Lawrence Weston Community Plan
The Way Forward 2018 – 2023

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Lawrence Weston is a great place to live

Whilst there are lots of changes that we want to make, we would like to celebrate and share what is already good about Lawrence Weston. Lawrence Weston is a great place to live because:

- A long standing community and newly arrived residents working together to improve the neighbourhood
- A fantastic community farm
- Access to green space, wildlife and nature – including Lawrence Weston Moor and the Blaise Castle estate
- Its very own Roman Villa
- The only BMX track of its kind in Bristol
- A Grade 1 listed building ‘Kingsweston House’ designed and built in the 18th Century by Sir John Vanbrugh
- Innovative youth providers
- Toddler groups and activities for young families delivered by dedicated and committed early years practitioners
- Active churches delivering fantastic services such as the Lawrence Weston food bank
- Facilities for older residents including lunch clubs, walking groups and health services
- A community newsletter and website
- Its own Community Transport scheme
- Some of the best and most improved schools in the country
- A real sense of community – a place where people look after one another

Our vision for Lawrence Weston in 2023

Lawrence Weston is a friendly and vibrant neighbourhood where the word ‘community’ really does matter. A place where ALL residents of today and tomorrow can live happy, healthy and fulfilling lives, from childhood through to old age. We will strive to achieve this by ensuring residents can:

- Access high quality jobs, services and shops
- Benefit from great education and training throughout their lives
- Enjoy modern community, sport, leisure and art facilities
- Look after their physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing with access to appropriate services and support
- Access affordable, safe, nutritious and culturally appropriate food
- Understand their rights and are empowered to make choices to improve their own lives
- Enjoy an environment which is looked after, safe and clean with well-maintained and well used green spaces
- Access healthy, energy efficient and affordable homes for all stages of life
- Travel safely on well-connected and affordable transport routes
- Feel part of a community which supports and looks after one another and is welcoming and inclusive
- Collectively celebrate the heritage and identity of the neighbourhood and plan carefully for its future
- Have a strong voice at the heart of decision making locally
So how did we get to this point? –
The journey so far

2011
- Lawrence Weston Community Network Established
- Community Research Undertaken

2012
- Lawrence Weston Planning Group Established
- Funding for 2 new playgrounds
- Launch of ‘On Your Doorstep’ Magazine
- Big Lottery announce Lawrence Weston will receive £1 million
- Ambition Lawrence Weston Incorporated

2013
- Big Local lottery programme launched
- Lawrence Weston Community Plan launched

2014
- Community Led Housing Group Established
- Revived Community carnival

2015
- Neighbourhood Development Plan written
- Planning application for Community Hub granted

2016
- Community Owned Solar Farm starts building
- First Christmas event held
- ALW saves the Youth Centre from closure

2017
- Lidl starts building work
- New community survey
- Neighbourhood Development Plan adopted

2018
- Lidl opens
- Refreshed Community Plan Launched

What is a Community Plan?
A Community Plan helps residents identify the needs of their community and focuses resources on making things better.

In updating our Community Plan we have tried to include everything that is relevant to the people who live and work in Lawrence Weston. We have considered everything from employment, housing and playgrounds to the design of new buildings and new services for job seekers, young people and families. We have worked hard to ensure that our plan:

- Includes everybody’s views
- Identifies the things people like, and like less about Lawrence Weston
- Identifies local changes, challenges and opportunities
- Outlines how people in Lawrence Weston want the neighbourhood to be developed in the future
- Sets out an action plan to achieve this
- Trains and support residents as community leaders, champions and advocates

The 2013 Community Plan has been very important in improving Lawrence Weston. In particular:

- It has given our partners and stakeholders confidence. It showed that we know what we’re doing and that others are playing their part
- It showed that we’re ambitious and can work together
- It clearly set out our issues and priorities
- It helped give stability and cohesion to our plans for the future
- It encouraged and guided future investment
- It gave us a voice and made key decision makers listen

Why did we write this plan?
The Lawrence Weston Community Plan was first written in 2013 as the residents and local partners had become increasingly frustrated at the lack of joined-up thinking at a neighbourhood level. Nobody was looking at the estate as a whole or planning for its future. So we decided to write our own plan. Since then we have achieved some amazing things. But the world has moved on and there are new challenges on the horizon. This update is our response to the changes around us and sets our new priorities for the coming years.

How did we write this plan?
During November 2017 Ambition Lawrence Weston and Local residents conducted a survey by door knocking the estate, we collated and analysed these results and presented these to the residents at the community plan workshop event during March 2018. This event also allowed us share the results and then to interactively come up with the three top priorities for each theme.
Where do we go from here?

This document sets out a refreshed and revised ‘five year vision’ for the changes that we, the residents, want to see and explores how those activities can lend themselves to creating an income for our organisation. Such things as, the local solar farm, that now brings in a steady yearly income, rental fees from the Youth Centre also sees a small income stream, we have now secured more lucrative hire agreements that should see this profit increase.

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What does this mean for Ambition Lawrence Weston?

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What changes, challenges and opportunities are on the horizon in the next five years?

In the next five years we will face changes and challenges in Lawrence Weston. The government’s ongoing austerity programme will undoubtedly result in more cuts to local authority spending. This means that Bristol City Council will provide fewer services and support for residents. It will also mean less funding and grants for organisations in the voluntary and community sector.

The government’s Universal Credit programme will be rolled out and reach Lawrence Weston residents around September 2018. While the government’s aim is to increase incentives to work, Universal Credit could also result in delayed and reduced payments. Either way, this will impact upon Lawrence Weston.

With a general election in or before June 2022 we could see major policy changes yet again. And no one really knows what will happen if and when Brexit hits home.

But it’s not all bad news. There will be new investment in the area particularly in higher quality housing for local people and more local employment opportunities. Our own Neighbourhood Development Plan will give us more influence over what gets built and where and it will also enable us to improve local infrastructure via the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL= funding).

Perhaps the greatest opportunity of all is for us, the residents, to take control and get things done. We have proved over the last five years through Ambition Lawrence Weston, its sub groups and partners that we can make a real change to our community. By coming together we can make Lawrence Weston an even better place to live, work and play.

A new supermarket for Lawrence Weston

Back in 2013 Bristol City Council was working up plans to sell the former college site. They believed, and their consultants agreed, that the only interest in the site would come from housing developers. But we thought otherwise.

