



## **AGENDA ITEM NO . 7**

### **ASHLEY, EASTON & LAWRENCE HILL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

**Report of:** Penny Germon, Area Coordinator, Neighbourhoods & Communities, Neighbourhoods Directorate.

**Title:** Devolved Services Report

**Contact Telephone Number:** 9039879 (or for internal EXTN 39879)

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1. Note the projects funded by the Clean and Green Board**
- 2. Consider and approve the request for clean and green devolved budget (Councillor decision)**
- 3. Agree Lilia Park should be added to the Parks and Green space investment priorities**
- 4. Approve the recommendations of the Wellbeing Grants Panel (Councillor decision)**
- 5. To note the traffic and highways progress report**
- 6. To note the availability of devolved S106 funding.**
- 7. Approve Section 106 funding for a scheme to improve bus shelters on Cheltenham Road (Councillor decision)**
- 8. Note the update from Safer Bristol and information about the project to improve the area under the M32**

#### **1. Clean and Green**

**The following projects have been funded by the Clean and Green Board:**

**Bulb planting - £546.25**

- 5000 in the Lawrence Hill roundabout and approaches to the underpasses
- 5000 in the St Pauls round about (Ashley/Lawrence Hill) and approaches to the underpasses
- 1000 Clarence Road (Lawrence Hill) grassed area
- 500 - Thompson Road (Lawrence Hill) green space to plant spring bulbs in the space and install a litter bin.

### **Winter flowering window boxes – £510**

To revamp the window boxes on some of the side streets off Stapleton Road (Walton Street, Villiers Road, Lansdown Road, part of Felix Road and Part of Chaplin Road).

### **‘Garden of the Four Jewels’ St Pauls Gardens (Ashley) - £750.00**

Improve the planting at the Garden of the Four Jewels, St Pauls Gardens

Funding was not awarded for:

### **Signage for the middle of the Lawrence Hill roundabout – £300**

Unlike the St Pauls underpasses there are no signs once you are inside the roundabout telling you where the underpasses lead to. Sign writer to make a directional sign for the middle of the roundabout.

**Community Notice board on Old Market** - £1,570 (plus VAT if external organisation pays)

### **St Pauls Community notice boards - £1,476**

Replace two notice boards (junction of Stokes Croft and City Road and on the corner of City Road and Brigstock Road, directly in front of the St Pauls Settlement (Docklands)).

**Easton and Lawrence Hill Community Notice boards** £1260 (plus VAT if external organisation pay). To re-spray 14 notice boards that formerly belonged to Easton Residents Network.

### **Requests for devolved clean and green funding – for decision**

Councillors are asked to consider allocating £1,400 for signs in the centre of the Lawrence Hill roundabout/underpass. This is a well used route for pedestrians and cyclists. Unlike the St Pauls/M32 roundabout/underpass there

are no signs explaining where the tunnels lead. The funding would be for possibly thermo plastic signs to be inset to the pathways saying 'to Old Market' and 'to Church Road' etc.

Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Management carried out a survey of people using the underpass. Improved signage was one of the main improvements people felt would make a difference. A number of people commented that there are frequently people who do not know which route to take.

### **Recommendation**

**To allocate £1,400 of devolved clean and green funds to improved signage in the central pedestrian area of the Lawrence Hill/Easton Way round about/underpass.**

### **2. Parks investment priorities**

At the last meeting the NP were advised that a group of young people had petitioned the Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Forum for improvements to their local park – Lilia Park. This is small space which was currently has no play equipment. With the number of young families in the area increasing this will become an increasingly important play space.

BCC Parks Officers have met at the site with the young people and are of the view that Lilia Park is in need of some improvements in four key areas:

- i. improve the site for scooters and skateboarding;
- ii. new seating;
- iii. a swing for younger children;
- iv. something to climb on.

It is anticipated funding will need to be found from sources other than BCC to deliver this. There is a possibility that Guinness Housing will make a contribution.

For officers to pursue this with the young people Lilia Park needs to be a priority for the Neighbourhood Partnership.

### **Recommendation**

**To add Lilia Park to the priorities for parks and green space investment (see appendix 1 for full list)**

### **3. Wellbeing Fund Small Grants – for decision**

Consider the recommendations in the wellbeing small grants report Appendix 2 of this report

#### **Recommendation:**

**To approve the recommendations of the Wellbeing Panel**

### **4. Traffic schemes – for information**

See progress report on traffic schemes (appendix 3).

### **5. Section 106 Devolved Funding – for decision**

See attached schedule of devolved funding in **appendix 4** for information.

Consider allocation of section 106 for improvements to public transport facilities on Cheltenham Road as proposed in the report 'Bus Stop Upgrades' **appendix 5** of this report.

#### **Recommendation**

**To approve the allocation of £78,003.85 s106 as proposed in appendix 5 of this report.**

### **6. Safer Bristol progress report**

Note the progress report from Safer Bristol and information about a project to improve the area under the M32 in appendix 6 of this report.

## **Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill Park Investment Priorities Approved 14<sup>th</sup> December 2011**

Presented below are the investment priorities for open spaces in the Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Partnership. The list has been drawn up as the next step following the public consultation on the Area Green Space Plan Ideas and Options Paper in the summer of 2010 and, more recently, consultation through Neighbourhood Forums this autumn.

Once the priorities have been agreed, Council Officers will then produce a Delivery Plan which will outline costs and time frames for the prioritised projects.

It is important to note that the priority list is not exhaustive and we recognise that priorities can change over time. It is recommended that the list is periodically reviewed to reflect this and projects or investment ideas that have not been identified here can still be taken forward, if agreed by the Neighbourhood Partnership and/or Ward Councillors. What is progressed will depend on the funding available (the amount and any criteria attached to the funding) and the officer time available to deliver the works. A process for agreeing priority projects is being developed by officers and will be considered at a future meeting of the NP.

Table 1 highlights the key priorities for the area and have been taken from the consultation results of 2010 and from this autumn, as well as meeting the standards of the adopted Parks and Green Space Strategy.

Table 2 shows investment priorities for individual sites that would raise the quality of each space and may not necessarily be priorities for the Neighbourhood Partnership. Where sites haven't been mentioned it is intended to continue to maintain them as present.

The Guiding Principles set out below are a framework by which the priorities should be viewed and represent the overall requirements for open space in the area. They are not specific projects or investment suggestions, but seek to improve the provision and quality of open space as a whole.

### **Guiding Principles for Investment across the Neighbourhood Partnership area**

1. Increase seating
2. Provide leisure facilities for adults/older people - e.g. Exercise equipment or outdoor chessboard
3. Improving paths and entrances
4. Increasing open space provision (the area is currently *under* the Parks and Green Space Quantity Standard).
5. The priorities in this document relate to capital investment, but we recognise good quality maintenance of open space is very important and should be monitored.

**Table 1**

High Priority Projects	Considerations
The Bearpit	Request from Cabot, Clifton & Clifton East NP to share costs to improve the Bearpit. Agreed in principle to add the Bearpit to the Green space Investment plan at the NP meeting on 14 December 2011. <i>Agreed as a priority for 2012/13 at the NP on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2012</i>
<b>Children's and Young People's Space</b>	
1. Upgrade poor quality play equipment at: Proctor House, Brook Street Bellevue Road, Albany Green Park	One play area from each ward has been identified where the condition of the existing equipment is considered to be of a poor standard. <i>Agreed as a priority for 2012/13 at the NP on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2012</i>
2. Create/enlarge dog free areas at: Rawnsley Park , Owen Square Park Bellevue Road Open Space	There is a strong view from residents for larger 'dog free' spaces particularly in the proposed areas. Extending dog free areas may simply require moving fencing and providing additional signs, but there may be a requirement for consultation under statutory obligations for dog-free areas.
3. Explore provision of young persons space/wheels park,	A potential location could be under the M32 in Eastgate, Riverside Park or George Jones Park. <i>Agreed as a priority for 2012/13 at the NP on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2012</i>
4. St Judes Children's Play Ground (in progress)	Is highly valued by the community. Has £101k of un-devolved money to be spent on upgrading the facility.
<b>Formal Space and General Park Improvements</b>	
1. Upgrade poor quality provision at: Bloy Square, Albany Green Park, Rawnsley Park and Cobden Street	The condition of the existing provision is considered to be of a poor standard and the space is important for local people. Improvements can include introducing benches, upgrading footpaths and new planting schemes.
2. Upgrade and enhance entrances and access in spaces across the Neighbourhood Partnership.	To provide better opportunities for people to access and move around parks. Projects could include such things as seating and footpaths improvements and other improvements that would allow easier movement around spaces.
<b>Natural Space</b>	
1. Enlarge and enhance natural green space at: Riverside Park and Hassell Drive Open Space	Opportunities to visit 'natural green space' is very restricted. These two spaces offer space that can be used to expand the existing Natural provision.

