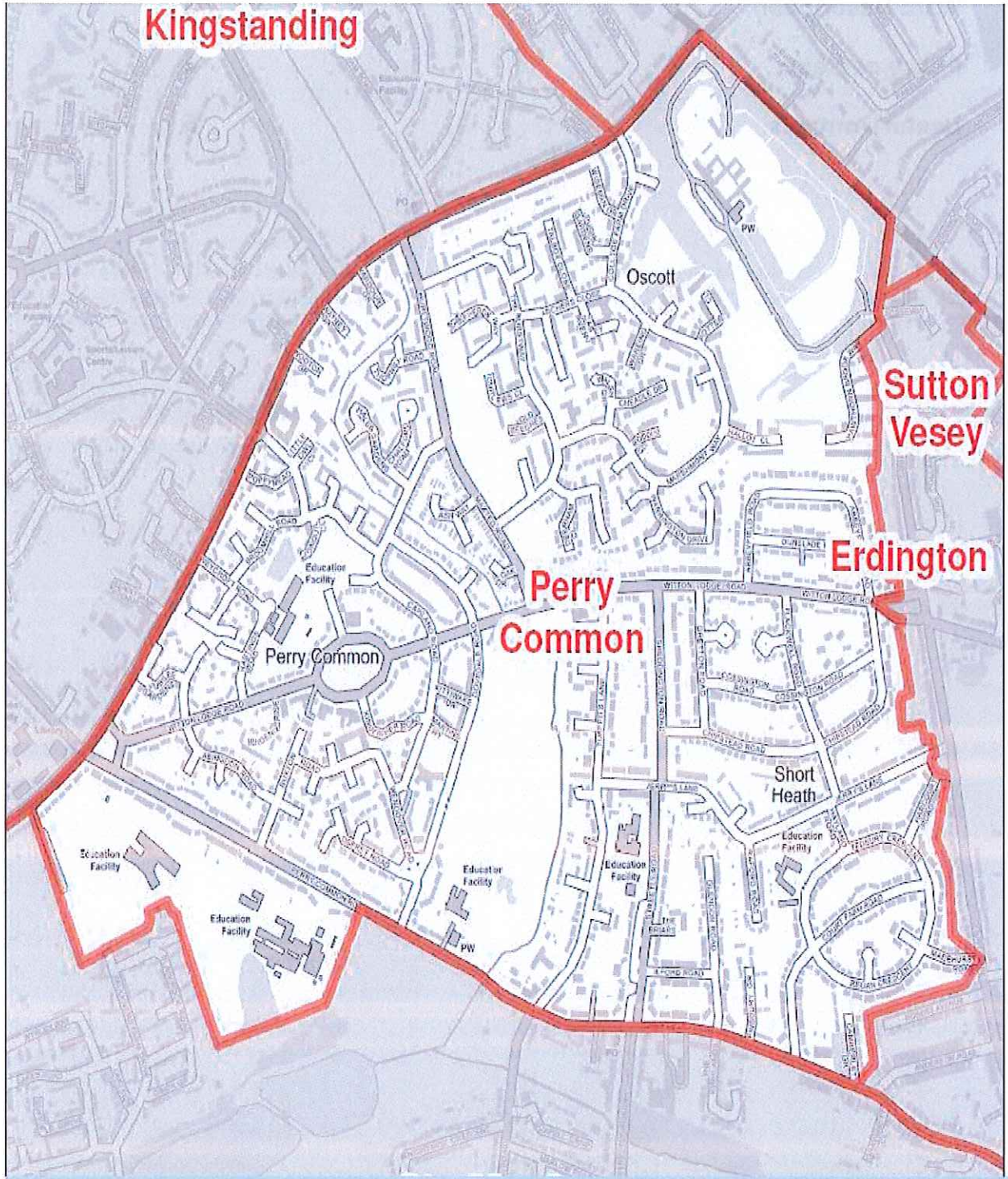


PERRY COMMON WARD PLAN 2018 – 2022





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Ward Description

Perry Common Ward is made up of several neighbourhoods, including Court Farm, New Oscott, Perry Common and Witton Lodge.