We knew, from the Community Plan consultation, that there was demand for a new supermarket from residents who wanted lower shopping bills and more fresh and healthy food choices. So we spoke to our local MP who spoke to contacts in the property industry and suddenly there were several supermarkets interested in coming to Lawrence Weston. The Council couldn’t argue with that and in 2018 Lidl opened their store. The Community Plan had a huge part to play in this amazing improvement to the local area.
1 Housing

Current Situation – What is it like now?

- There are 3070 dwellings in Lawrence Weston, 38% are owner occupied, 41% are rented from Bristol City Council, 9% are rented from Housing Associations and 7% are rented privately.
- Housing Associations manage about 300 dwellings in the area.
- Asking prices for 3 bed semi-detached houses are £170,000-200,000, 45% lower than Bristol average.
- The social rent for a 3 bed house in Lawrence Weston is £418pcm.
- A privately rented 3 bed house will cost £900pcm, 19% lower than the Bristol average.
- 30% of residents said the choice of housing is good or OK while 48% say it is poor and needs improving. In 2013, 69% of residents said the choice was good or OK.
- 51% of residents say that the quality of housing is good or OK while 35% say it is poor and needs improving. In 2013, 66% of residents said that the quality was good or OK.
- LW has a very high percentage of two bedroom council properties and most of these are walk up flats.
- There are many families living in the flats with no lifts for buggies or shopping.
- Housing is low density (32 dwellings per hectare, compared to 120 dph in some inner city areas).
- ALW is developing a community-led housing development of approximately 40 homes at Astry Close.
- Sites identified for development, but without planning permission could accommodate 350 additional dwellings.
- The new Neighbourhood Plan includes a local lettings policy to enable 50% of new affordable homes to be allocated to local people.

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What changes are on the horizon?

- There is likely to be ongoing demand for housing from population growth
- Housing costs will stay high and will be unaffordable for many
- There will be market and government policy pressure for new housing development
- New sites for development may have to be found
- ALW may become a housing developer and manager either directly or via housing partners
- Increased regulation of the private rented sector is possible and may impact upon supply
- Risk of overcrowding and related stress issues
- Increasing number of elderly people creating demand for different size and type of units
- Neighbourhood Plan Policy H6 should deliver more affordable homes for existing residents or those with family connections to the area.

How do residents want it to be? – quotes taken from the survey:

- Let’s try and make Lawrence Weston a place that people want to live in
- Decent affordable homes which are community let and don’t get snatched up by private investors
- Break the cycle of being stuck in overpriced private housing
- More help for young residents to get housing. So many single young people between 18-30 don’t get the chance to get housing and have to remain at home with parents
- More sheltered housing or bungalows for the elderly
- More homes for local people
- Our children can’t get homes here to rent or buy
- I’m in my 20s and have lived here my whole life. I would happily buy a house here should the opportunity arise. I have a degree and a decent job but the economy means I can’t afford to buy my own home
- Any new dwelling should have proper parking facilities
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<td>• Complete the welcome pack to highlight opportunities for potential developers and investors</td>
<td>• ALW</td>
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<td>• End of 2018</td>
<td>• New welcome pack available in hard copy and downloadable</td>
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<td>Housing Stock</td>
<td>• Create a strategy to establish and improve all housing stock condition and improve external spaces</td>
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<td>• Research completed and strategy developed</td>
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<td>More choice for private sector occupiers</td>
<td>• Deliver more choice of properties and tenures for residents in the private sector</td>
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<td>Tenant support and advice</td>
<td>• Provide accessible support and advice across tenures to improve residents’ housing situation</td>
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<td>• 2019+</td>
<td>• Service established. Tenants’ accessing support. Issues resolved to tenants’ satisfaction</td>
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<td>Security of tenure of private tenants</td>
<td>• Lobby BCC to improve protection for private sector tenants</td>
<td>• Local Residents</td>
<td>• Big Local</td>
<td>• 2018+</td>
<td>• Licensing schemes established</td>
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<td>Community-led Housing</td>
<td>• Raise aspirations by delivering a high quality community owned housing scheme.</td>
<td>• Local Residents</td>
<td>• Big Local</td>
<td>• 2018+</td>
<td>• Scheme developed and occupied. Reflect, learn and inform a long term strategy around community led housing</td>
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Ensure that new housing developments reflect local needs and aspirations, not just city wide priorities.
Current Situation – What is it like now?

- In 2017 the Kingsweston beat experienced 1,223 criminal incidents (240 per 1000 aged 16+). This is 40% higher than 2013. Violence against the person, sexual offences and ‘other’ have seen the highest growth but theft, burglary, drugs have seen modest increases or falls. This pattern reflects the citywide picture, although increases in Kingsweston are lower than citywide.

- 31% rate the level of policing as good or OK and 58% rate the level as poor and needing improvement.

- 82% agree or strongly agree that levels of crime are a problem in the neighbourhood.

- 83% agree or strongly agree that levels of anti-social behaviour are a problem in the neighbourhood. Calls to Police regarding Anti-Social Behaviour in Kingsweston beat have fallen by 51% from 553 (2013) to 289 (2017).

- 12% of respondents in Avonmouth and Lawrence Weston ward say their day to day life is affected by fear of crime. This is the same as the citywide average.

- Control of dogs in Lawrence Weston is rated as poor and needs improvement by 52% of respondents.

- Comments in survey continue to highlight the problem of nuisance motorcycles.

- Comments in survey continue to highlight street drinking, especially by young people in parks and groups in Ridingleaze as a problem.

- Levels of domestic abuse in Avonmouth and Lawrence Weston ward are amongst the highest in Bristol. A higher proportion of people (10%) believe that it is a private matter than citywide (7.5%).

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What changes are on the horizon?

- Government focus is on ‘policing reform’ and efficiency. Unlikely to see any commitment to increase police numbers.

- From September 2018 the Neighbourhood Policing Team force wide will be implementing a new operating model which will enable the local Neighbourhood officers to focus on problem solving and provide traditional service delivery based on visibility in the community.

- A new Police Station at Southmead Hospital will open by the end of 2018 which claim will bring efficiencies to local Policing.

- Avon and Somerset Police have a commitment to not reduce resources within Neighbourhood Policing, and demand profiling allows them to locally assess their demand and move resources to tackle demand in the right locations.

How residents want it to be – quotes taken from the survey:

- More visible police on the streets and more community policing.

- Tackle racism and bullying.

- Stop drug sellers.

- CCTV along the shops.

- Stop bus shelters being smashed.

- Stop motorcycle crime.

- Big fines for littering.

- Team up with PCSO to stop under age street drinking.

- Stop gangs drinking on Ridingleaze.

- Tackle youth on youth violence.

- More things to do for the youth.

- Just more safe places for teenagers.

