



**Avonmouth & Lawrence Weston Neighbourhood Partnership
Wednesday 14th December 2016**

Title: Joining Bristol Walking Alliance

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To consider the Bristol Walking Alliance Manifesto and decide if the NP wants to commit to supporting their aims and become a member of the Walking Alliance

1.1 The Bristol Walking Alliance is a consortium of organisations and individuals campaigning to improve Bristol's walking environment. It wants to create an environment for pedestrians that is welcoming, safe, convenient and inclusive.

1.2 They campaign as follows:

Walking as transport: Walking tends to be neglected as a transport mode in government funding and transport policies, or submerged under the label of 'walking and cycling'. We want funding and policies to encourage public health, urban planning and transport professionals to work together to promote and enable walking as an important mode of transport.

Space for walking: Our streets are not always welcoming, safe, convenient and inclusive for walkers. We want to work with policy makers, transport planners and urban designers to make changes in street design that meet the needs of walkers.

Walkable neighbourhoods: We encourage community groups and Neighbourhood Partnerships to actively look at how their neighbourhood could be made more walkable. This includes working with transport planners and urban designers on safe walking routes to school, employment, shops and local facilities.

Streets for people: We encourage residents to take the initiative to make their streets more liveable for people of all ages and abilities. This includes working with the Council and the police to adopt traffic-calming measures and address pavement obstruction problems.

1.3 A number of Neighbourhood Partnerships across the city have joined the Walking Alliance and participate in their work. Their website can be viewed at: <http://www.bristolwalkingalliance.org.uk/>

A core requirement of membership is to sign up to their Manifesto, **Appendix 1**

1.4 Potential additional actions which the NP might want to follow up might include:

- Individual members attending Walking Alliance meetings
- Publicising events and activities
- Encouraging activities which support Walking Alliance aims in their Manifesto within our neighbourhoods, NP work and Wellbeing and other fundings spends

1.5 Recommendation: that the NP decides if it wants to become a member of the Bristol Walking Alliance and consider if any NP resident member or Councillor or member of the public wants to take part in their activities representing the NP