

LOVE OUR HIGH STREETS



HAVE YOUR SAY TO HELP IMPROVE KINGSWOOD HIGH STREET

In response to issues you have raised, funding worth up to **£3.3 million** has been identified from the West of England Combined Authority to reinvigorate Kingswood High Street and the nearby surrounding area. This is part of a wider £10 million 'Love our high streets' project across the West of England region.

Based on local feedback, we have short-listed the following proposals and would welcome your views on these and further opportunities. We are supporting the project with resources to deliver these improvements.

INITIAL PROPOSALS FOR FUNDING TO SUPPORT:

- action to tackle empty premises
- delivery of a Makerspace Studio – a digital learning classroom in the high street with equipment for use by schools, families and anyone wanting to improve their career skills
- work to stabilise Whitfield Tabernacle and support a Heritage Lottery Fund bid to further improve the Tabernacle and bring it back into community use
- future planning of Kingswood urban area to provide new employment, new housing, public and green space and to improve its existing heritage
- a range of community-led projects
- new street cleaning machinery and bins
- possible new infrastructure and community facilities for Kingswood Park and support for a separate Heritage Lottery Fund application.

OBJECTIVES

- 1 To increase the number of people visiting Kingswood High Street
- 2 Cleaner, safer streets with better quality public infrastructure (bins, flower beds, bus shelters etc.)
- 3 To bring empty premises back into use
- 4 To upgrade the quality of High Street premises
- 5 To provide new employment opportunities
- 6 To promote the awareness of the heritage of the high street
- 7 To develop local skills with a focus on new technology.

WE WELCOME YOUR VIEWS

- 1 Do you agree with the objectives above?
- 2 Are there other issues you feel need to be addressed in Kingswood High Street?
- 3 Do you agree with the initial proposals for funding support to be agreed with the West of England Combined Authority?
- 4 Please tell us if you or your business/community group might be able to assist us to deliver this project

You can respond online at www.southglos.gov.uk/loveourhighstreets or by post to: **Love our high streets survey, South Gloucestershire Council, Chief Executive & Corporate Resources Department, PO Box 1953, Bristol BS37 0DB**

Please reply by **Wednesday 6 March**