
Removal of remaining funding supporting neighbourhood action

Overview

Bristol City Council is proposing changes to the funding it offers to support neighbourhood action. This would enable us to reduce the budget for this service by £257k in 2018/19.

Our proposals are described below. You can see the full list of savings which we propose to make over the next five years as part of our Corporate Strategy and Budget Consultation at

www.bristol.gov.uk/corpstrategy

Next steps

Your feedback, along with the views of other local groups and partners and the results of our Equalities Impact Assessment, will be taken in to consideration in developing a set of final proposals that match local needs wherever possible. Please note that the Equalities Impact Assessment is being updated and will be available by Monday 13 November. The **Equality Impact Relevance Check** provides details of some of the impacts that will be considered in the Equalities Impact Assessment. The proposals will be put to the Mayor and his Cabinet to make a final decision. In making a decision they will also take consultation responses and the Equalities Impact Assessment into consideration.

The consultation results and the council's decision on how to deliver future services will be published in early 2018.

Introduction

In the recent ‘Your Neighbourhood’ consultation we asked the people of Bristol about how we should spend £309k. This was what was left in the Neighbourhood Partnerships budget once the saving of £1.062m was removed. We put forward three proposals one of which was to allocate £257k to fund local community projects. You can find out more about those changes here www.bristol.gov.uk/neighbourhood-partnerships/changes-in-neighbourhood-partnerships and the results of the Your Neighbourhood consultation can be found here www.bristol.gov.uk/yourneighbourhood

Subject to Cabinet accepting the options put forward to them in December 2017 there would be £257,000 available for small grants to local community projects. These grants would have been available for local councillors and members of the community to jointly decide on projects to allocate funding to – for example, to fund sports equipment or community events.

We recognise that in the recent ‘Your Neighbourhood’ consultation most people supported the proposal to fund local community projects so we know, of those who responded, most people think it is a good idea. However, we have had to review this proposal in the context of further savings.

Our Proposals

As part of £52m of savings identified for the year 2018/19, it has been proposed that this grant funding be stopped under the category identified as reducing or stopping non-priority services.

Annual savings table:

Net saving 2018/19 (£'000s)	Net saving 2019/20 (£'000s)	Net saving 2020/21 (£'000s)	Net saving 2021/22 (£'000s)	Net saving 2022/23 (£'000s)	Total (£'000s)
257,000	0	0	0	0	257,000

Other options considered

In the context of the need to make savings of £52m in 2018/19, we have considered but rejected making savings elsewhere, for example through raising Council Tax above the 1.99% maximum increase permitted without requiring a referendum, use of reserves (a short term option) or making reductions to other services.

1 Do you agree or disagree with this proposal?

Please select only one item

- Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree
 Strongly disagree

2 Do you have any further comments on this proposal?

About you

We would like to receive feedback from people with as wide a variety of views and needs as possible in Bristol. It would be very helpful if you could complete the following 'About You' questions. This will help us ensure that no-one is discriminated against unlawfully.

Information provided will be treated confidentially and in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and only used to ensure that everyone is treated fairly.

3 What is your postcode?

4 What is your age group?

Please select only one item

- Under 18 18 – 24 25-44 45-64 65-74 Over 75
 Prefer not to say

5 What is your gender?

Please select only one item

- Female Male Prefer not to say

6 Are you transgender?

Please select only one item

- Yes No Prefer not to say

7 What is your ethnicity?

Please select only one item

- White British Other white Mixed / Dual Heritage Black / Black British
 Asian / Asian British Other ethnic group Prefer not to say

If other, please specify:

8 Are you disabled?

Please select only one item

- Yes No Prefer not to say

9 What is your religion?

Please select only one item

- No religion Christian Buddhist Hindu Jewish Muslim Sikh
 Any other religion or belief Prefer not to say

If other, please specify:

10 What is your sexual orientation?

Please select only one item

- Heterosexual (straight) Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual Prefer not to say

Data Protection: Data you supply will be held and used in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Personal information you supply is confidential. The council will only publish aggregate or summary results from the consultation, which will not identify individuals. Information will be stored for two years.