2. Create areas of wildflower meadow or enhanced planting schemes where appropriate across the Neighbourhood Partnership.	To give residents across the area access to a better natural experience and provide a more attractive landscape and enhance the significant road network.
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**Table 2: Priorities for individual sites** - Sites are not presented in any particular order. Where spaces have not been mentioned it is intended to maintain them to their existing standard.

Site	Priority
Riverside Park and Peel Street Open Space	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide space and activities for young people</li> <li>2. Improve safety throughout the park e.g with new appropriate lighting</li> <li>3. Support the community garden project in Peel Street Open Space and seek to provide some allotment space</li> <li>4. Continue to enhance the river corridor (work is in progress through the Frome Greenway Project)</li> <li>5. Create area of Wildflower planting adjacent to the M32</li> <li>6. Improve all entrances and footpaths</li> </ol>
Rawnsley Park	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Enlarge the dog free area to include kick about area</li> <li>2. Remove part of Goodhind Street and bring the space into park use. Extend the park into existing green space to the north of Goodhind Street</li> <li>3. Improve all footpaths and entrances</li> <li>4. Create a central entrance at the junction of Goodhind Street and Beaumont Street with ornamental planting and seating.</li> <li>5. Create a formal seating area adjacent to the play park</li> </ol>
Mina Road Park and Ashley Street Park	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Upgrade and enhance the children's play area, linked to an informal kickabout area and provision in Ashley Street Park</li> <li>2. Introduce Ladies toilets, designed to match the Victorian urinals</li> </ol>
Hassell Drive Open Space	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide young people's space with adventurous play equipment</li> <li>2. Widen and upgrade footpaths to avoid conflict between pedestrians and cyclists</li> <li>3. Create a pictorial wildflower meadow</li> <li>4. Enhance all entrances</li> <li>5. Improve links to the Bristol Railway Path, with better designed paths and visibility</li> </ol>

Site	Priority
Owen Square Park	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Make the park dog free</li> <li>2. Continue to upgrade the play area</li> <li>3. Create a new formal entrance from Chelsea Road</li> <li>4. Provide a new boundary along the Railway Path with gated access points</li> <li>5. Provide facilities for young people</li> <li>6. Provide additional seating associated with the play area</li> </ol>
Fox Road Park and Warwick Road Housing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide play within Fox Road Park</li> <li>2. Re-instate part of the river bed as a pond/water feature</li> <li>3. Create a pictorial meadow along side the M32</li> <li>4. Restore all boundary walls</li> <li>5. Clear unwanted vegetation on a regular basis to improve visibility throughout the site</li> <li>6. Provide an acoustic barrier along the boundary with the M32</li> <li>7. Clear unwanted vegetation on a regular basis to improve visibility throughout the site</li> <li>8. To meet regularly with the Police to tackle issues of sex working and drug dealing within the Park and green spaces in and around Fox Rd /Warwick Ave</li> </ol>
St Werburghs Park	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maintain play equipment to a good standard</li> <li>2. Provide seating area</li> </ol>
Bristol Bath Railway Path	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide more information boards and directional signs</li> <li>2. Provide natural play and activities where appropriate</li> </ol>
Albany Green Park	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Upgrade and modernise all play equipment.</li> <li>2. Introduce new boundary treatment and restrict vehicles encroaching the boundary.</li> <li>3. Install extra litter and dog bins.</li> <li>4. New seating and planting schemes.</li> </ol>
George Jones Park	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Improve entrances and pathways</li> <li>2. Continue to provide facilities for young people</li> </ol>
Bannerman Road Park	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Upgrade and modernise play equipment</li> <li>2. Create a formal seating area</li> <li>3. Make the space dog free</li> </ol>



Site	Priority
Somerset Square	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide a wider range of flowers and planting within the park</li> <li>2. Improved lighting</li> <li>3. Gated entrances</li> <li>4. More seating throughout the park.</li> </ol>
Bellevue Road Park	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Make the space dog free</li> <li>2. Upgrade and modernise play equipment</li> <li>3. Provide natural play equipment in the northern part of the space</li> <li>4. Provide more seating throughout the space</li> <li>5. Improve boundary fence and entrances</li> </ol>
Brook Street Open Space	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Upgrade and modernise all play equipment</li> <li>2. Retain and enhance a grass area for kickabout with fixed goal posts</li> <li>3. Improve the boundary treatment and entrances</li> <li>4. New robust seating with ornamental planting schemes</li> </ol>
Gaunts Ham Park	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Upgrade and modernise play equipment</li> <li>2. Upgrade MUGA</li> <li>3. Introduce lighting throughout the park</li> </ol>
Sparke Evans Park	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A decision as to the future of the site is to be made by the Neighbourhood Committee. Please refer to the report of Richard Fletcher on this matter.</li> </ol>
Marsh Lane	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Improve space for wildlife</li> </ol>
Bloy Square	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Enhance space as formal area with additional seating and planting</li> </ol>
Brunswick Square and Portland Square	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Continue to restore the historic nature of the spaces in line with the City Centre Action Plan.</li> </ol>
Montpelier Park	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To support the current improvement project to introduce a skateable space with spectator seating.</li> </ol>
St Pauls Park	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To retain Green Flag status</li> </ol>
Netham Park	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To retain Green Flag status</li> </ol>



## **ASHLEY, EASTON & LAWRENCE HILL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP**

**November 27th, 2012**

**Report of:** Diane Rafla, Neighbourhoods & Communities, Neighbourhoods Directorate.

**Title:** **Wellbeing Budget – Small Grants**

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### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Allocate the remaining wellbeing fund budget of £2,389 to the £9,601 already available totalling £11,990 to be allocated in this round.
2. Approve the recommendations of the Well-being grant panel (Appendix A-D)

### **Context**

1. These recommendations relate to the remaining £9,601 of the £21,000 of Well-being funds allocated to small grants projects at the March 2012 meeting.
2. If the Committee agrees to commit a further £2,389 to fund small grant applications, the additional projects that could be funded are listed in appendix B.
3. As agreed by the NP, three residents from Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill wards were appointed to the panel. Seven panellists participated on the day.
4. As agreed by the NP, resident panellists were asked to use their discretion in recommending grants that distributed funds as equally as possible over the three wards.

5. 27 applications were received in total. 23 were considered for the Well-being funding. 4 were not considered for funding.
6. In total, almost £42,500 worth of funds was applied for.
7. Well-being applicants were asked to develop projects that addressed one or more of the Partnerships five priorities:
  1. Activities that focus on young people making their voice heard in decision-making and encouraging young people of Ashley, Easton & Lawrence Hill to have a greater stake in their communities.
  2. Work, which fosters positive relationships between children and young people from different neighbourhoods.
  3. Activities that encourage local people to become more involved in and have a greater say about where they live
  4. Events/activities, which bring together people from different cultural backgrounds who would not normally come together.
  5. Sharing skills and knowledge – projects, visits, and skill swaps.

## **Summary**

### **Risk Assessment**

- Regarding any BCC liability as a grant provider, we have worked with applicants to ensure they have the appropriate policies and procedures in place to carry out their respective projects.
- With regards to ensuring all funds are spent within the appropriate time frame, we have monitoring and evaluation procedures that will be in place to ensure all funds are spent on time and as planned in the project budgets.

