skills and previous working partners. They give a very good account of the consultation, which was broad and inclusive. Throughout the plan they demonstrate a deep consideration for the area and what they can do. As the plan is very ambitious and far reaching, it will be

important to maintain focus on each priority and keep linking them back to the results of the consultation

1.6 The priorities in this plan can be linked to the NP Plan for the coming period so that NP resources work with the community plan to deliver shared outcomes