

Bristol City Council – My Neighbourhood Project

Graham Sims

Strategic Director for Neighbourhoods

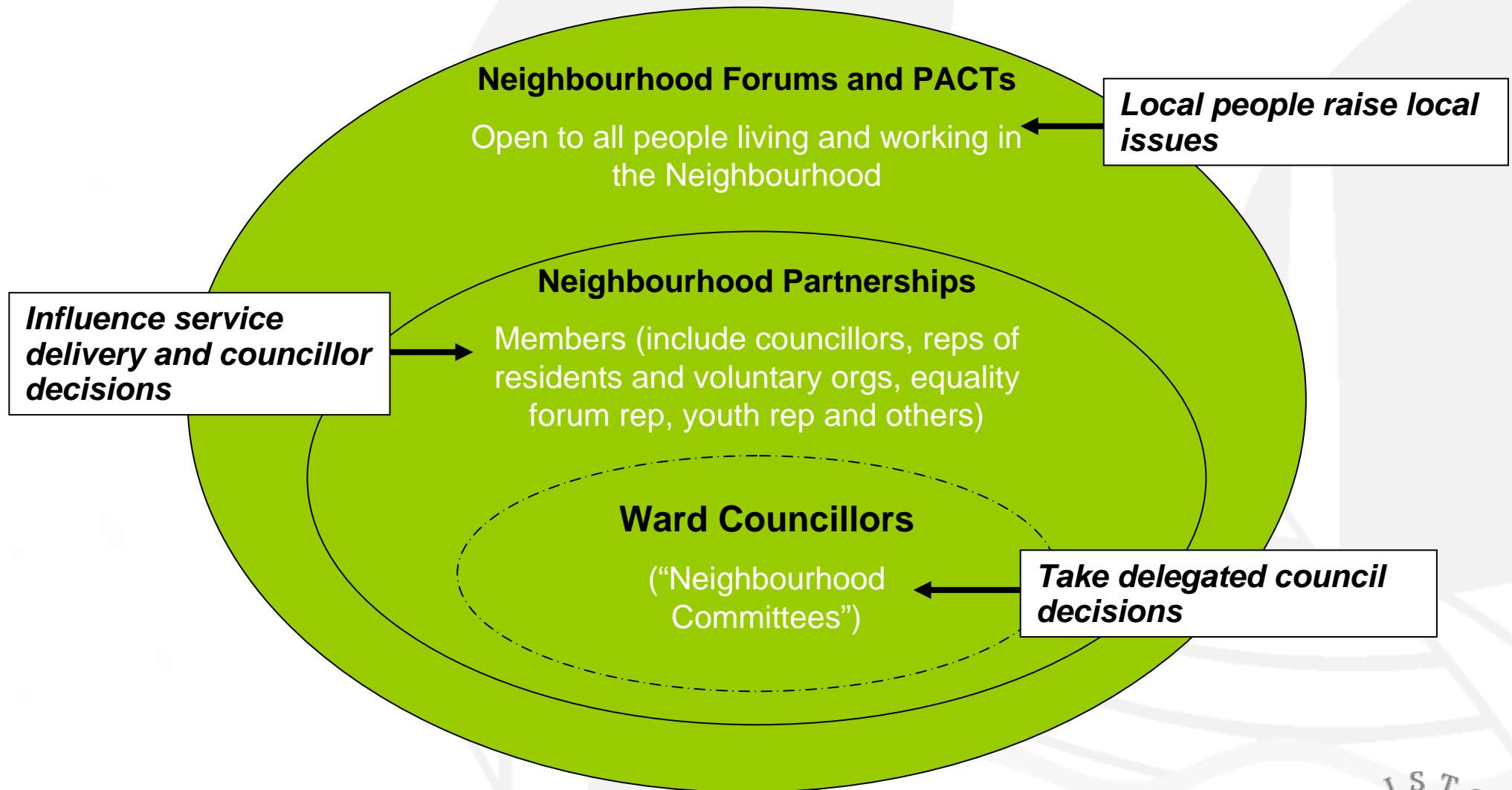
My Neighbourhood Project



What we're doing and why

- Significant devolution to 14 existing neighbourhood partnerships across the city
 - To **enhance** community involvement and build stronger communities
 - To **strengthen** democracy and accountability, involving local people in decisions that affect them
 - To **improve** our services, benefiting from local knowledge and meeting local needs

Who's involved and who does what?



What we've devolved

Environment project

Mini-recycling sites

Highways Maintenance

Minor traffic schemes

Ward budgets

Community Safety (staff)

Community buildings

Street Cleansing (influencing)

Parks and Green Spaces

Community Development (staff)

What we've learnt so far

- Prepare your councillors by holding tailored councillor development sessions
- Communicate with councillors, stakeholders and the community about what you're doing and why
- Evaluate through comprehensive de-briefs
- Undertake action learning- contribute to a wider programme of learning and development
- Consider the paperwork – circulation, volume and clarity

Next steps – finding the balance

- Consistency vs. diversity for each NP
- Further devolution vs. pace of change
- Agenda setting:
 - Council led?
 - Community led?