### **Equality Implications**

When councillors decide how the wellbeing fund is spent they should have due regard to the public sector equality duty that applies to all public bodies. This duty is contained in the Equality Act 2010 and came in to force on 6 April 2011. It replaces previous equality duties under the Sex Discrimination, Race Relations and Disability Discrimination Acts.

The duty means that councillors are required to have due regard to the need to :

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited under the Act
- Promote equality of opportunity between different groups
- Foster good relations between people from different groups

The duty covers the following protected characteristics:

- Disability
- Sexual orientation
- Age
- Gender reassignment
- Religion and belief
- Sex
- Race
- Pregnancy and maternity

It also applies to marriage and civil partnership, but only in respect of the requirement to eliminate discrimination and harassment.

## **Appendices**

- Appendix A - Well-being Projects Recommended for Funding
- Appendix B –Additional projects recommended if the Neighbourhood Committee decides to dedicate an additional £2,389 towards small grants.
- Appendix C – Summary of Grants Not Recommended for Funding.
- Appendix D - Summary of Grants Not Progressed to the Panel
- Appendix E - Summary of Well-being Grants Process

## Appendix A - Well-being Projects Recommended for Funding

Organisation/ Group	Wards Impacted by project			Grant Request	Suggested Award	Project Summary
Golden Agers	A			600	600	Using our website creatively is an IT skills project aimed at BME elders.
Easton Cowgirls Netball Club			LH	858	858	This is a netball team for women over 16 years old. They play matches every Saturday and train every Thursday.
Home-Start Bristol	A	E		2000	2000	Initial Preparation Course for newly recruited volunteers will aim to recruit and train volunteers, particularly from BME backgrounds, in parenting skills training.
Easton Cowgirls FC		E	LH	575	575	Easton Cowgirls FC would like to put on additional women's football sessions outdoors in Easton (due to such high demand).
Easton Community Centre	A	E	LH	693	693	The Easton Community Centre youth project is a graffiti workshop themed "Easton: what do you love, what's your concerns, what are you ideas for change?" resulting in an artwork mural.
Bristol Black Carers			LH	1872	1872	The Young Voice project will give young carers a break from their caring role and enable them to socialise and integrate with young people their age, while learning new skills and taking part in recreational activities.
Corbett House Residents Group		E		659	659	The Spring Outing project is for residents across the three Partnership wards and would take around 60 residents to the Mumbles and Carphilly South Wales.

Organisation/ Group	Wards Impacted by project			Grant Request	Suggested Award	Project Summary
	A	E	LH			
St Werburghs City Farm	A	E	LH	1847	1847	The Stuck In project aims to engage 18 disadvantaged young people in woodwork and greenwood work practical activities and training.
Bristol STAR	A		LH	436	436	The Easton Craft and Conversation Club will consist of a weekly craft activity that will encourage asylum-seeking women to speak English and foster relationships between these individuals and Bristol University students.
<b>Total Suggested Award</b>					<b>£9,540</b>	

**Appendix B - Additional projects recommended if the Neighbourhood Committee decides to dedicate an additional £2,389 towards small grants.**

Organisation/ Group	Wards Impacted by project			Grant Request	Suggested Award	Project Summary
	A	E	LH			
Full Circle	A	E	LH	1650	1550	A series of workshops addressing issues that women from Somali, Afro Caribbean, Asian and Polish backgrounds would like to engage with. Including understanding different cultural undertones, looking after themselves, family issues, managing budgets, etc.
Babbasa Youth Empowerment Projects	A	E	LH	980	900	The Ask About Me Project is geared towards helping young people find suitable professional mentors in enterprise and employment.

<b>Total Suggested Award</b>	<b>£2,450*</b>	<i>*Includes £60 remaining from the allocation in table A.</i>
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### Appendix C - Summary of Grants Not Recommended for Funding

<b>Organisation/Group</b>	<b>Wards Impacted by project</b>			<b>Grant Request</b>	<b>Project Summary</b>
Barton Hill Settlement		E		600	Multi-Cultural Feasts will aim to bring together the local community in two separate events where food and culture will be shared. The themes will be Polish and Somali.
Sikh Resource & Community Development Centre		E	LH	2350	Better Knowledge, Better Career & Better Understanding is aimed at teaching 12-18 and 45-70 year olds new IT software and animation production skills.
Redcliffe Ladies Swimming Group	A			1200	WOW (women in water) will offer a swimming course for 24 women from all different backgrounds.
Easton Baby and Toddler Group	A	E	LH	1120.19	Revitalise aims to publicise and resource more group facilities such as musical instruments.
St Werburghs Community Association	A			1444	Outdoor Spaces: Raking and Baking aims to run free healthy cooking and gardening courses.
The Dings Youth Project			LH	1981	The Ammunition for Transition Project - A project teaching life skills to help young people transition from childhood to adulthood.

Organisation/Group	Wards Impacted by project			Grant Request	Project Summary
Action Works!		E	LH	1730	The Sands of Time project is a project that will focus on burying a time capsule on St Judes estate.
IDEAL Community Action			LH	1550	The Sharp Shotz project is a competition using animation and music to raise awareness about the dangers and consequences of a range of issues affecting young people (l.e. guns/knives, violence, drug/alcohol)
Easton Corner Garden Group		E		1778	The Autumn and Winter outdoors project will involve local residents in creating the infrastructure for an educational and food growing space.
St Werburghs Neighbourhood Association	A			1500	The Mina Matters newspaper will be a one off issues of a community newsletter to inform residents of forthcoming community initiatives and to encourage involvement.
FLAG (Come Together)	A	E		7850	The Each One Teach One project will consist of regular maths, English and science after school sessions 3 evenings a week in Easton.
Trinity Community Arts	A	E	LH	2260	The Trinity Outdoor Kitchen is a project consisting of sustainable building workshops targeting disengaged local community groups and encouraging integration through increased participation opportunities.
Travelling Light Theatre Company			LH	600	The T-lights project is a drama outreach project for children aged 5-7 focusing on personal, social and emotional skills.



## Appendix D - Summary of grants not progressed to the panel

Organisation/ Group	Grant Request	Project Summary	Notes
Creative Souls Ltd	940	The All-You-Me Nationz project is a subtle light event that will encourage local residents and businesses to have window displays of festive lights. The project will also include a "Community Idol 2012" competition.	Incomplete application – organisation does not have the necessary supporting documents
On The Pulse	1808	The On the Pulse application is requesting funds to cover some of the start-up costs of a healthy food cooperative. The costs include purchasing an oven, food storage sinks and signs.	This proposal was not for a stand-alone project. The proposal was to cover start-up costs for a cooperative. The application also offered no deadline for spends or outcomes.
Bristol Noise	585	This will be a family fun afternoon in Barton Hill on Saturday 4th May 2013. This follows an event in 2012. Entrance will be free and it will aim to include all members of the community.	This proposed project ran past the deadline date of 31/03/2012.
Malcolm X Elders Forum	950	Together we work and up build' will bring together 60 or more African Caribbean elders for activities such as arranging flowers, dance and arts and crafts.	This proposed project ran past the deadline date of 31/03/2012.

## **Appendix E**

### **Summary of Well-being Grants process and applications**

27 grant applications were submitted to the Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Partnership for consideration. Of those submitted:

- 23 applications were submitted to the grant panel for their consideration.
- 4 applications were not progressed because the applications were incomplete. Please see details above.

#### ***Voting on grants and making recommendations***

Each panellist could award a maximum of 43 points per grant. The scores of all eligible panellists were added together and divided by the total number of eligible voters to give us an average score. Grants were then ranked according to their average scores.

The top-scoring projects are being recommended for funding approval.

#### ***Panellist conflicts of interest***

Many of the residents interested in sitting on the panel are very active in their local communities and occasionally have a vested business, personal or professional interest in one or more of the projects. In order to ensure the voting process was fair, panellists were asked to declare an interest in a project before voting commenced. If a panellist fell into any of the following categories they were required to abstain from voting or commenting on the project.

- Board Member or employee of organisation/project
- Assisted with writing the grant or was a family member of applicant
- Are directly or indirectly involved in the project seeking funding
- Could potential gain financially from the application

During this round of voting there were seven conflicts of interest identified.