- Clamp down on anti-social behaviour and vandalism.

- Lower the crime rate.

- Improve the street scene, dog fouling, clean streets, etc.

- Sort out street parking (parking on pavement).

- Encourage people to take some pride in the area they live.

## 2 Crime and community safety

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| Increased presence and visibility of Police including social media presence | • Increased visibility on bike and foot and at community events  
  • Advertise the beat team Twitter page and raise the followers on Twitter | • Local Beat Team  
  • PCSOs  
  • ALW | • None needed | • 2018 | • Local beat team to advertise Twitter account  
  • Increased police presence in Lawrence Weston and at community events  
  • ALW to repost information from beat team Twitter pages |
| Increased crime reporting                                             | • Promote 101 service  
  • Promote beat surgeries in the area  
  • Continue to produce articles for On Your Doorstep newsletter | • Local residents  
  • Local Beat Team  
  • ALW  
  • Ward Councillors  
  • Big Local | • None needed | • 2019 | • Local beat surgeries held and crime reporting has increased |
| Improved and increased community policing                             | • Local beat team to have more PCSO presence in the community  
  • More consistent police personnel  
  • Littering and dog fouling as part of PCSO patrol with support from the Council Enforcement Team | • Local residents  
  • Local Beat Team  
  • Council Enforcement Team | • None needed | • 2019 | • Beat team more visible in the local community and at community events |
| Creative engagement with Young People to reduce ASB that doesn’t criminalise Young People | • More engagement with Young People to make them part of our community  
  • More involvement in positive activities | • Local residents  
  • Local Beat Team  
  • All Youth Providers  
  • Schools | • None needed | • 2019 | • More positive activities held with police and Young People |
| More CCTV in the area to give the community reassurance and support the Police is tackling crime | • Look at CCTV in LW, focusing on: Ridingleaze shops and Play Park  
  • Bus shelters  
  • Other identified hotspots | • ALW  
  • Local Beat Team  
  • BCC  
  • Transport services | • Big Local  
  • CIL  
  • Section 106  
  • Other funding streams | • 2020 | • Strategic plan in place to increase CCTV in Lawrence Weston |
| Early intervention and Think family                                   | • Ensure every interaction with a young person is a chance to gather information to spot risks and opportunities for engagement | • Local Beat Team  
  • Youth Providers  
  • Think Family Team | • None needed | • Ongoing | • Work with partner agencies to prevent crime and reduce present or future demand on the police  
  • Less Young People entering the CJS |

**INCREASED PRESENCE AND VISIBILITY OF POLICE INCLUDING SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE**
3 Traffic and Transport

Current Situation – What is it like now?

- 81% agree or strongly agree that road safety is a problem
- 87% agree or strongly agree that parking in general is a problem
- 64% say that roads and pavements are poor and need improvement
- 79% agree or strongly agree that the cost of public transport is a problem
- 63% agree or strongly agree that public transport links to jobs are a problem
- 44% say that poor transport links to jobs are a barrier to finding work
- 72% agree or strongly agree that public transport links to the hospital are a problem
- 55% agree or strongly agree that the lack of facilities for cyclists is a problem in the neighbourhood
- 69% agree or strongly agree that insufficient crossings are a problem
- 60% agree or strongly agree that HGVs are a problem
- 63% agree or strongly agree that traffic congestion and fumes are a problem
- 64% of respondents said that the 20 mph speed limit had not been a success in Lawrence Weston
- 65% of respondents said that the traffic on Long Cross had not slowed since the 20 mph speed limit was changed
- 50% of A&LW respondents travel to work by car and 10% by bicycle

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to jobs are a problem

- 60% of respondents in A&LW ward were satisfied with the bus service
- 27% of households do not own a car
- "the majority wanted the (20mph) zones removed, although many said they would want them kept outside schools."
- Despite having additional local community transport services (Lawrence Weston Community Transport, SeverNet Flyer) the area is cut off from neighbouring communities by open space and major roads.
- The bus services are seen as expensive, unreliable and intermittent and do not directly take residents to all jobs at Avonmouth or to other important facilities such as Further Education colleges, hospitals and the City Centre.
- The standard 50 minute journey time to the centre of Bristol creates problems for people accessing jobs and other facilities.
- There is a lack of safe cycle routes and low take up of cycling on the estate. Residents are dependent on their cars, though car ownership is low: 39% have no car/van compared to a 29% Bristol average.
What changes are on the horizon?

- Increasing cost of driving
- Increasing car ownership = more congestion and more parking
- Ongoing move to electric / hybrid cars and increasing automation of cars
- Need for more charging points for electric cars
- Fewer diesel cars
- Future of bus / public transport – increasing cost
- Ageing population – increasing number of elderly people unable to drive
- Declining local services – increased need to access services elsewhere

How do residents want it to be?
– quotes taken from the survey:

- Stop cars parking on pavements so that mum with prams have to walk in the road
- Stop parking on grass verges
- More control of heavy lorries etc using and sometimes speeding through Long Cross
- Stop tankers driving through Long Cross early hours
- Stop motorcycle crime

- One way road system on side roads and Ridingleaze
- Buses and public transport - need more and they need to be reliable
- Tidy public footpaths
- Better connections to Colleges
- Bus connection to Avonmouth jobs
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<td>• Look at the feasibility of creating a one way system on Ridingeaze and/or a pedestrian zone at Ridingleaze</td>
<td>• Local residents</td>
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<td>• 2023</td>
<td>• New traffic system in operation</td>
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<td><strong>3.2 Encourage regular traffic enforcement (see section 2.4)</strong></td>
<td>• Improve overall parking</td>
<td>• Local residents</td>
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<td>• 2018/9</td>
<td>• Improved parking options across Lawrence Weston including sufficient parking within new developments</td>
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<td><strong>3.3 Improve public transport (also see section 4.7)</strong></td>
<td>• Improve links to all Hospitals</td>
<td>• Local residents</td>
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<td>• 2019</td>
<td>• More journey options available for travel around Bristol</td>
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<td>• Direct links and regular services</td>
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<td>• Improved transport links to the Western Approach industrial estate</td>
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<td><strong>3.4 Obtain information from bus companies on journeys to improve service need</strong></td>
<td>• Aim to reduce non-appearance of buses</td>
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<td>• Monitor passenger footfall on buses and number of complaints</td>
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<td><strong>3.5 Improve existing roads to encourage cycling</strong></td>
<td>• Provide more cycle racks</td>
<td>• Sustrans</td>
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<td>• More and improved cycle racks, tracks, awareness of current facilities, more people cycling</td>
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<td>• Better cycle routes</td>
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<td><strong>3.6 Increase pedestrian crossings and improve bus stops in Lawrence Weston</strong></td>
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- Of survey respondents aged 16-64, 32% are employed full-time, 19% are employed part-time and 5% of respondents are self-employed. 17% are permanently sick/disabled, 12% are looking after the home and 9% are full-time carers.

