

**AGENDA ITEM NO: 2**



**ASHLEY, EASTON AND LAWRENCE HILL  
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP  
WEDNESDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2012 AT 6.30 P.M.  
AT MAIN HALL, BARTON HILL SETTLEMENT,  
DUCIE ROAD, BARTON HILL**

**PRESENT:**

	22.06.11	05.10.11	14.12.11	07.03.12
<b>Ward Councillors</b>				
Councillor F Choudhury	A	P	P	P
Councillor M Hickman	A	A	P	P
Councillor G Hoyt	A	P	P	P
Councillor B Hugill	P	P	A	A
Councillor J Kiely	A	P	A	P
Councillor J Rogers	P	P	P	P
<b>Resident Partner Representatives</b>				
J Austin, Barton Hill	P	P	A	
Musnilya Babatunji (Wilson St/St Pauls Gardens)	A	P	A	
Henry Bassadone/Sarah Agarwal (St Werbergs)	P	P	P	P
Kwame Benin (African Decent/African Carriibbean)	A	A	A	A
Lisa Blackwood (City Road)	P	P	A	P
Pete Bullard (Older People Rep – St Paul's)	P	P	P	P
Sally Casey (The Dings)	A	A	P	
Mike Chappell (Redcliffe)	P	P	P	P
Joyce Clarke (Redfield)	P	P	A	
Jan Deverell (Greenbank)	P	A	A	A
Fiona Eyre (Lawrence Hill)	A	A	A	
Tony Hicks (Barton Hill)	A	P	A	
Maryanne Kempf (Ashley Road/City Road) - Chair	P	P	P	P
Alex Milne (Redfield)	P	P	A	P
Mohamud Mumin (African Decent (Somali)	A	P	P	P
Dominic Murphy (The Dings)	A	P	P	P
Abda Parveen (Asian Community)	A	P	A	
Mike Pickering (Goodpenny)	P	P	P	P
Hannah Purbrick (Easton Central)	P	P	A	
Mike Taylor (Montpelier)			P	P
<b>Community/Voluntary Sector Partners</b>				
Richard Curtis (Church Road Action Group)	P	P	A	
David Gbao (CEED/Malcolm X/Kuumba)	A	A	A	A
Rev Barrie Green (Christian Church)	P	P	A	P
Joanna Holmes (Barton Hill Settlement)	A	P	A	P
Ian Lawry (Wellspring Healthy Living Centre)	P	A	P	A
Abdullahi Fara (Somali Resource Centre)	P	P	P	P
Vacant (Islamic Mosque)	A	A	A	A
Pat Usherwood (Chair – Stapleton Road Wkg Group)	A	A	A	A

<b>Business/Private Sector Partners</b>				
Jane Brewerton (Traders, Stokes Croft)	P	P	P	A
Abdul Malik (Traders, Easton)	A	A	P	A
<b>Statutory Providers Partners</b>				
Terry Black (Registered Social Landlord)	A	P	P	
Chris Regan/Andrew George (A and S Police)	P	P	P	P
Lindsey Dowdell (EC3, CYPS)	P	P	P	P
Mohammed Elsherif (NHS Bristol)	P	P	A	P
Donna Johnson (Registered Social Landlord)	A	P	A	
Peers Wollen (Equalities Rep)	P	P	P	P
<b>Officers Supporting the Partnership</b>				
Penny Germon (Neighbourhood Manager)	P	P	P	P
Diana Dodds (Neighbourhoods, BCC)	P	P	P	A
Richard Jones (Democratic Services)	P	P	P	P
<b>Residents in Attendance Making Statements</b>				
Philip Morris		P		
Owen Smith			P	
Sara Finning				P
Paul Bradburn				P

## **1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Maryanne Kempf, Chair, welcomed all to the meeting.

## **2. PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES**

The Chair on behalf of the Partnership welcomed Councillor Clare Champion-Smith, Executive Member for Children and Young People and Craig Bolt, Service Director, Education Strategy and Targeted Support, who gave a short overview of the current position in relation to Primary School places across the City and in the Neighbourhood Partnership Area.