Street/Area	Issues/action	Funding allocated	Progress as at May 2012	Highways progress at 31 October 2012	Actual cost
<b>2010/2011</b>					
Avonvale Road Crossing at Netham (Easton ward)	Safe crossing point to Netham	£7,500	COMPLETE.		£7,500
Chelsea Road/Kilburn Street (Easton ward)	Parking/congestion on Kilburn Street into Chelsea Road	£5,000 (plus £2,500 allocated 3.7.12) Total £7,500	Scheme currently being advertised as part of statutory Traffic Regulation Order process (May'12).	Extra £2,500 allocated to scheme 3.7.12  Scheme should be in place by the end of November 2012. (revised from end of October)	
Goodhind Street & area (Lawrence Hill Ward)	Speeding and rat running Review of the issues and develop an appropriate solution	£5,000	Residents parking scheme will remove commuter traffic from the area, which was deemed to be the cause of the problems reported and why the funding was allocated. If RPS scheme is not introduced this scheme will be progressed in isolation.	Put on hold pending the outcome of the resident parking scheme consultation	
St Philips/The Dings (Lawrence Hill Ward)	Parking congestion – review of parking restrictions, develop workable parking scheme	£106	Superseded by consultation on residents parking scheme (part of Bristol wide approach).	Put on hold pending the outcome of the resident parking scheme consultation	
Grosvenor Road and surrounding area (Ashley ward)	Complete the parking restrictions	£7,500	Superseded by consultation on residents parking scheme (part of Bristol wide approach).	Put on hold pending the outcome of the resident parking scheme consultation	
Lines and signs	To address small issues with 'lines and signs' delegated to officers	£2,000	Budget spent / complete		
<b>2011/2012</b>					
Armoury Square (LH)	Review and modify parking	£5k Funded by GBBN	Complete.		£5
Picton Lane (Ashley)	Very narrow street with no pavements. Request to make one way and or restrict access	£6k (Section 106)	Scheme to be progressed through TRO process. TRO instruction issued to Legal Team in May 2012.	Statutory advertisement 1 Nov – 23 Nov 2012.	

Ashley Hill/Coburg Rd junction (Ashley)	Visibility at junction – introduce tree/street furniture to address problem.	£2,500 (plus £1,200 allocated 3/7/12) total £3,700	Detailed design complete and works on site expected to commence in late June 2012.	Additional £1,200 allocated 3/7/12 Substantially complete. Tree to be planted autumn 2012	
St Werburghs area review (Ashley)	St Werburghs Residents Association to carry out a review of the whole area and develop affordable and sustainable solutions to rat running and speed of traffic.	£5,000	See 2012/13		
Westminster Rd area review (Easton)	Speed of traffic – review of problems on and around Westminster Road propose solution/s.	£5,000	See 2012/13		
Victoria Parade DIY Streets (Easton)	DIY street (resident-led) to let drivers know they are entering a residential street. Use of planting and thermo plastic signs in the road).	£5,358	No proposals submitted by residents to date. Resident Group contacted in May 2012 to ascertain status of their proposals. Expect to have meeting in June 2012.	Design meeting with residents 18th November	
Whitehall Rd (Easton)	Problems due to narrow footways. Review current arrangement and propose options.	£2,500k	5 options have been designed and will be priced for Neighbourhood Partnership consideration.	<b>COMPLETE</b> Designs are available for consideration. <b>Local Sustainable Transport Fund Bid</b> submitted	
Beam St		S 106		Objections/recommendations report to be compiled following statutory advertisement.	
Line and signs		£2,250	Majority of budget spent / complete		
<b>2012/1013</b>					
Hinton Road (Easton Ward)	Explore solutions to road safety concerns with a view to developing a scheme for future funding.	£3,000	Traffic speeds and volume surveys to be carried out in July'12 followed by resident questionnaire to ascertain problems.	Questionnaires sent to residents have been returned. Responses to be analysed in December '12	
Mary St (Easton)	Parking restrictions to improve safety and access	£3,000	Draft scheme design underway (May'12). Residents to be consulted in July'12.	Site/design work	
Westminster Rd (Easton)		£10,500	Meeting to be arranged to discuss draft scheme option with Neighbourhood Association in June'12	Informal design consultation carried out October 2012. Responses being analysed	

			before circulating to wider neighbourhood in July'12.	following submission of petitions	
High Street (Easton)	Road safety concerns associated with vehicle speeds. Review/explore and propose solution.	£3,000	Traffic speeds and volume surveys to be carried out in July'12 followed by resident questionnaire to ascertain problems.	Questionnaires sent to residents have been returned. Responses to be analysed in December '12	
Worsley St/Leonard Rd (Easton)	Address parking congestion at junction	£5,000	Draft scheme design underway (May'12). Residents to be consulted in August'12.	Site/design work to commence Nov '12	
West St, Old Market (LH)	Change waiting restrictions to 2 hours Schemes still underway from previous years	£5,000	This area falls within Easton & St Phillips Residents Parking Scheme, therefore, change in time restriction will be proposed as part of this scheme. Should RPS scheme not go ahead, scheme is isolation will be carried out.	Put on hold pending the outcome of the resident parking scheme consultation	
Brook Hill (Ashley)	Various traffic problems – possible solution to introduce one way.	£7,000	TRO process to be carried out through Summer 2012.	Design changes being made following consultation before submission of TRO	
Drummond Road - £5,000	Parking restrictions close to junctions	£10,500	This area falls within St Pauls Residents Parking Scheme, therefore, double yellow lines will be proposed as part of this scheme. Should RPS scheme not go ahead, scheme is isolation will be carried out.	Put on hold pending the outcome of the resident parking scheme consultation	
St Werburghs -	Implementation of priorities from St Werburghs review	£7,776.65 S106 £500 (plus under spend from 11/12)	Meeting to discuss work programme for the three schemes was attended by reps from SWNA and Andrew Spicer on 22 May'12. Before the closure of Magdalene Place can be progressed, the traffic Signals Team need to carry out extensive traffic surveys and simulations to ascertain the effect of the proposed closure on the Sussex Place Signalised Junction. Once these surveys are carried out we will know if Magdalene place will be taken forward with Sevier Street proposals or if Sevier	St Werburghs Nhd Assn successfully applied to the Local Sustainable Transport Fund.  Road Closure, POD and waiting restrictions, Sevier St – Design work on going  Road Closure, POD and waiting restrictions, Magdalene Place Need more traffic monitoring data. Further surveys to be carried out in November '12. Surveys will	

			Street will be progressed in isolation.  Mina Road environmental improvement scheme to be designed in June'12 and subsequently circulated to SWNA in July'12 so they can prioritise elements for implementation or bid for further funding.	determine the design to be taken forward.  Meeting with group 18 Nov. 2012	
Hannah More Safer Routes to school	Improvements to pedestrian crossing on Midland Road and surrounding area.	Section 106 £57,848 (S2, S12, S14)			
Queen Square (Cabot ward)	Provision of cycle racks in	£1000 funded by S106 11/00926			
Victoria St	Cycle Parking Improvements	£5,472.68 (S106 S4)			
Line and signs		£2,250	Ongoing		
<b>Carriageway Resurfacing 2012- 2013</b>					
Chesterfield Road	Cromwell to Sommerville			complete	
Feeder Rd	Netham Bridge to Marsh Lane			complete	
Russell Town Avenue	Church Road to Whitehall Road			Complete	
<b>Footway Resurfacing 2012-2013</b>					
Redcliffe St		40,000		Not started	
Cumberland St		8,000		Complete	
Hepburn Road/Gwyn St		15,000		Ongoing	

