



**STOCKWOOD, HENGROVE & WHITCHURCH PARK
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP**

14th DECEMBER 2016

Title: Bristol City Council Corporate Strategy Consultation Update

Report of: Ariaf Hussain/Ward Councillors

Recommendation:

To note the content of the report and the summary strategy document

Background

The Neighbourhood Partnership is asked to note the draft Corporate Strategy 2017-22 and the associated consultation process.

Bristol citizens, groups and organisations (including all Neighbourhood Partnerships) have an opportunity to have their say on the draft Corporate Strategy.

The Corporate Strategy includes:

- the Mayor's vision for Bristol
- Bristol City Council priorities over the next five years
- an outline of savings proposals for the revenue budget from April 2017-March 2022
- A draft capital programme from April 2017-March 2022

The City Council is consulting on:

- Priorities and the contents of the Corporate Strategy and business plans set out in the Corporate Strategy
- an anticipated increase of 1.95% per year in Council Tax (about 55p per week for the average Band D home)
- an additional 2% on Council Tax (also about 55p per week for the average Band D home) specifically to help fund Adult Social Care services
- Draft proposals for around £27 million of savings

- A Capital Programme

What are the main financial implications for Neighbourhood Partnerships?

Budget Savings relating to Neighbourhood Partnerships as they appear in the Corporate Strategy 2017-2022 Consultation

Action:	Outcome:	2017/18	2018/19
Remove funding for local traffic schemes, currently devolved to Neighbourhood Partnerships	Currently Neighbourhood Partnerships are given £350k to provide smaller local traffic schemes, which could be removed generating (including staff costs) a £410k saving. Note that delivery of current planned schemes may be impacted.	£410,00	
Reshape our approach to civic engagement and local empowerment and reform Neighbourhood Partnerships.	We recognise the value of Neighbourhood Partnerships but believe there are more efficient ways to undertake this engagement role, and we will work to change the focus and scope of the Neighbourhood Partnerships. The level of saving will depend on the approach taken.	£206,000– £618,000	£69,000– £207,000

The full proposed impact of the cuts on NPs will not be known until the cabinet papers are published for the 7th February Cabinet meeting. The new council budget will be debated and passed (with any agreed amendments) at the Full Council Meeting on 21st February 2017.

The Mayor, and the cabinet member responsible for Neighbourhoods, has publicly declared that they consider NPs are likely to be subject to changes. A task group has been convened to lead the review of NPs. The timetable for this review is, at present, unknown.

Please visit <https://bristol.citizenspace.com/bristol-city-council/corporate-strategy-2017-2022/> before 5 January 2017 to give your views on the Corporate Strategy.