- 28% of respondents aged 16-64 say that ‘no appropriate jobs’ is a barrier they have faced when trying to find work.

- 29% of respondents say that poor transport links are a barrier to finding work.

- 23% of respondents say that a lack of qualifications is a barrier to trying to find work.

- There are 155 claimants aged 16-64 in Lawrence Weston (3.7% of working age population) down from 325 in 2013.

- Job Seekers Allowance claimants are increasingly seeking work in sales and customer services as opposed to elementary occupations (construction, cleaning etc.).

- Kingsweston is the only ward in Bristol to see claimant growth since 2007 and is now third highest in the city.

- There are 34 companies registered in Lawrence Weston. The Kingsweston ward has the 3rd lowest number of jobs in relation to other Bristol wards.

- 35% of Lawrence Weston’s residents aged 16+ have no qualifications (Bristol average 20%).

- 33% of respondents would like to attend a course in computer skills.

- 90% of respondents access the internet at home.

- 9% of all respondents volunteer in Lawrence Weston.

- 42% of respondents said that they feel there is not enough information and advice in the area.

What changes are on the horizon?

- Roll out of Universal Credit will replace other benefits.

- Ongoing pressure on claimants to work.

- Increasing automation and robots in the workplace.

- Ongoing development and job creation at Avonmouth Severnside.

- Potential for Business space at the Hub (see section 5.1).

- Ongoing pressure on personal and family finances and debt.

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<td>• ALW • Community learning • Readeasy • Learn Direct • Other learning providers</td>
<td>• As far as possible try to ensure courses are local and free. • Current learning providers offer. • Big Local</td>
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<td>Development of an internet café and jobs fair space</td>
<td>• Location in LW until Community-Hub operational • Local computer support – supply, repair and learning • Jobs fair/club running twice yearly</td>
<td>• Local residents • ALW • SevernNet • Community learning • Employers • Work Zone • JCP</td>
<td>• Setup and marketing costs • Running costs • Staff time • Big Local</td>
<td>2018</td>
<td>• Pop up internet café and jobs fair/club running in LW</td>
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<td>Deliver a community health and employment hub (see section 5.1)</td>
<td>• Enable community buildings to include: • Access to PCs, Library, training, employment support, credit union, social enterprise advice) • I.T skills training</td>
<td>• ALW • BCC • Education partners • Colleges • Bristol Credit Union • NBAC</td>
<td>• Capital costs • Running costs • Staff time • Big Local</td>
<td>2019/20</td>
<td>• New community building delivered and employment hub created</td>
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<td>Ensure new developments maximise local labour and training opportunities</td>
<td>• Include local labour initiatives as part of new development briefs • Provide one to one support with businesses and residents to overcome barriers and identify training needs</td>
<td>• Local residents • ALW • BCC • Education partners • Developers • LWPG</td>
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<td>• Work with developers, architects, builders and planning authority encouraging using local labour, and where possible write into contracts</td>
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<td>Enable sector based skills academy’s delivered in local area</td>
<td>• Link to employers ‘guaranteed’ trials or interviews once training completed</td>
<td>• Local employers • Education and training providers</td>
<td>• Staff time • Big Local</td>
<td>2020</td>
<td>• More residents benefiting from increased employment guaranteed interviews and/or trials</td>
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<td>Provide a dedicated space to enable upskilling of residents</td>
<td>• Continue working with a large education provider to realise a purpose built skills academy in the local area</td>
<td>• College of further education • ALW • Local employers</td>
<td>• College of further education • Apprenticeship levy • Big Local</td>
<td>2021</td>
<td>• Skills academy building open. Upskilling and vocational training for residents</td>
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### 4 Jobs, Skills, Business and Financial Exclusion

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| 4.6    | Improve financial literacy, support residents to better manage debts and advocate on behalf of residents when needed | • Deliver financial literacy and money management courses. Facilitate the services of NBAC debt advice, form filling and appeal case work | • NBAC  
• ALW  
• Learning communities  
• Credit Union | • Staff time  
• Big Local  
• Credit Union | • 2019 | • Residents increase financial literacy and reduce debts |
| 4.7    | Upskill local residents (see 6.2, section 7, 9.3) | • Enable skilled and upskill local residents to become champions, volunteers or more active in the community using an ABCD approach | • Local residents  
• Learning providers  
• BCC  
• ALW  
• PH | • Big Local  
• Staff time  
• Volunteer time | • 2018 on going | • More residents feel they have the confidence and skills to become more active and make a difference in the community, and more residents caring about the community and doing things for themselves |
| 4.8    | Public transport links for learning activities and finding work (see 3.3) | • Have discussions with transport providers to explore options to provide a wider network of transport for learning and employment | • First Bus  
• SevernNet  
• LWCT  
• Wessex buses | • Staff time  
• Funding of transport  
• Providers’ costs  
• Big Local | • 2020 | • New and Improved transport links to places of work and learning |

**Roll out of Universal Credit will replace other benefits**

Research found that 69% of those asked wanted access to employment, welfare benefits and debt advice.
5 Health, Wellbeing & Social Care

Current Situation – What is it like now?

- Life expectancy is 82 for females and 78 for males*13
- 3 Super Output Area’s in Lawrence Weston rank in the top 10% of health deprivation in England*14
- 31% living with a limiting long-term illness, health problem or disability, compared to the city average of 24%*13
- 25% of households include a smoker, compared to 18% across the city*13
- Lawrence Weston has a significantly higher (413 per 100,000 population) all age all-cause mortality rates compared to Bristol (384 per 100,000 population)*13
- 34% of 10/11 year old children living in Lawrence Weston are obese, and 25% of 4/5 year olds are obese*17
- Teenage conception rates; 1 in 54 girls aged 15-17 years in Lawrence Weston per year, versus 1 in 40 in Bristol*18
- Lawrence Weston has had a significantly higher rate of alcohol-attributable admissions than the Bristol average*16
- The % of respondents who agree that domestic abuse is a private matter is higher (10%) than the city average (7%)*15
- Residents who say they are in good health and are satisfied with health services (84%) is average for the city (88%)*13
- Lawrence Weston has a gypsy and traveller transit site, as a result, includes specific health needs for these and other minority communities
- Current provision – 2 GP surgeries, 1 NHS Clinic, 1 Pharmacy, 1 Dentist, 1 social prescribing link worker, 1 older persons social isolation navigator

What changes are on the horizon?