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<b>Parks</b>					
06/01236 / 63 Ashley Hill, St. Andrews / ZCD...607	Colleen Bevan (Parks Services Manager)	<b>£16,002.55</b>	13 Nov 12	The provision of improvements to Parks and Open Spaces within one mile of 63 Ashley Hill	This funding was retrospectively allocated to St Andrews Park at the March 2012 meeting. £16k is available to reallocate
07/05704 / 9 to 19 Argyle Road, St. Pauls / ZCD...857	Colleen Bevan (Parks Services Manager)	<b>£1,844.19</b>	No Limit	The provision of improvements to Parks and Open Spaces within one mile of Argyle Road	
08/00733 / 4 Station Road, Montpelier / ZCD...946	Colleen Bevan (Parks Services Manager)	<b>£14,824.15</b>	No Limit	The provision of improvements to Parks and Open Spaces within one mile of Station Road	
08/01460 / 1 Pritchard Street, St. Pauls / ZCD...858	Colleen Bevan (Parks Services Manager)	<b>£9,251.12</b>	No Limit	The provision of improvements to Parks and Open Spaces within one mile of Pritchard Street	
10/03623 / 1 and 2 Wilson Street, St. Pauls / ZCD...954	Colleen Bevan (Parks Services Manager)	<b>£7,927.11</b>	No Limit	The provision of improvements to Parks and Open Spaces within one mile of Wilson Street	
05/04551 / 37 to 39 Sussex Place, St. Pauls / ZCD...961	Colleen Bevan (Parks Services Manager)	<b>£12,042.36</b>	14 Jan 16	The provision of improvements to Parks and Open Spaces within one mile of Sussex Place	
06/00460 / Old Bread Street, City Centre / ZCD...569	Colleen Bevan (Parks Services Manager)	<b>£15,078.13</b>	No Limit	The provision of improvements to Parks and Open Spaces within one mile of Old Bread Street	
06/04403 / St. Leonards Road, Easton / ZCD...555	Colleen Bevan (Parks Services Manager)	<b>£5,495.35</b>	No Limit	The provision of improvements to Children's Play Equipment at Rosemary Green, Easton	
09/03004 / Winstanley House, Holmes Street, Barton Hill / ZCD...998	Colleen Bevan (Parks Services Manager)	<b>£380.48</b>	21 Sep 16	The provision of improvements to Parks and Open Spaces within one mile of Winstanley House	Committed to Brook St Park July 2012
05/02166 / 13 Redcross Street, Old Market / ZCD...930	Colleen Bevan (Parks Services Manager)	<b>£2,442.56</b>	No Limit	The provision of improvements to Parks and Open Spaces within one mile of Redcross Street	
09/02498 / Pit Pony PH, Easton Road, Easton / ZCD...A18	Colleen Bevan (Parks Services Manager)	<b>£13,218.76</b>	No Limit	The provision of improvements to Parks and Open Spaces within one mile of the Former Pit Pony PH	Committed to Brook St Park July 2012
09/01558 / 32 Old Market Street, Old Market / ZCD...A05	Colleen Bevan (Parks Services Manager)	<b>£13,780.09</b>	30 Sep 16	The provision of improvements to Parks and Open Spaces within one mile of 32 Old Market Street	Committed to Brook St Park July 2012
09/01321 / Waggon and Horses PH, 83 Stapleton Road, Easton / ZCD...A21	Colleen Bevan (Parks Services Manager)	<b>£11,482.83</b>	No Limit	The provision of improvements to Parks and Open Spaces within one mile of 83 Stapleton Road	Committed to Brook St Park July 2012

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09/00913 / 51 Barton Road, The Dings / ZCD...A61	Colleen Bevan (Parks Services Manager)	£6,512.49	No Limit	The provision of improvements to Parks and Open Spaces within one mile of 51 Barton Road	
<b>Transport</b>					
06/00277 / Former Dovercourt Site, 156 Cheltenham Road, Montpellier / ZCD...696	Geoff Mills (Public Transport Manager)	£78,003.85	18 Mar 13	The improvement of public transport measures within the vicinity of the property	PG contacted Geoff Mills in Feb 2012 and Sept 2012. Request to come to November NP following discussions with ward councillors
03/00519 / Childrens Scrapstore, Sevier Street, St. Werburghs / ZCD...383	Terry Bullock (Traffic Manager)	£7,814.07	No Limit	The provision of Highway / Environmental Improvements in the vicinity of the property.	Committed to St Werburghs area review
08/01460 / 1 Pritchard Street, St. Pauls / ZCD...831	Terry Bullock (Traffic Manager)	£9,014.57	No Limit	The provision of traffic management and/or highways measures in the vicinity of Pritchard Street	
07/05704 / 9 to 19 Argyle Road, St. Pauls / ZCD...852	Terry Bullock (Traffic Manager)	£5,054.99	No Limit	The provision of traffic management and/or highways measures in the vicinity of Argyle Road	
06/03826 / 39 Cooperage Road, Pile Marsh / ZCD... 505	Terry Bullock (Traffic Manager)	£16,674.17	No Limit	The upgrading of the road closure at the end of Cooperage Road to incorporate pedestrian improvements in the form of new tactile paving and bollards, and the introduction of parking restrictions to prevent parking in the turning area at the head of Cooperage Road	
00/03409 / Kentucky Fried Chicken, Avonmeads Retail Centre, St. Philips / ZCD...187	Terry Bullock (Traffic Manager)	£13,743.66	1 Mar 07	The provision by the Council of traffic signals and associated works allowing for improved cyclist and pedestrian movements across Albert Road.	
01/01606 / Temple Quay North, Avon Street, City Centre / ZCD...289	Terry Bullock (Traffic Manager)	£39,838.04	20 Apr 09	Towards the cost of developing and implementing a Safer Routes to School strategy for Hannah More School.	Committed July 2012
00/00574 / 55 to 61 Victoria Street, Redcliffe / ZCD...599	Terry Bullock (Traffic Manager)	£5,499.01	18 Oct 12	Pedestrian and cycle access and safety improvements within the public highway at the Counterslip / Victoria Street junction.	Committed July 2012
04/01279 / Former FPS Site, Waterloo Road, Old Market / ZCD...866	Terry Bullock (Traffic Manager)	£54,917.88	8 Dec 14	Environmental improvement works to Waterloo Street and its vicinity	



### Ashley Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Partnership

#### Devolved Section 106 monies held as at 30th September

Permission / Site / S106 Code	Contact Officer	Current Contribution Value	Date to be Spent / Committed by	Purpose of Contribution
03/02621 / 24 to 30 West Street, Old Market / ZCD...856	Terry Bullock (Traffic Manager)	£12,286.46	3 Oct 19	The cost of carrying out environmental improvement works to Waterloo Street and its environs
04/04880 / Drill Hall, Jacob Street, Old Market / ZCD...740	Terry Bullock (Traffic Manager)	£1,511.82	No Limit	The reinstatement of kerbs, cobbles and yellow lines on Jacob Street.
06/03069 / Plot ND10/11, Temple Quay North, Avon Street, City Centre / ZCD... 475	Terry Bullock (Traffic Manager)	£37,587.92	No Limit	The provision of traffic management and/or highway measures associated with the implementation of on-street waiting restrictions for the Temple Quay North development and for the adjoining residential areas of The Dings and St. Philips
97/01336 / Williams Automobiles, Albert Road, St. Philips / ZCD...140	Terry Bullock (Traffic Manager)	£60,970.85	No Limit	The provision by the Council of traffic signals and associated works allowing for improved cyclist and pedestrian movements across Albert Road and improvements to the cyclepaths and walkways adjoining or in the vicinity of the Site.
06/05500 / Seymours Club, Barton Vale, The Dings / ZCD...587	Terry Bullock (Traffic Manager)	£10,844.72	No Limit	The provision of safer pedestrian access to and from the proposed development in association with the Hannah More Safer Routes to School project
06/00460 / Old Bread Street, City Centre / ZCD...570	Terry Bullock (Traffic Manager)	£82,969.98	No Limit	The provision of works to the highway, to include upgrading of the footway on Old Bread Street, improvements to street lighting in the vicinity of the site, and improvements to the access between Old Bread Street and Broad Plain to serve the needs of pedestrians and cyclists
11/01099 / Saffron Gardens, Prospect Place, Whitehall / ZCD...982	Terry Bullock (Traffic Manager)	£20,065.25	No Limit	The provision of pedestrian improvements within one kilometre of Saffron Gardens
11/00926 / Bristol Language Centre, 3 Portwall Lane, Redcliffe / ZCD...987	Terry Bullock (Traffic Manager)	£1,002.86	No Limit	The provision of 5 Sheffield Cycle Racks in the vicinity of the development