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The Perry Common Ward is within the parliamentary constituency of Birmingham Erdington. It was created following local government boundary changes introduced in 2018 and is comprised of part of Erdington Ward (Court Farm) and Kingstanding Ward (Perry Common and New Oscott).

The area was developed for council housing during the 1920s, with well over 1,000 families moving to the area from dilapidated inner city slums. The houses were built from concrete in a style pioneered by Henry Boot Limited. By the 1980s, however, the estate was facing serious problems. Many of the homes were in a poor state of repair, with cracks in the walls and rising damp being just some of the many problems plaguing the now unpopular homes. During the 1990s, the city council earmarked 908 homes in the area for demolition.

Redevelopment has been carried out by Witton Lodge Community Association, who have overseen the development of two large care homes as well as more than 300 new houses for sale and rent. The scheme also included the development of new roads, public open spaces and community facilities.

On June 19, 2012 the Perry Common Community Hall was re-opened after a major re-fit and extension. The hall provides space for various regular clubs and activities, includes meeting and hot desk space for local businesses as well as serving as a base for the Witton Lodge Community Association

Key information

Perry Common Ward:

- has a population of approximately 10, 968 – making it the 52nd most populous ward in the City.
- has a slightly older profile than the rest of the City as a whole and a lower BAME population share.
- is mid ranking amongst the City's 69 wards for deprivation levels and average income.
- has resident employment rates above the City average and claimant count unemployment proportions are similar to the Birmingham average.

Further information can be access through the Perry Common Ward Profile page at <https://public.tableau.com/profile/bcc.ck#!/vizhome/2018BirminghamWardProfiles/2018BirminghamWardProfiles>

Policy Context

The Paper Localism in Birmingham: A Framework for Future Policy, March 2018 set out objectives for future ward-based working which will focus on: improved service delivery in neighbourhoods, an agenda of “Neighbourly Neighbourhoods” and a commitment to a “Whole Place” and “Whole System” way of working.

The new ward planning process is one of the main mechanisms by which citizens and communities can participate in setting local priorities themselves. The ward plan will be used to develop and enhance local engagement and community governance. The ward plan will highlight local priorities and planned actions.

The ward plan aligns with **Birmingham City Council Vision and Priorities 2017-2020**

BIRMIINGHAM CITY COUNCIL VISION –*A city of growth where every child, citizen and place matters.*

BIRMIINGHAM CITY COUNCIL OUTCOMES – *What we want to achieve:*

- **Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in**
- **Birmingham is an aspirational city to grow up in**
- **Birmingham is a fulfilling city to age well in**
- **Birmingham is a great city to live in**
- **Birmingham residents gain the maximum benefit from hosting the Commonwealth Games**

Funding/Budgets

1. The sum of £48k from the old ward arrangements have been devolved to the organisations within the ward to deliver **Local Innovation Fund (LIF)** Projects.

Project	Org. name	Sum awarded	Status
Kingstanding Gardens	Kingstanding Regeneration Trust	£16,000	Completed
Kingstanding Food Community	Forest Schools	£16,000	Completed
Health & Wellbeing Navigators	Witton Lodge Community Association	£16,000	Completed

2. A share of the **Proceeds of Crime funding** (where/if applicable) may be allocated to the ward [insert exact detail]

Project	Org. name	Sum awarded	Status

3. **Highways Ward Minor Transport Measures budget** [insert exact detail]

Project	Org. name	Sum awarded	Status

4. **Housing Environmental Works budget** - tba

Project	Location	Sum allocated	Status

5. **Section 106 funding** (where/if applicable) [insert detail]

Project	Location	Sum allocated	Status

6. Neighbourhood Network Scheme (where/if applicable)

Project	Location	Sum allocated	Status

7. Community Infrastructure Levy (where/if applicable)

Project	Location	Sum allocated	Status

Useful Links

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/>

<https://public.tableau.com/profile/bcc.ck#!/vizhome/2018BirminghamWardProfiles/2018BirminghamWardProfiles>

Declaration

This plan has been drafted following engagement and discussions with local residents and ward stakeholders. It was been agreed and adopted by those present at the [insert ward name] Ward meeting on: [insert day, date and year], which was held at [insert meeting venue name].