Councillor Champion-Smith commented that the Cabinet at its meeting on 15 December 2011 approved the following:

- the allocation of £37.1m of capital resources to provide additional primary pupil places for September 2012 as outlined in the report, in addition to the £20.9m already approved (21<sup>st</sup> July Cabinet Report).
- the Strategic Director, Children, Young People & Skills be authorised, in consultation with the Executive Members for Children & Young People and Capital Programme to confirm the scope of additional building works in relation to provision for September 2012 and the award of construction contracts estimated at £58.0m; and
- the Strategic Director, Corporate Services, in consultation with the Executive Member for Housing, Property Services and Regeneration be authorised to conclude land and property acquisitions to secure suitable premises for additional school provision.

During detailed discussion the following points were highlighted:

- the Partnership noted that it was anticipated that £11.5m from the £58m would be spent in the Neighbourhood Partnership Area;
- It was reported that there were 614 applications for primary school places and that 600 places were available for allocation;
- It was confirmed that there were no sites designated for closure in the Neighbourhood Partnership area;
- Consideration would be given to whether the former chocolate factory site could be used for school purposes; and
- Several members commented on the importance of schools as one of the contributing factors to community cohesion, and the impact for communities when children are not allocated their nearest school of choice;

**ACTION: It was agreed that any further questions could be submitted to the Neighbourhood Manager, for submission to the Executive Member.**

### 3. YOUTH LINKS

Councillor Clare Champion-Smith, Executive Member for Children and Young People and Craig Bolt, Service Director, Education Strategy and Targeted Support, who gave a short overview of the current position in relation to Youth Links Service across the City and in the Neighbourhood Partnership Area.

During detailed discussion the following points were highlighted:

- Craig Bolt indicated that the intention of the Bristol Youth Links Commissioning process is:
  - to provide an integrated service offer for children and young people, so as to reduce disruption at transition points and ensure that the needs of children and young people are paramount;
  - to develop effective and meaningful relationships with a reduced number of providers so as to ensure consistency and quality of provision;
  - to provide surety and stability by putting in place up to 5 year contract arrangements. Not only would this signal approximately £20m of direct investment at a time when many other council areas are taking different approaches, providing this level of certainty should also enable providers to attract investment from other sources;
  - There are no plans to close council run adventure playgrounds and youth centres. The proposed commissioning process will enable organisations to come forward with ideas about how to

- run local services. Existing centres and facilities will continue to be available to organisations to use. Organisations may say that they can offer a better service by working in other places. The process will enable the council to listen to their ideas; and
- Set out the commissioning timetable where it was anticipated that implementation of the new service would commence in Autumn 2012;
  - The Neighbourhood Partnership asked following representations from a young person, that consideration be given to how the voices from a greater number of young people could be engaged in the process;
  - Several members sought clarification on the transitional arrangements for youth services particularly in the period April – September 2012; and
  - It was noted that an in-house team would continue to be operational during this period.

**ACTION:** It was agreed that any further questions could be submitted to the Neighbourhood Manager, for submission to the Executive Member.

**4. MINUTES OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2011**

**AGREED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2011 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**5. CHAIR’S BUSINESS**

**(A) PARTNERSHIP CHAIR ELECTION**

The Partnership was asked to note that elections would take place at the Annual Meeting of the Partnership in June 2012.

**(B) BRISTOL MAYORAL REFERENDUM**

In response to a referendum debate which had been organised by University of Bristol on 22 February 2012, at the Council House, The Chair, sought agreement from the partnership for a referendum debate to be held in the Neighbourhood Partnership.

**AGREED:** that a debate be organised.

**(C) NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP/NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE**

It was agreed that discussion be held at a future meeting on the use of the terms Neighbourhood Partnership and Neighbourhood Committee, as part of the neighbourhood arrangement for the future.

**6. RETAIL CHAIN MEMBER OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP**

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of Mike Taylor, neighbourhood partnership resident member (Agenda Item No. 5).

It was noted that Abdul Malik had also undertaken some work since the last meeting, and would be submitting his proposals to a future meeting.

It was noted that further work would need to be undertaken to look at appropriate criteria for the selection of a retail chain representative.

**ACTION: ideas for inclusion and consideration as part of the criteria, should be sent to the Neighbourhood Manager, as soon as possible for collation, and consideration at a future meeting of the Neighbourhood Partnership.**

**6. UPDATE - AREA CO-ORDINATOR**

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of Penny Germon, Neighbourhood Manager, Neighbourhoods & Communities, Neighbourhoods Directorate (Agenda Item No. 6) giving an update on the following issues since the last meeting.

Councillor Kiely in welcoming the report, and particularly the highlighted the issues which had been resolved, asked officers to consider subdividing the existing heading for future reports to assist with targeting challenges across the Partnership area.