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Committed 3rd July 2012

£8,500 committed 3rd July 2012 (Westminster Rd Project)

Committed 3rd July 2012

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10/01257 / Travelodge, Mitchell Lane, Redcliffe / ZCD...994	Terry Bullock (Traffic Manager)	<b>£44,287.53</b>	No Limit	The provision of traffic management and/or highways measures in the vicinity of the Travelodge on Mitchell Lane. These measures can include the proposed King Street Bridge <b>(SEE NOTE BELOW)</b>	
09/03004 / Winstanley House, Holmes Street, Barton Hill / ZCD...999	Terry Bullock (Traffic Manager)	<b>£38,221.54</b>	21 Sep 16	The provision of traffic management and / or highways measures on Queen Ann Road, Goulter Street and/or Holmes Street in accordance with Drawing T226-202. <b>Please note that an electronic copy of this drawing has been forwarded to Penny Germon (Neighbourhood Co-ordinator)</b>	
07/02036 / Beaufort House & Harwood House, Barton Hill / ZCD...A20	Geoff Mills (Public Transport Manager)	<b>£11,257.94</b>	No Limit	The provision bus stop improvements for the nearby stops on the Number 36 bus route	

**NOTE**

The Partnership are requested to take a decision on whether they wish to spend the contribution highlighted in blue, on local traffic management / highway measures, or whether they wish it to be applied to the King Street Bridge. If the former, then the contribution will remain devolved, however if the latter then it will move into the non-devolved spreadsheet. It should be noted that if King Street Bridge is to be implemented it is likely to require every available Section 106 contribution to be applied to it, as no other funding has currently been identified for it's delivery.

**BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL**  
**Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Partnership**  
**27<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

**Report of:** Steve Bird, Group Manager – Infrastructure, Passenger Transport

**Title:** Bus Stop upgrades, Cheltenham Road

**Contact Telephone Number:** (0117) 92 23769

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Neighbourhood Partnership agrees to utilise **£78,003.85** s106 funding from the development site at 156 Cheltenham Road, to fund bus stop upgrades in the vicinity of the property, near Nine Tree Hill and Bath Buildings junctions.

## **Background**

1. 'Section 106' (s106) refers to a part of Town & Country Planning legislation. It can be used to require developers to pay money to the council to provide measures to mitigate the impact of their development. In this case, a sum of £78,003.85 s106 funding from the development at 156 Cheltenham Road, has been devolved to the Neighbourhood Partnership. The contribution is for "the improvement of public transport measures within the vicinity of the property". The date by which the money needs to be spent or committed is 18<sup>th</sup> March 2013.
2. The delivery of the Greater Bristol Bus Network (GBBN) has involved comprehensive improvements to existing bus infrastructure on a number of main routes in the city. This has included the installation of new high quality bus shelters, longer bus stop bays to improve passenger access to vehicles, raised boarding platforms and real time information (RTI) with audio functionality. However, Cheltenham Road was part of the first route in Bristol to be improved as a 'showcase' scheme, implemented in 2003; the specifications and standards for bus infrastructure have since been enhanced, as in the more recent GBBN schemes. The stops nearest the development are sub-standard and not functioning satisfactorily and need a complete overhaul and upgrading to make them fully accessible. Two of the shelters are redundant and those in use have short raised kerbs, restricting the safe boarding and alighting area. One stop lacks a real-time information display.

## Proposal

3. The proposal is to upgrade both the inbound and outbound bus stops on Cheltenham Road near Bath Buildings and Nine Tree Hill to the improved GBBN standard. The proposed details are as follows (please see the accompanying engineering design plan):

### Inbound stop –

- Remove 2 existing shelters (1 already redundant as all services currently use the same shelter) and combine all facilities in one new stop;
- Provide new shelter, incorporating new real-time information display;
- Install longer boarding platform (16metres min.) with raised kerb, to allow space for 2 buses;
- Provide new litter bin;
- Re-surface failing carriageway, including bus stop clearway markings and red surfacing.

### Outbound stop –

- Remove 2 existing shelters (1 already redundant) and combine into one stop;
- Provide new, bigger shelter to accommodate high volume of waiting passengers at this location, incorporating existing rti display;
- Install longer boarding platform (up to 20metres) with raised kerb, to accommodate 2 buses at the same time;
- Provide new litter bin;
- Re-surface failing carriageway, including bus stop clearway markings and red surfacing.

4. The total cost of this scheme has been estimated at £90,000, exceeding the available s106 money by around £12,000. If necessary, the extra cost can be met from the council's current capital budget for bus infrastructure improvements. However, this estimate includes assumed traffic

management costs, although exact details will depend on circumstances when the works are carried out. The outbound bus stop works will require a temporary contra-flow traffic management system, but details will depend on factors such as the time of day, etc, and costs may be lower than estimated. Space constraints at this stop may mean the length of the raised kerb needs to be reduced slightly, and this would also reduce costs. Even with some reduction in costs, it is clear that the s106 sum will be fully spent improving these stops. No other similar public transport measures have been carried out in this area to which this s106 money could be applied.

## **Appendices**

None

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**Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Partnership**

**November 2012**

**Report of:** Georgie Bryant and Neil Burwell

**Title:** Community Safety Officer Delivery Agreement Progress Report

**Authors (Contact):** **Georgie Bryant:** 077 954 458 11

**Neil Burwell:** 077 954 464 29

Recommendation

**(1)** That the NP notes the progress and updates on the neighbourhood community safety priorities

## Report

### Priority 1: A Safer Stapleton Road

We have continued to support the work of the Stapleton Road Working Group, mainly as part of the Council Leadership Group delivering responses to the Stapleton Road Action Plan.

We have co-ordinated targeted walkabouts along the full length of Stapleton Road and some side roads in response to concerns about cleansing and anti-social behaviour. We have also organised and led bi monthly multi-agency walkabouts throughout the year. We have delivered 4 joint drop-ins with the Police using a vehicle parked in Stapleton Road. We have spoken directly to 22 people during the drop-ins and the concerns most mentioned relate to cleansing and parking issues.

We have supported the work of Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Management to survey the views of people using Stapleton Road. Results reveal that 43% of those people asked said that Stapleton Road had got better in the last year; with issues such as cleansing, feeling safer and reduced violence being significant.

This being said, 20% of those people surveyed said that Stapleton Road is getting worse, so whilst outcomes are moving in the right direction there is much work still to do.

An increased presence of the Police on Stapleton Road has made a major difference to the sense of safety and has also impacted on reduced incidents of overall crime, anti-social behaviour and violence. The combined efforts of the Police, council officers and the Working Group have impacted on those people that feel that Stapleton Road is a place where “you can get away with anything”.

Along the Stapleton Road Corridor in the year to date:

- Burglary is down 16%
- Robbery is down 32%
- Violent Crime is down 16%
- Theft from a Motor Vehicle is down 41%

There continues to be concerns about drug dealing and the safety of young people and work will continue to improve performance in these areas.

## **Priority 2: Reducing the negative impact of drug dealing, drug use and street drinking on the lives of local communities**

- 1. The Community Safety Officer led targeted work in the side streets off of Stapleton Road stemming from Claremont Street to Kensington Park:** This small area has experienced an increase in drug related crime and associated anti-social behaviour as a direct result of intensive action being applied to Stapleton Road. This area has a very large number of private rented properties and the problems experienced at this location are made worse by the lack of action and attention applied by some landlords.

A small task group was set up including: BCC Street Scene Enforcement, BCC Private Landlord's team, BCC Waste Management, BCC Housing Officers, ASB Officers (Police and BCC) and the local Police.



