



## Localism in Birmingham: A Framework for Future Poli

7 residents feel that they are more in control of their services and their local area.

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A key element of success in the years ahead will be workin effectively in the new pattern of wards. The new wards and nei hbourhoods within them will be the basic or anisational buildin blocks for the new approach! followin abolition of the district structure. ?pdated uidance will be issued on the role of . ard 3orums and councillors and on . ard /lans! includin workin in sin le member wards and across wards.

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- Oupport every ward in settin up a . ard 3orum in partnership with local or anisations and seek resources to provide officer support to work at the ward level. This will include sin le member wards after #ay \$%1&! in \$%1&41<0
- (nable cross4ward workin where there is local support and it will enable local ob2ectives to be met more easily! in \$%1&41<
- 7eAuire councillors in every ward to develop a . ard /lan! workin in partnership with citi)ens and or anisations in the local area. These will provide the means for

en a e ment on future models of ward o vernance 4 initial paper to " abinet in # arch \$%1& with white paper to follow in 0eptember \$%1&.

## Locality ( !e#o !eals)

. here stron o vernance and accountability is in place! such as a parish or town council that is operatin effectively and inclusively and en a in the whole community! then we reco nise that there may be a wish to o further and to operate appropriate services at a more local level. 0o! we will make local or anisations a new offer a Local ' evolution ' eal. The aim will be to unleash creativity and ideas in our communities and early local devolution deals could become pilots for the rest of the city.

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- ' evelop a Local ' evolution ' eal process and work with communities to identify ways of stren thenin local democracy and services! in \$%1&41< and beyond.

\* ngagement an ! commitment at the to& le#el

If localism is to make a difference then senior mana ers and the council's " abinet must be fully committed and en a ed in the needs of different local areas of the city.

. e mention above that we will explore ways to link all senior mana ers into different local places in the city. . e need a similar commitment from " abinet # embers.

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- ( nsure that " abinet as a whole and every " abinet # ember is fully en a ed in this a enda so that it is inte ral to the corporate policies of the " ity " ouncil. The newly appointed " abinet Advisor on localism will have an important role in ensurin this happens! by #ay \$%1&
- ( nsure that senior city council mana ers are fully en a ed with the localism a enda and specific local places in the city and responsive to local issues as they arise throu h dedicated ward champion roles and proactive liaison with ward members! ward forums and the ward plannin process! by #ay \$%1&

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# any of the commitments made in this policy framework will be followed up by further detailed reports! uidance and reviews durin the year ahead. There will also be consultations and a +summer of en a e ment- on +workin with nei hbourhoods-.

. e want to en a e as many people as possible in the debate about the next chapter of the story of how \* irmin ham is run.