- New health and wellbeing hub proposed for development on college site
- With the NHS under growing pressure and cuts to local authority budgets biting, there is an increasingly urgent need for agreement on a sustainable system of social care for our ageing population that works alongside health care
- New payments and assessment for Personal Independence Payments (PIP) which has a higher cause for concern for claimants with mental health issues
- Bristol City Council having restructured staff to include Public Health and Neighbourhood teams, to a social action model. (reliant on volunteers)
- Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) is an approach to sustainable community-driven development. We need to build on the assets that are found in the community and mobilizes individuals, associations, and organisations to come together to realise and develop their strengths

How do residents want it to be? – quotes taken from the survey:

- Mental health support groups
- Cooking classes
- Teen support and activities
- I have a child with aspergers and ADHD. I would like to see some groups put in place as my son is alone and the closest group is in EASTVILLE
- GP surgery doesnt have spaces for new patients

25% of households include a smoker, compared to 18% across the city*
### Action

#### Health and wellbeing hub working well and integrating a holistic approach to health and wellbeing

- **Description**
  - Hub to be a centre of excellence for information and signposting. Partners working together to deliver services that are effectively integrated
  - CASS to work with community, equality and faith groups to increase knowledge around mental health
  - Support the ACE mental health drop in at the Bungalow to increase local uptake and successfully transfer service into the hub
  - Support Social Prescribing Service (Healthy Alternatives – part of the city-wide SPEAR programme - led by the Southmead Development Trust)

- **Who leads, who else?**
  - ALW, BCC, PH, GPs, Local Ward Councillors
  - CASS, PH, ALW, ACE, GPs, CASS, PH, Southmead Development Trust
  - Southmead Development Trust, PH, BCC

- **Possible resources or funding**
  - Reaching Communities
  - NHS England
  - CCG
  - BCC
  - Big Local
  - Staff Time

- **Timescales**
  - 2019/2020

- **How will we know it has been achieved?**
  - New Health and Wellbeing hub built on college site and a full range of services are operating holistically

#### Support projects that address Social Isolation

- **Description**
  - For all community members, (including Young People)
  - Community Navigators Project for over 50s
  - Arts on referral
  - Healthy Alternatives

- **Who leads, who else?**
  - CASS, PH, ALW, ACE, GP's
  - ACE, CASS, ALW, PH

- **Possible resources or funding**
  - Local residents
  - Big Local
  - Staff time
  - External funding

- **Timescales**
  - 2018-ongoing

- **How will we know it has been achieved?**
  - Full menu of options operating addressing social isolation
  - Social prescribing pathways developed

#### Maintain and/or develop opportunities for healthy lifestyles

- **Description**
  - Cooking
  - Walking
  - Cycling/ other physical activities
  - Improving Confidence
  - Include courses that focus on health improvements in offer (see section 4.3), provide pathways into these opportunities, alongside 1:1 work, social prescribing (Healthy Alternatives)

- **Who leads, who else?**
  - ALW, BCC, PH
  - Community Learning Team
  - Public Health
  - ALW
  - BCC
  - Access Sport
  - All Youth Providers
  - Southmead Development Trust
  - LWCF
  - The Rock

- **Possible resources or funding**
  - Local residents
  - Staff Time
  - Big Local

- **Timescales**
  - 2018-ongoing

- **How will we know it has been achieved?**
  - A range of courses and activities are on offer, and integrated into the Health and wellbeing hub

#### Address the needs of marginalised groups

- **Description**
  - Understand the current population
  - Look at needs of carers
  - Create a cohesive community

- **Who leads, who else?**
  - PH
  - BCC Neighbourhoods
  - SARI
  - ALW
  - Churches

- **Possible resources or funding**
  - Staff Time

- **Timescales**
  - 2019

- **How will we know it has been achieved?**
  - Research completed and action plan in place
6 Planning, public realm, parks & green spaces

Current Situation – What is it like now?

Parks and green spaces
- 67% of respondents said that the access to nature is good or OK
- 27% of respondents said that parks and green spaces are poor and need improvement. 69% say they are good or OK
- 51% of respondents said outdoor play equipment is good or OK but 36% say it is poor and need improvement
- 34% of respondents said that play facilities are poor and need improvement. 65% say they are good or OK
- 65% of respondents said they, their families and friends use the Ridingleaze play area but less than 13% use each of the other play areas in LW
- 73% of respondents agree or strongly agree that the lack of play areas in east Lawrence Weston is a problem. Beverston Gardens and De Clifford were the most popular sites for prioritisation for new play equipment
- 13% of respondents said they, their families and friends use Mancroft play area
- 52% of respondents said the control of dogs was poor and need improvement. 40% said it was good or OK
- 35% of respondents said that the Allotments are good or ok. 18% said they are poor and need improvement

Planning and public realm
- The Lawrence Weston Neighbourhood Plan was approved at referendum in 2017. It sets out policies relating to housing, movement, employment, retail, community facilities and the protection of open space. This was a great achievement for Lawrence Weston and gives us much more influence over future development proposals
- 51% of respondents said they do not feel they can influence decisions that affect the local area. Only 14% said they can influence decisions
- 55% agree or strongly agree that the lack of facilities for cyclists is an issue in the neighbourhood
- 86% agree or strongly agree that parking in general is a problem
- 69% agree or strongly agree that insufficient pedestrian crossings are a problem
- 64% of respondents said that the 20 mph speed limit had not been a success in Lawrence Weston
- 71% of respondents rated the shopping facilities in Lawrence Weston as poor and needs improvement. 27% said they were good or OK (this survey was done before Lidl opened)
- 65% of respondents said Ridingleaze would be improved with more greenery, 47% supported external cladding of the shops, 45% supported new seating and 31% supported signage above shops
- 61% of respondents said that street cleanliness is poor and needs improvement. 33% said it was OK. Only 4% said it was good
- 45% of respondents said that levels of pollution were poor and need improvement. 43% said it was good or OK

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6 Planning, public realm, parks & green spaces

What changes are on the horizon?

- Council budgets for street cleaning and the management of parks and open space will continue to decline.
- Climate change will impact upon the natural environment, changing local habitats and making some open spaces wetter and therefore less usable.
- Population growth will put increasing pressure on open spaces and parks.
- Retailing will continue to evolve as more people shop online and supermarkets take an increasing share of local trade.
- The government will continue to liberalise the planning system, promoting development that encourage economic growth and delivers new housing.
- Undeveloped and underdeveloped sites will come under increasing pressure for development.
- The Port of Bristol, Avonmouth and Severnside are likely to see continued growth.
- Car ownership will continue to increase, putting more pressure on spaces to park.
- Environmental awareness will continue to grow.