## **Objectives:**

**To improve the street scene:** as the neglect of the area was having an influence over the bad behaviour.

- Action taken against five properties as a result of irresponsible dumping of rubbish.
- Additional communal bin installed
- Street lighting repaired
- Increased level of street cleaning

**Increased enforcement:** to target ASB and crime in this small location

- Drug raids on 2 properties within the area
- Action taken against a café following noise and ASB complaints
- Eviction of tenant following an incident of racial abuse and harassment

**To support residents:** to increase public confidence and increase reporting

- Targeted drop-ins held at both Kensington Baptist Church and using Police vehicle parked in the area
- Details of reporting numbers and support services issued to every house in the target area
- Increased visible Police patrolling

This project has been supporting the development and introduction of the Discretionary Licensing scheme for landlords. The aim of this relationship was to build in a sustainable element to tackle crime and ASB as well as improve the quality of the housing stock. Whilst this new scheme has not been welcomed by everyone, the support by private landlords to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour will be invaluable in the coming months.

## **2. Tackling anti-social street drinking – Wade Street**

Work continues to reduce the impact of street drinking in this area.

Safer Bristol actively participated in a resident survey across the St Jude's housing area to gauge the real impact of street drinking, following concerns raised at a neighbourhood forum.

Whilst street drinking was an issue for some residents it was not as important as noise nuisance, youth related ASB, parking and litter/rubbish.

Older people at Field Marshall Slim Court have been particularly adversely affected by street drinkers and targeted work has been carried out to increase confidence and address offending behaviour.

Actions taken:

- Intensive policing
- Enforcement of 'No Drinking Zone' – leading to the confiscation of alcohol, arrests and cautions.
- Tackling the irresponsible sale of alcohol by local traders
- Targeted cleansing of the area to remove alcohol related waste
- The most significant perpetrator has been arrested for persistent anti-social and violent behaviour. He is currently on remand awaiting sentencing. An application for a post-conviction ASBO has already been made.

Increased support has been offered by Redwood House and Logos House to tackle this issue, including the shared use of the 'wet garden' at Redwood House by tenants of both hostels.

## **3. Albany Green (Ashley)**

The Community Safety Officer has been working with residents and the Environmental Engagement Officers in Brook Road and Albany Green, to tackle drug dealing in the area. Work is taking place to redesign the play space. Remedial work such as cutting back large shrubs and lifting the height of the trees has already taken place along with a community consultation.

Police patrols have been increased in the area and as a result a number of stop searches and arrest have been made.

The Community Safety Office is working with the Police and funding is currently being identified to install a light stand that will be able to tack a CCTV camera in future. This will ensure that evidence of dealing activity at the location can be gathered to support taking action against offenders. Op Beacon has already made £500 available to support this work

#### **4. Stokes Croft (for Information)**

Funding has been secured to provide support for street drinkers in the area working alongside the Streetwise Team. This has also included supporting St Mungo's to secure an additional £70k to support work with street drinkers.

The front steps of Westmoreland House, which has been a hotspot location for ASB and Violent assaults, are now boarded up with the help and support of the local community.



#### **5. St Agnes Park**

The Community Safety Officer received a number of reports relating to drug dealing in St Agnes Park. The information was passed to the Police Operation Beacon team who worked closely with those witnessing dealing taking place on a daily bases. Arrests were made as a result, and witnesses have reported that there has been a reduction in open dealing. As a result of incidents not being reported consistently we are unable to establish and evaluate the impact of this work.

## Partnership working and funding secured for neighbourhood priorities

- £400 has been awarded by the Neighbourhood Delivery Team (NDT) to board up the steps at Westmoreland House (Match funded by the Cabot Clifton and Clifton East NDT)
- £70K government grant to provide additional outreach services to street drinkers in the Stokes Croft area
- Support from Operation Beacon (Police) to tackle drug dealing in St Agnes Park and Brook road.
- Support from the Environment Engagement Team and Parks Department in tackling the issues in Albany Green.
- £500 from The Operation Beacon Team to install a new lamp stand, an additional £500 is required to enable this work to take place.
- More than 25 drug raids have been carried out by the Police across the Easton area during 2012-2013.

## **Priority 3: Reducing the negative impact of street sex work on the lives of local communities**

### **1. Fox Road (Easton)**

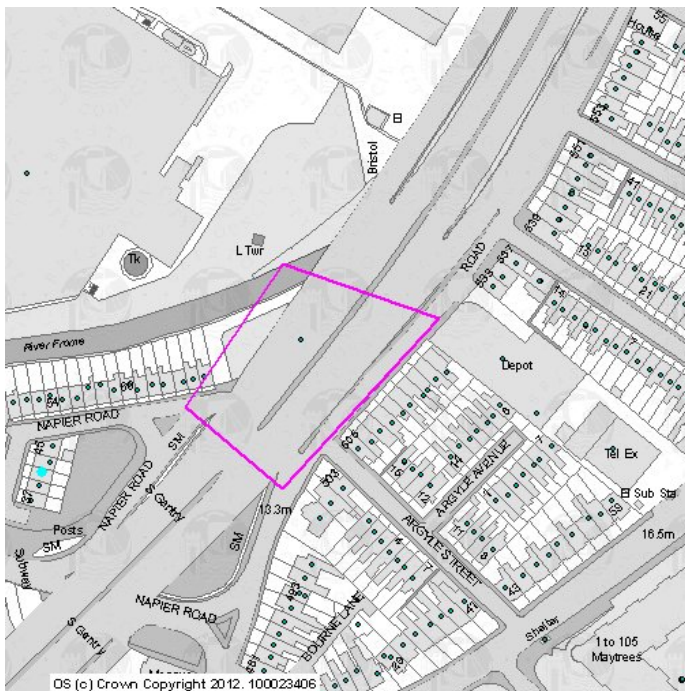
- Support is still being offered to local residents in this area
- Reports of sex litter in the area has led to an increased cleansing schedule three times each week
- Following concerns made by residents regarding overgrown areas of Fox Road Park being used as cover for street sex work, Community Payback have carried out a large scale clearance funded through the Neighbourhood Delivery Team.
- Targeted Police Vice Team operations continue in this area.

### **2. Under the M32 (Stapleton Road - Napier Road to Muller Road)**

The Community Safety Officer is co-ordinating intensive work to address the impact of street sex work, street drinking and other ASB in the area below the M32 identified below.

Work being done:

- The replacement and repositioning of a fence (behind which street sex work currently takes place).
- Tarmacing the existing rough surface to create a new community space
- Supporting residents to reclaim this space for positive community use
- Developing new sustainable cleansing and maintenance schedules



Target area below the M32

A full report of this work to date is available from the Community Safety Officer

### 3. Dalrymple Park (St Paul's)

- It was reported to the Community Safety Officer at the Neighbourhood Forum (and via Facebook) that Dalrymple Park had deteriorated to an unusable level. The Community Safety Officer inspected the site with the Environmental Engagement Officer and found evidence of drugs and sex litter. Jointly it was agreed for the shrubs to be cut back, the park restored to its agreed maintenance specifications and for the Police Vice Team to patrol the location.

#### Dalrymple Park before cutting back



## Dalrymple Park after cutting back



- The Community Safety Officer successfully negotiated with “Places for people” to secure the rear of a property where the remains of the garage was being used by sex workers and drug users.
- Consultation for the gating of Brook Lane is near completion and it’s planned that the gates can be installed this financial year.

Partnership working and funding secured for neighbourhood priorities:

- £940 secured from city wide Neighbourhood Delivery underspend 2011-12 for the alley gate on Brook Lane.

### Priority 4: Increasing the safety of young people

**Baggator (Easton)** – The Community Safety Officer has provided support to Baggator to secure funding to train a group of vulnerable young people to plan and organise music events.

**Felix Road Adventure Playground** – The Community Safety Officer has worked alongside PCSO’s to support young people with submitting a funding bid to paint a mural on a property gable end regularly targeted by graffiti ‘taggers’

**Albany Green Park (Ashley):** The Community Safety Officer is working with Council colleagues and the community to drive the improvements for the park, ensuring that designing in play and designing out crime are core to the development of this space.

**Women’s and Girls Personal Safety:** The Community Safety Officer has made links with Urban Fit to look at the delivery of personal safety training for women leading up to the Christmas period.

**Tackling Dog Fouling:** The Community Safety Officer worked closely with St Paul's Unlimited to deliver the St Paul's Anti Dog fouling Campaign. Working with young people at St Paul's Adventure Playground, to highlight the impact that dog fouling has on young people. The Community Safety Officer also took part in a week of morning and afternoon patrols to highlight the issues of dog fouling.