Signed [elected member(s) signature(s): _____

Print: _____

Elected member (2)

Signed: _____

Print: _____

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A city of growth where every child, citizen and place matters.

Priority 1 Improving and enhancing the local environment – Cleaner, Greener and safer Perry Common Ward

Action(s) / What needs to be done?	Where?	By Who?	By When	Stakeholders/ Resources	Update
Carry out enforcement action and work with schools to look at innovative solutions to the problem eg second entrances to schools where possible	By schools in the ward	Local Police, Schools and BCC Education Department	On going		
Investigate possible improvements to public transport	Ward wide	BCC and WMCA	2025	Existing budgets for transport	
Introduce grass verge protection measures, where resident support.	Various locations	BCC	On going	Existing grass Verge Protection budget while it continues	
Convert a number of the strips of land by traffic junctions into grass verges again. This removes the maintenance of the tarmac and is as cheap for keeping clean on the Council contracts. It would increase the amount of greenery in the ward as well as help contribute towards cleaner air.	Various locations	BCC	2024	TBC	
Protect local parks and play areas to prevent them being built on and secure investment.	Whole ward plus parks neighbouring the ward inc Short Heath Park, and Bleak Hill Rec.	BCC	On going	BCC/ Section 106 agreements	

	Short Heath Playing Fields	BCC	ASAP	No revenue impact to Council	
Transfer playing fields to Perry Common Ward schools, to improve access to sites and sport provision.					
Create new micro parks on pieces of derelict land	Various locations	BCC/ Developers contributions	On going	TBC	
Highways Maintenance contract:- Upgrade local street lights where needed, Speed up fixing of pavements and roads, Trim trees regularly where needed, and install more street trees, starting with requests Amey have already had. Resolving orphaned/unadopted Highways/street lights	Across the Ward	AMEY/BCC	On going	Government Highways credit, £1m a year to Birmingham City Council	
Introduce traffic calming measures as part of our Road Safety Plan eg Witton Lodge Road, Maxted Road, College Road and other roads	Various locations including ones listed in action	BCC	On going	TBC	
Run a scheme in Court Farm area to put in discounted or free driveways due to the excessively long grass verges making it impossible for many residents to be able to afford to install. Eg Sheddington Road	Court Farm	BCC	2025	TBC	
Explore potential for cycling improvements, such as new routes across the Ward and connecting to key areas in Birmingham.	Across Ward	BCC	Ongoing	TBC	
Explore the creation of new play area and facilities for children and young people of all ages e.g. Skate park or BMX track. These can be provided outside of ward but should be accessible	Across North Birmingham	BCC	Ongoing	TBC	
Explore options to create 'wildlife' corridors within Parks and areas of public open space to support biodiversity – but should not impact on appearance of local parks.	Various Parks and public space within Ward	BCC	Ongoing	Within existing grounds maintenance budget	Discussions have already taken place with Parks to help achieve this. However, there is a tendency for visible and difficult to maintain areas being left, with attracts complaints.