COUNCIL BUDGETS FOR STREET CLEANING AND THE MANAGEMENT OF PARKS AND OPEN SPACE WILL CONTINUE TO DECLINE

How do residents want it to be? – quotes taken from the survey:

- Street cleanliness should be good, not poor or just OK
- Environment and allotment champions need support e.g. information sharing, marketing etc (but not formal groups - people don’t like meetings!)
- Tackle fly tipping
- More opportunities for volunteers to do things in BCC parks
- Better signage to facilities
- Get businesses involved as environment champions
- We need to help people to get responsible for their environment around them
- People maintaining the fronts of their property and surrounding areas
- Stop parking on pavements and grass verges
- Refurbish the shop fronts at Ridingleaze
- Improve/ maintain park areas

STOP PARKING ON PAVEMENTS AND GRASS VERGES

UNDEVELOPED AND UNDERDEVELOPED SITES WILL COME UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE FOR DEVELOPMENT

KEEPIFF OUR GREEN GRASS.
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| 6.1 Maintenance and management plan for some green spaces | • Consultation with residents through green space action group - in particular address issues at Mancroft Park | • Local residents  
• BCC Parks  
• Friends of Mancroft Park  
• LWPG  
• ALW | • Officer time, funding for improvement  
• Suez fund  
• CIL  
• S106  
• Big Local | • Ongoing | • Maintenance and management plan agreed |
| 6.2 Environmental champions and volunteers | • Supporting individuals, as well as setting up formal groups. Including waste reduction, community toolkits, info sharing, allotment champions, orchards, litter, parks etc | • BCC Parks  
• Local residents  
• Friends of parks groups  
• Allotment group  
• AWT  
• LWCF | • Cost of marketing, coordination, small grants, liaison with Council, volunteer time, External funding.  
• Big Local | • 2018: setup  
Late 2018+: implement | • Improvements to local environmental problems. Champions having a sense of empowerment Residents noticing the difference |
| 6.3 Green verges | • Establish potential solutions with BCC. Nudge behaviour change. Learn from other cities. Promote alternative transport (Section 3) | • Local residents  
• BCC  
• ALW  
• Big Local  
• LWPG | • Cost of research to find solutions.  
• Cost of delivering solutions  
• CIL  
• S106  
• External funding  
• Big Local | • 2018: research  
2019+: implementation | • Less parking on and damage to verges. Alternative parking provision on durable surfaces. Parking pressure eases |
| 6.4 Street cleanliness | • Address littering and fly tipping, more bins especially at bus stops, behaviour change | • BCC bus stop contractors  
• ALW  
• Bristol Waste  
• Litter picking groups | • Awareness raising campaign  
• Cost of bins and collection  
• Staff time  
• Big Local | • 2018+ | • Less litter on the streets  
• Reduced fly tipping  
• Reduce complaints to BCC |
| 6.5 Support the Neighbourhood Plan and the Planning Forum | • Ongoing support for residents influencing development decisions in LW influence the CIL spend priorities | • Local residents  
• ALW  
• BCC Developers  
• LWPG | • Volunteer time, specialist support when needed  
• Staff time  
• Big Local | • 2018+ | • New development addresses local needs and contributes to the future of the area |
7 Young people, children, families & education

Current Situation – What is it like now?

- Avonmouth and Lawrence Weston has the 5th highest rate in the city of hospital admissions among young people under 25 for mental and behavioural disorders due to use of drugs*16
- 32% of LW residents are aged between 0-25 years old*13
- 41% of unemployment in LW are 16 to 24, 2.5% of residents are full time students
- Some young people have to travel 2 hours on public transport (each way) to get to and from college
- Cost of youth activities, especially if you have more than one child, is a barrier
- Avon Club and LW Farm require on-going funding support as do the smaller VCS groups
- Over the last year youth services offered at Lawrence Weston Youth Centre have reduced to 1 evening session a week, with further cuts on the horizon
- Need for better communication between the smaller Voluntary Community Sector groups and better support for them (Sport clubs, BMX club, Kickboxing club, Scouts, Brownies, Cadets and other Church Groups)
- 34% of 10/11 year old children living in Lawrence Weston are obese, and 25% of 4/5 year olds are obese*17
- Teenage conception rates; 1 in 54 girls aged 15-17 years in Lawrence Weston per year, versus 1 in 40 in Bristol*18
- 23% of school children are entitled to a free school meal, compared to 20% across the city*13
- 49% of respondents said that activities for teenagers were poor and needs improving*4
- 45% of respondents said that activities for families were poor and needs improving*4
- 38% of respondents said that activities for children were poor and needs improving*4
- 36% of respondents said that outdoor play equipment was poor and needs improving*4
- Children in Social Care (children allocated to a social worker for any reason) is 55 per 1000 population compared to 37 per 1000 population citywide*13

Consultation with Young People May 2018

After consultation with around 20 young people during a drop in session held at Juicy Blitz in May 2018, there were three areas young people highlighted with two issues under each area. These priorities are:

Young Peoples Facilities:
1: More outdoor spaces.
2: More arts and activities for young people

Education and learning:
1: Young people would like to attend Budgeting courses
2: School Places

Crime and Anti-social behaviour:
1: Bullying
2: Theft

45% of respondents said that activities for families were poor and needs improving*4
What changes are on the horizon?