The Partnership also noted the excellent work being undertaken by the Stapleton Road Working Group, and that a letter from the Partnership be sent to the Group.

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) That the report and the “You Said, We Did” summary report be noted;**
- (ii) That a letter be sent congratulating the Stapleton Road Working on their achievements to date.**

## 7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Rogers declared that he was a member of the management Committee of Full Circle.

Councillors Choudhury and Kiely declared that they are members of the King George V Memorial Trust.

## 8. THE BEARPIT

The Neighbourhood partnership considered a report of Andrew Whitehead, Principal Officer, City Transport and Richard Fletcher, Environment and Leisure (Agenda Item No. 8) regarding the Bearpit.

During detailed discussion of the scheme the following issues were highlighted:

- The St James Barton roundabout is not in the Ashley, Easton and Lawrence hill area, but is in the Cabot, Clifton and Clifton East Neighbourhood Partnership area;
- Section 106 allocation will be administered by the City Council with all the associated project and procurement tasks taken forward by City Development and Neighbourhoods;
- Delivering a successful phase one project would require planning approval;
- Several members of the Partnership sought clarification on whether contributions has been received from the local business surrounding the bearpit;

Following a detailed discussion Councillor Rogers moved the following motion, which was seconded by Councillor Hoyt:

That the Committee allocate upto 33.3% of the developed parks and recreation S106 income to the first phase of the Bear Pit project, with the remaining 66.7% coming from the Cabot, Clifton and Clifton East Neighbourhood Partnership.

This was put to the vote and LOST 2 voting for the motion and 3 voting against the motion.

Councillor Kiely moved the following amendment to the motion, which was seconded by Councillor Choudhury, which was

### **RESOLVED:**

- (1) That in the first instance, local businesses within the vicinity of The Bear Pit be approached to ascertain whether they would be willing to fund all or part of the proposed**

**improvements to The Bear Pit;**

- (2) that the Partnership reviews its allocated Section 106 monies against its identified priorities for Parks and Recreation, and any funds would cannot be used against those priorities can be released for the Bear Pit project;**
- (3) That in the event of commercial support not being forthcoming, then Phase 1 of the proposed works be funded through (a) use of 33.3% (£22,500) of the Partnership's devolved S106 monies for parks and recreation, and (b) that the Cabot, Clifton and Clifton East Neighbourhood Partnership be approached to see if it would be willing to provide the remaining 66.7% (£67,500), and**
- (4) That if necessary, a further update on the funding situation be presented at the next meeting.**

#### **9. PARKS AND GREEN SPACES INVESTMENT PLAN PRIORITIES FOR 2012/13**

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of Richard Fletcher, Environment and Leisure (Agenda Item No. 9) regarding parks and green spaces investment plan priorities for 2012/13.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- (1) that officers be formally instructed to take forward in 2012/13 the following high priority park investment projects adopted by the committee at its meeting in December 2011:**
  - Play are at 'Proctor House'**
  - Play area at 'Brook Street'**
  - Play area at Bellevue Road open space**
  - Joint park and highway improvements at Albany Green Park**
  - Young people's wheels park at Eastgate M32**
  - A new play area at St. Judes is current being delivered**
  - The 'Bearpit' improvement project**
- (2) that Neighbourhood Partnership approved S106 improvements made to children's play and refurbishment of public toilets at St Andrews Park**

## 10. TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAY PRIORITIES

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of Neil Terry, Highways and Traffic Transport (Agenda Item No. 10) regarding traffic and highway priorities.

The Partnership noted the following public Forum statements from:

Agenda Item No	Issue	Name	Statement No
10	Westminster Road	Sara Finning	1
10	Road Safety	Friends of Hannah More Primary (Ruth Cochrane)	2

### RESOLVED:

(l) that the following Local Traffic Schemes be approved:

Ref	Location / Ward	Issue	Possible solution	Approved Cost	Notes
T1	Brook Hill (Montpelier), Ashley	Various traffic issues	Introduce one-way	£7,000 (Physical and legal work)	Preliminary design consultation already carried out
T2	Drummond Road area, Ashley	Parking in close proximity to junctions	Introduce parking restrictions to improve safety and access, and loading bays to aid deliveries to shops.	£5, 000	Possible link to S106 – S9
T3	St.Werburghs area, Ashley	Five areas of concern raised by St Werburghs Neighbourhood Association due to volume of through traffic and pedestrian safety, priority for the use of the monies to be discussed with Highways.	Gatton Road to Mina Road HGV Right Turn Restriction  Magdalene Place Closure  Sevier Street Closure  Traffic Calming on Mina Road South by changing parking layout and introducing street furniture such as trees & planters.  Upgrade existing traffic island to pedestrian friendly refuge island at junction of Sevier Street and Sussex Place.	£10,276  Made up from (£7,776 (S106 – S7 Scrapstore) + £2,000 underspend from 2011/12 + £500 from devolved Budget)	Preliminary design consultation already carried out by St Werburghs Neighbourhood Association.  Link to S106 – S8  <i>Note: Approximately £2000 under-spend from 2011/12 that could be put towards implementation</i>
T4	Westminster Road area, Easton	Road safety concerns, vehicle speeds, congestion	2 x Road closures option	£10,500 Made up from £8,500 S106 + £2,000 from underspend)	Preliminary design work and traffic surveys commissioned as part of 2011/12 feasibility study



					<i>Note: Approximately £2000 under-spend from 2011/12 that could be put towards implementation</i>
<b>T5</b>	High Street, Easton	Road safety concerns associated with vehicle speeds	Feasibility study to gain better understanding of problems	<b>£3,000</b>	Significant consultation may be required
<b>T6</b>	Hinton Road, Easton	Road safety concerns associated with vehicle speeds	Feasibility study to gain better understanding of problems	<b>£3,000</b>	Measures introduced in isolation (ie one- way) may be unpopular with adjacent streets
<b>T7</b>	Mary Street Area, Easton	Obstructions caused by inconsiderate parking	Introduce parking restrictions to improve safety and access	<b>£3,000</b>	
<b>T8</b>	Worsley Street / Leonard Road, Easton	Parking congestion at junction restricting access for service vehicles including ambulance drop off.	Introduce additional parking restrictions	<b>£5,000</b>	
<b>T9</b>	West Street, Old Market, Lawrence Hill	Limited waiting parking restrictions unpopular	Modify restrictions to 2 hour max waiting time	<b>£5,000</b> (made up from S105 – S5)	Would need to be considered in relation to wider aspirations – see appendix 5
<b>T10</b>	Goodhind Street / Pennywell Road, Lawrence Hill	Traffic speeds	2 x Road closures option  Reduce vehicle speeds by changing parking layout and introducing street furniture or trees	<b>£10,000</b> (Made up from £7,000 + £3,000 from underspend)	Preliminary design work and traffic surveys commissioned as part of 2010/11 feasibility study  <i>Note: Approximately £3000 under-spend from 2011/12 that could be put towards implementation</i>
<b>NP wide</b>	Minor lines and signs	To address ad- hoc requests	Measures introduced at officers discretion	<b>£2,250</b>	As per last year

(II) that the decision on Footway Resurfacing schemes be deferred to the next meeting;

(III) that the following Carriage Surface dressing be approved:

Ref	Location	Ward	Estimated cost
C1	Chesterfield Road (Leopold Road to Ashley Park)	Ashley	£4,400
C2	Feeder Road (Marsh Lane to Netham Road)	Lawrence Hill	£4,200
C3	Russell Town Avenue	Easton	£2,600

(IV) that the Section 106 monies in the report and a decision on priorities be deferred to a future meeting of the Partnership.

## 11. DEVOLVED SERVICES REPORT

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of Penny Germon, Area Co-ordinator (Agenda Item No. 11) setting out the devolved services report.

### RESOLVED:

- (1) that the clean and green and devolved Section 106 be noted;
- (2) that £21,00 be allocated to small grants from the Well Being Fund;
- (3) that the priorities for small grants 2012/13 as set out in the report be agreed;
- (4) that the current grant assessment panel/process be continued; and
- (5) Approve the allocation of £1,500 to the Stapleton Road Working Group for 2012/2013.

## 12. PUBLIC FORUM

The Partnership noted the following public Forum Statements:

Agenda Item No	Issue	Name	Statement No
12	CCTV Control Centre Contract (Question)	Philip Morris	3
12	Brook Road Park	Francois Jensen	4
12	Old Market	Paul Bradburn	5

## 6. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Noted that the next meeting would be held at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2012 at Unitarian Chapel Hall, Brunswick Square, Bristol.

(The meeting ended at 9.10 pm)

**CHAIR**