Priority 2 Regeneration – A thriving Perry Common Ward

Action(s) / What needs to be done?	Where?	By Who?	By When	Stakeholders/ Resources	Update
Improve existing housing stock	Whole Ward	BCC/ Witton Lodge Community Association	On going	Existing budgets, grant funding, section 106	
Support regenerate Erdington High Street, in its role as the regional local shopping centre, through the demolition of various parts of the High Street to allow the construction of:- Cinema, Restaurants, Museum Hub, supermarket and high quality Office spaces	Erdington High Street, locations within	BCC, Private Sector, Erdington Town Centre Partnership	On going	Future High Street Fund BCC Section 106	Application has been submitted to the Future High Street Fund
New housing schemes or regeneration schemes to provide private family houses, and larger scale houses (to enable local families to be able to stay in the local area rather than having to move out of Perry Common Ward when needing a larger house) and bungalows to meet the needs of residents	Across ward	BCC Planning and Developers	On going	n/a	
Toilets on Erdington High Street	High Street	BCC/Shops	On going	Tbc	
Regenerate the Ring shopping area	The Ring	BCC	2023	To be identified	

Priority 3 Protecting, preserving and promoting Perry Common Ward's community, character and heritage

Action(s) / What needs to be done?	Where?	By Who?	By When	Stakeholders/ Resources	Update
Introduce an article 4 directive to help limit and regulate the creation of unlicensed HMO's in the area	Whole ward	BCC Planning	On going	Tbc	Consultation on the introduction of an Article 4 directive taken place over Summer 2019. Petition supporting consultation from local



<p>Inclusion agenda:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure continued promotion of British Values within schools - Greater promotion of Birmingham and Perry Common Ward's history and heritage and the role played in shaping the modern world. This would bring communities together by being able to have a shared pride in what it means to live in Birmingham and Perry Common in particular - Support local groups like Polish Expats, Erdington Churches together etc - Greater co-operation and partnership working from the City Council with the local community 	Ward wide	BCC, schools, community groups etc	On going	Existing budgets	residents presented to July Full Council meeting.
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Priority 4 Keeping Perry Common Ward Tidy – A cleaner Perry Common Ward

Action(s) / What needs to be done?	Where?	By Who?	By When	Stakeholders/ Resources	Update
Improved and reliable refuse and recycling collections. Eg purchasing new and more suitable vehicles to replacing failing vehicles	Ward wide	BCC	On going	BCC budgets	
Clear litter from parks	Ward wide	BCC	On going	BCC budgets	
Ward based cleaning crew to keep streets clean and clear fly tipping in the ward	Ward wide	BCC	On going	BCC budgets	
Cleaning of waterways	Ward wide	BCC	On going	BCC budgets	
Work with and support community groups	Ward wide	BCC/ Community Groups	On going	BCC budgets	

Priority 5 Tackling Crime and Antisocial behaviour – A safer Perry Common Ward

Action(s) / What needs to be done?	Where?	By Who?	By When	Stakeholders/ Resources	Update
Tackle ASB in parks	All parks around ward	Police/BCC	On going	Existing budgets	
Tackle illegal begging and ASB	Ward wide	Police	On going	Existing budgets	
Support existing community groups/neighbourhood watches, Police tasking meetings and the creation of others where suitable	Ward wide	Police/BCC	On going	Existing budgets	

Priority 6 Education, Skills and young people – Developing Perry Common Ward's Future

Action(s) / What needs to be done?	By Who?	By When?	Stakeholders/ Resources	Where/with who?	Update
Retain Perry Common Library and opening hours.	BCC/WLCA	On going	Existing Budgets	Perry Common Library	
Support Young people	Malachi, Urban Devotion, Pioneer, YMCA and BCC	On going	Existing budgets and grant funding	Ward wide	
Help young people into work and tackling NEEts	Various	On going	Existing budgets and grant funding	Ward wide	
Increase the number of schools rated good and excellent across the local area to give people a better start in life	Schools, BCC and academy trusts	On going	Schools funding, Pupil Premium, other funding sources	Perry Common Ward and wider North Birmingham area	In Erdington Constituency in 2010 there were 3835 learners in good or outstanding schools. By March 2019 that had increased to 11399. This is an increase of 7564 learners in good and outstanding schools since 2010.
Support the creation a Museum Hub on Erdington High Street which will help to provide educational and cultural opportunities to Perry Common Ward residents	BCC, Erdington BID, others to be confirmed/identified	2023	Future High Street Fund, grant funding,	Erdington High Street potential location	