- Cuts to all children’s centres in the city
- Increasing housing developments putting pressure on school places
- Creative Youth Network newly appointed to deliver targeted Youth Services only
- Increased pressure on VCS to deliver more Young People’s activities
- Changes/reduction in Young People’s Housing benefit

INCREASING HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PUTTING PRESSURE ON SCHOOL PLACES

How do residents want it to be?
– quotes taken from the survey:

- Residents want the focus for new play equipment to be on Beverston Gardens
- Residents want more activities for children in the area, particularly for teenagers

RESIDENTS WANT THE FOCUS FOR NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT TO BE ON BEVERSTON GARDENS

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| Young people’s Voice | • Re-establish the youth forum  
• Young person representative on ALW board encouraging other organisations to follow suit | • Oasis to lead  
• Oasis and Juicy to lead  
• ALW | • Oasis Youth Funding  
• Staff Time  
• Young residents  
• Big Local | • 2018  
• 2019 | • Youth Forum is operational with active involvement  
• Young Person representative sits on ALW board |
| Early Support for families and Integration of new families into Lawrence Weston and ensure School Places are available | • Availability of posters and information in different languages  
• A family support and referral system in place to support families moving to the area.  
• Training local residents to become peer supporters (see 4.6)  
• Support local organisations and residents to develop parent and child groups  
• Ensure there are sufficient school places for new children moving to the area | • All organisations  
• Oasis/Children’s centre family support/BCC  
• Oasis  
• ALW  
• Other VCS  
• ALW  
• LWPG  
• Local Schools  
• BCC | • Organisation’s resources  
• Funding to be identified  
• Funding to be identified  
• Funding to be identified  
• LA and Dept For Education  
• Big Local  
• Big Local | • 2018  
• 2019  
• 2020  
• 2019+ | • Events are advertised in various languages  
• A complete list of first languages spoken in LW is made available to all organisations  
• A referral system is in place and new families to the area are identified  
• A team of family peer supporters is in place and are supporting local families  
• A menu of parent and child groups available across LW  
• There are sufficient local school places for every child in LW |
| Holiday Hunger | • Linking all agencies that deliver holiday activities to ensure coordinated approach to ensure meals are provided to those children most in need | • Oasis  
• ALW  
• Other VCS | • Donated food  
• Fairshare  
• Foodbank  
• Big Local  
• Other's to be identified | • Summer 2018 – 2020 | • Children most in need are able to access a free meal and good quality holiday activities at least twice a week during the school holidays  
• By 2020, children most in need will be able to access a meal and good quality holiday provision every day in the school holidays  
• LW will have a fair share of the North BYL provision  
• Young people influence provision |
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<td>Foundation Learning for young people and support local agencies to engage young people that are NEET</td>
<td>• Work with agencies to enable “satellite projects” for foundation learning. Ensure that courses are available where the Young People are • Start the conversation with local organisations: Schools, youth organisations and the police to come up with a plan for identifying and engaging these young people.</td>
<td>• ALW • Local Beat Team • BCC • CYN • Oasis • All youth providers</td>
<td>• External funding • Staff time • Big Local</td>
<td>• 2020 • Foundation Learning Courses are delivered within Lawrence Weston, targeted at young people • Young people have identified the ideal locations for the courses themselves • A plan for identifying and engaging NEET young people across Lawrence Weston</td>
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<td>Advice Services and Information portal showing what is available in the area</td>
<td>• ALW to lead in bringing organisations to Lawrence Weston Satellite stations offering advice on: - Benefits - Housing - Debt and finance - Drug and alcohol - Legal - Family support • Website that is kept up to date and communicated through social media and newsletter of all contributing organisations and services in the area</td>
<td>• ALW • External funding • Social media platforms • ALW Website • Big Local • Big Local • Staff Time</td>
<td>• 2020</td>
<td>• There is at least monthly drop in style advice services available in Lawrence Weston offering support • ALW website etc. has a regular update system in place to ensure information on services and organisations in the area is up to date</td>
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<td>Créche</td>
<td>• Create a local crèche bank</td>
<td>• Oasis • Community learning • BCC • Local residents</td>
<td>• External funding • Staff time • Big Local</td>
<td>• 2019 • A crèche bank made up of local resident volunteers is available to all organisations running activities for parents • A level 2 accredited childcare course is running in Lawrence Weston, training local residents in Early Education and Childcare</td>
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<td>Outdoor spaces being child friendly and safe</td>
<td>• Supporting local residents to make the areas by their homes/flats child friendly and safe with activities taking place</td>
<td>• Local residents • ALW • BCC • Bristol Waste</td>
<td>• External funding • Staff time • Big Local</td>
<td>• 2020 • Resident led activities taking place for families in green spaces across Lawrence Weston, which are safe for children to play</td>
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8 Community facilities and activities, art, leisure and sport

Current Situation – What is it like now?

- The community health hub has been granted planning permission. This will combine community facilities with a new GP surgery. Development should start within the next 12 months.
- LW Community Farm has received new investment (cafe) but is often targeted by vandals.
- The BMX track has a new operating partner.
- There is no longer a library in LW.
- 71% of respondents rated the shopping facilities in Lawrence Weston as poor and needing improvement. (Since this survey was done, Lidl has opened).
- There are two youth centres, both run by charities. There is no Council run provision. 86% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that the lack of activities for young people is a problem.
- Big Local has invested in community facilities (The Rock, Youth and community centre, Community Shop, Community Farm and LW Baptist Church).
- 61% of respondents say that places to socialise are poor and need improvement. 14% say they are good or OK.
- 59% of respondents say that sports and leisure facilities are poor and need improvement. Sports facilities at schools are not easily accessed or affordable.
- Many projects established under the Community Plan since 2013 now need to keep running e.g. arts activities. There is unmet interest in attending arts clubs - more than twice the number of people currently attending arts clubs would like to find out more.
- 57% rate play facilities as good or OK while 34% say that are poor and need improvement.
- After the Post Office, the Community Farm is the best used community facility in LW. 55% of respondents said they have used or would like to use the Community Farm.

What changes are on the horizon?

- Community Hub should be operational end of 2019.
- Nearest libraries at Shirehampton and Avonmouth are also likely to close. Nearest is then likely to be Henbury.
- Arson and vandalism may continue as a persistent problem for community facilities.
- Funding will be an ongoing challenge for many venues and facilities.
- Increasing population will lead to increasing demand for and pressure on facilities.
- Ageing population with more leisure time need activities to improve wellbeing and address isolation.

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How do residents want it to be?
- quotes taken from the survey:
  - Communications and engagement plan led by ALW to change perceptions, look at how people work together and disseminate info so that we work together.
  - Map the facilities that already exist - buildings, spaces. And ask why people use and don't use those facilities - then develop a way of making them better.
  - A new family friendly pub “Bring back a decent local pub”
  - Continue to support the BMX Track and future developments of the proposed clubhouse.
  - Bring the library back.
  - Sports and leisure facilities / centre. “I really think we need a nice little sports centre for everybody to access and so children and young people can get off the streets and join in physical activities.”
  - Family art and craft activities at community venues.
## 8 Community facilities and activities, art, leisure and sport

### 8.1 Develop and run community health hub
- **Complete funding package, finalise designs, appoint contractors, agree management model, tenancy agreements, open**
- **Who leads, who else?**
  - ALW
  - PH
  - NHS Bristol
  - BCC
  - Local residents
- **Possible resources or funding**
  - Capital receipts
  - Reaching
  - Communities
  - NHS England
  - S106
  - CIL
  - Big Local
- **Timescales**
  - 2020
- **How will we know it has been achieved?**
  - Health hub is open and operational

