**Notes from participative session at BME Forum 12.01.2016**

People were asked to consider the communities’ needs they work with/are advocates for in answer to

“what services or infrastructure could improve the quality of life?”

[brackets mine to aid clarification]

Top three priorities identified by each group are shown in orange

* Growing food/veg on unadopted pieces of (used )land
* Using food, music and sport to bring people together – unit people
* Challenging prejudice and stereotypes
* Identifying tensions [in communities, between different groups in communities] and looking at how they can be heard and resolved – including youth work.
* Community hub with services offered to different age groups in city centre Exeter
* Lolly pop ladies/men
* 13-16 year old provision e.f. ice cream/milkshake parlour for young people
* Interfaith celebrations in Exeter – visibility /streets decorated
* Community sports events – e.g. touch ducks for the whole city but just Uni/family oriented/can make own teams/join others
* Queens Crescent “Green Patch” – do something with it! [St James]
* Educational pitches\* for 3 families sustainably with solar power & can provide [on site] education for the community [\*pitch sites for travellers in the city]
* Subsidised family activities
* Broad band Wifi and hardware
* Special needs toys library
* White room
* Transport/meeting places/rent a bike (like London)
* Support St Sidwells & St David’s [ community centres]
* Musical instruments to rent or borrow
* Independent audit of spaces - looking at cost and inclusion
* Skate park and BMX trail
* Subsidised swimming for families.
* Different faith centre
* Community drop in centres
* Cultural exchange/sharing system
* Youth centres/places to hang out for young people
* School facilities – none one to community to make use of after school 3.30 – 6:00
* Cultural evening could be more organised in schools to make use of kitchen facilities and sports.
* Sport events organised to keep the youth involved
* Utilising the community centres that are already there. [ there is an opportunity to use ECC community rooms better]