Young people make their voices heard about 'dog mess'.

**Priority 5: Reduce the level of acquisitive crime (Burglary, Vehicle Crime, Robbery, Theft)**

**Greenbank Avenue East (Easton)**

Following burglaries at this location and an increase in fear of crime expressed by local residents, The Community Safety Officer co-ordinated improvements to old security gates in Easton. The gates were poorly designed and allowed access by crawling underneath them. This work was supported by the Neighbourhood Delivery team, Police and Easton and Lawrence Hill neighbourhood Management. The work was funded privately by the Management Company and carried out by a small business in Easton.



Before



After

This work was followed up by a major clear up of the lane by Community Payback. Bulky waste was removed and weeds cleared. Crime reduction information was also given to residents.

**Ashley:** The Community Safety Officers have been running a number of crime reduction awareness campaigns at key time throughout the Neighbourhood Partnership area including a summer anti-burglary campaign.

**Montpellier:** The Community Safety Officer has supported residents after a spate of Robberies occurred around the Stokes Croft, Picton Street corridor. As a result of this, the Montpellier Residents Group was formed to ensure communication between residents and local agencies. The Community Safety Officer will continue to support this group on request.

**Kingsley Road and Hinton Road (Easton) – Alley Gates:** The process of getting agreement to install gates at the entrances to a lane running between Hinton and Kingsley Roads is nearing an end. We should know the outcome of the formal process by December 2012. The request for gates came from local residents following concerns about rear entry burglaries, anti-social behaviour and drug dealing. Crime reduction advice has been distributed to every home served by the lane. If residents can identify the matched funding, we plan for gates to be installed by the end of the financial year.

**No Cold Calling – Gilbert Road (Redfield):** Following a spate of unwanted doorstep selling incidents, all properties in Gilbert Road have received information about preventing distraction burglaries and door stickers requesting no cold calling.

### **Property Crime Statistics (Year to date) – Neighbourhood Partnership Area**

- Dwelling burglary reduced by 33%
- Theft from a motor vehicle reduced by 26%
- Theft of a motor vehicle reduced by 53%
- Robbery reduced by 8%



## **Priority 6: You Said We Did**

As well as the projects highlighted above, a few examples of other work can be found below:

**Somerset Square (Redcliffe):** supporting the Police and BCC Housing to tackle anti-social behaviour and street drinking in Somerset Square. This has reduced following joint enforcement action between Police and Housing staff but continues to be monitored.

**Supporting Domestic Abuse Survivor (Redcliffe):** following threats by her son and serious damage to her home, the Community Safety Officer offered initial emotional support to a female tenant and then linked with the Police 'Safer Homes' service to arrange for new locks to be fitted to her flat.

**Bristol to Bath Railway Path (Easton):** Following recent robberies the Community Safety Officer arranged for street lighting repairs.

**No Cold Calling Project Kingsley House (St Philips):** All tenants have received no cold calling information and stickers for the front doors

**No Cold Calling Zone – The Dings:** 300 homes in the Dings area have benefitted from No Cold Calling information



## Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Partnership

November 2012

### Report for Information

**Report of:** **Peter Anderson**, Crime and Substance Misuse Services,  
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#### Aim of the Report

- (1) To increase awareness amongst members of the NP as to the nature of the issues, the location and the planned responses
- (2) That the NP acknowledges this report and offers its support to the delivery of the scheduled work

## 1. Background

The location in question has been blighted by serious anti-social behaviour and crime for many years e.g. fly-tipping, litter, derelict environment, drug dealing and prostitution.

This area and associated issues are priorities for Bristol East and Trinity (Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill) Neighbourhood Delivery Teams (NDTs). Therefore, a task group has been established (June 2012) to review the issues and to problem solve (using the IDPARTNERS methodology). This group is chaired by Safer Bristol and includes: Safer Bristol, BCC Highways, BCC Regeneration, BCC Property Services and the Police.

A Problem Solving Plan has been developed. The drivers for the Plan are:

- The area looks and feels neglected.
- Neglect of the area leads to unacceptable levels of anti-social behaviour, which then feeds a cycle leading to further neglect.
- The area is used by people walking to and from large out of town shopping centre and needs to be made safer
- The area is used by young people for leisure activity. Primarily for skating and use of scooters and needs to be made safer

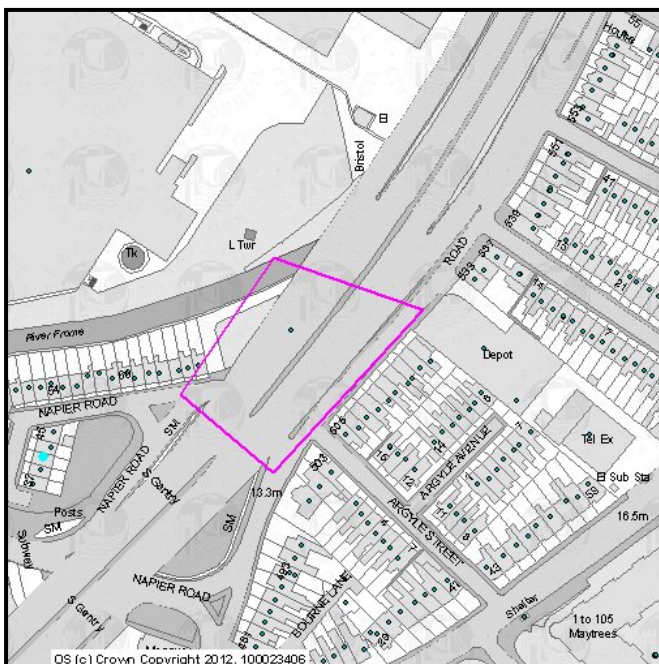
The primary aim of the plan is to reduce the impact of street sex work and other anti-social behaviour.

The key objectives for the Plan are:

- To improve the condition and safety of the local environment
- To reduce crime and disorder
- To increase the positive community usage of the shared space that will be created

## 2. Location

Please note the location below:



The map identifies the location covered by this report. The area runs beneath the M32 flyover from Napier Road to the Muller Road Slip Road

## 3. Consultation

Safer Bristol identified key stakeholders from partners and the local community. The task group co-ordinated community consultation with a view to collecting community views on the issues/problems, suggested solutions, ideas for future use of the new 'shared space' and to increase community confidence.

Consultation activities included:

- Street based surveys
- Door to door surveys
- Community engagement activity in the local café
- E-mail communication
- Telephone communication
- Discussions with partner agencies
- Discussions at Neighbourhood Forum meetings

People engaged:

- Residents
- Skaters (the space is a popular location for skating)
- Traders
- Passers-by on Stapleton Road
- Groups actively involved in introducing positive activities under the M32
- Other active residents from the within Bristol and beyond
- Partner agencies...e.g. Police, Bristol City Council

Just over 10% of the local community adjacent to the target area have been engaged through this process, 600 homes and local businesses received information about how to participate in the process and about the planned fencing improvements (see below) and group discussions were held in the local community.

More than 30 residents attended a community engagement event at the M32 Café to raise their concerns about ASB and share ideas that they may have to improve the area.

The findings of the consultation provided many suggestions ideas for the new shared space that will be created. The key can be grouped into four main themes:

**Art and Local History      Environment      Sport and Leisure      Enterprise**

Local residents will be invited to become involved in developing work within each key theme. Further engagement work will be delivered in the coming months.

Associated key issues that require work by BCC are improved cleansing, exploring improvements to lighting and addressing concerns about parking issues in the area.

#### **4. Planned Actions**

The project will be delivered in two phases.

**Phase 1:** will include the erection of new boundary fencing under the M32, the widening and improvements to the adjacent cyclepath (shared space) and surfacing works under the M32 that will create the 'shared space'. Funding has been secured through partners for this phase.

**Phase 2:** will be shaped by the findings of the on-going engagement work. This will include how the shared space will be designed and used. Suggestions will be reviewed, prioritised and costed.

It is our intention to keep the NP updated and to ensure they are actively involved in the decision-making. Reports on the consultation and planned environmental improvements are available on request.