### 8.2 Communication and Engagement Plan
- **Encourage working together and avoid duplication. Use existing networks better. Address negative perceptions of LW**
- **Who leads, who else?**
  - ALW
  - Involve other orgs working in LW
  - Local residents
- **Possible resources or funding**
  - Marketing costs.
  - Celebrations
  - Network mailing list
  - On your Door step
  - Big Local
- **Timescales**
  - 2018 ongoing
- **How will we know it has been achieved?**
  - Improved coordination between groups. Improved pride in, and perception of the area and awareness of groups/facilities and activities

### 8.3 Community facilities and spaces
- **LW strategy. Map what there is - establish why they are and aren’t used. Identify need for investment and support**
- **Encourage, campaign and enable a new restaurant pub to the area**
- **Who leads, who else?**
  - ALW
  - Owners and managers of community spaces
  - LWPG
  - Local residents
- **Possible resources or funding**
  - Management time
  - Facilities working group
  - Outside funding
  - Big Local
  - Restaurant chains
  - Developers
  - External funding
  - CIL
- **Timescales**
  - 2018-19
  - 2022
- **How will we know it has been achieved?**
  - Improved understanding of how facilities and spaces are used
  - Strategy for investment
  - New restaurant pub open

### 8.4 Art activities
- **Support and promote visual and performing arts activities to local residents especially where this will enhance their wellbeing**
- **Who leads, who else?**
  - ALW
  - Big Local
  - BCC
  - Citywide arts agencies
  - Local residents
- **Possible resources or funding**
  - Cost of artists and tutors
  - Big Local
  - PH
  - External funding
- **Timescales**
  - 2018+
- **How will we know it has been achieved?**
  - Increased numbers participating
  - Improvement in measures of wellbeing. Exhibitions. Artwork noticed by the rest of Bristol

### 8.5 Sport
- **Invest in sports facilities accessible to local residents. Support resident led sport and activities**
- **Who leads, who else?**
  - ALW
  - BCC
  - Sports agencies
  - Local residents
- **Possible resources or funding**
  - Cost of sports coaches and equipment. External funding
  - Marketing
  - Big Local
- **Timescales**
  - 2018+
- **How will we know it has been achieved?**
  - Increased participation in sport
  - Improved health indicators
  - Winning competitions
### Current Situation – What is it like now?

- **Fuel Poverty, 70% number of households are struggling with their energy bill**

- Approx. 40% of houses are semi-detached, while 28% are terraced and 25% are flats

- Half of homes are owner-occupied, while the majority of the remaining (40%) are social housing. Only a small proportion (5%) are privately rented

- Approx. 41% of homes in Avonmouth and Lawrence Weston could benefit from topping up their loft insulation levels, while a further 30% could be improved by installing cavity wall insulation

- Approx. 23% of properties in the local area require solid wall insulation

- Approx. 33% of homes have been identified as needing gas boiler upgrades

- Approx. 74% of homes would benefit from floor insulation

- Approx. 19% of homes would benefit from installing double glazing

- Approx. 13% of homes may be suitable for heat pumps (i.e. those not on the gas network)

- Approx. 70% of homes have been identified as being suitable for solar PV/thermal panels

### What changes are on the horizon?

- Energy prices are predicted to go up over the coming years increasing pressures on households to manage their energy bills

- New housing will be developed in Lawrence Weston, LWPG will seek to influence developers to build energy efficient homes

- ALW aim to develop retrofit (improve energy efficiency) programme to work alongside Bristol City Council and other providers

- ALW to develop new community owned energy projects, current projects include large scale community wind turbine which aims to generate significant returns for the community and lower energy bills

### How do residents want it to be?

- quotes taken from the survey:

  - 75% of residents surveyed support the idea of renewable/green energy* in principle* with 26% not sure as they needed more information

  - 70% of residents surveyed said their energy bills cause them financial strain*

  - 68% of residents surveyed supported our project idea to develop one or more wind turbines in Avonmouth, situated away from residential areas*

  - 38% of people surveyed said they worry about turning their heating up to keep warm because they fear getting into debt*

  - 46% of residents surveyed said they would be interested in a CHEESE survey, which uses thermal imaging to understand where and how much heat is being lost in their home*
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• More renewable energy  
• Local energy tariff  
• Heat Networks | • Ambition Community Energy (ACE) C.I.C  
• BCC  
• Bristol Energy  
• Thrive Renewables  
• Network Community organisations  
• Severn Enterprise Area  
• Bristol Port Authority  
• SevernNet  
• Local residents | • ACE CIC  
• External Investment and/or funding  
• ALW  
• LWPG  
• NSCC  
• BCC  
• SGC  
• Big Local | • 2021 – 2025 | • Wind turbine built, new installation of solar panels  
• Heat network micro grid  
• Local tariff offered |
| 9.2    | Retrofit & New Build | • More energy efficient homes and retrofit  
• Well-designed houses and retrofit measures | • ALW & ACE CIC  
• BCC  
• Local developers  
• Housing associations  
• Local landlords  
• Home owners  
• Bristol Energy Network  
• CHEESE project  
• Centre for Sustainable Energy (CSE)  
• Local residents | • Energy Companies  
• Obligation – see Bristol flex **  
• Big Local  
• Private Rental Sector  
• Licensing scheme | • 2018 ongoing | • More houses built to higher energy efficiencies standards  
• More houses with EPC rating C or above |
| 9.3    | Energy Learning Zone (see action 4.6) | • Raising skill level of residents  
• Energy internship  
• Energy events  
• Workshops | • ALW – ACE CIC  
• CSE  
• NBAC  
• Thrive Renewables  
• Bristol Energy Network  
• Schools and training providers  
• Workplaces and local businesses  
• CHEESE Project  
• Local residents | • Low Carbon Gordano  
• Bristol Energy  
• CSE  
• Thrive Renewables  
• External funding  
• Big Local | • 2021 | • Energy learning zone realised |
| 9.4    | Electric vehicles | • Encourage take up of electric vehicle charging stations | • ACE CIC  
• BCC  
• Housing developers  
• Business developments  
• LWPG  
• Big Local | • 2018-Ongoing | • More take up of electrical vehicles  
• More electric charging points across the community |
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## 2 Acronyms explained

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Allocated development sites, residential planning permissions and PRC redevelopment sites

Parks and green spaces
Appendix 3 - Maps

Henacre open space proposed planning application 2018
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