



## AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

**HENBURY/BRENTRY & SOUTHMEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP**

**12<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2013**

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### **Recommendations**

**This report is from the Area Environment Officer. It is for information and Neighbourhood Partnership members are recommended to:**

1. The Henbury/Brentry & Southmead Neighbourhood Partnership approve the Waste and Environment Plan produced by a Joint meeting of the SEARCH group and the Southmead Estate Group on the 25<sup>th</sup> January and 18<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

### **Background**

At previous NP meetings, it was highlighted that Bristol's waste contractor May Gurney had agreed to develop Neighbourhood Partnership Plans that would address waste and environment issues.

The Neighbourhood Plan sets out how May Gurney will work with the NP, local residents and community-based organisations to ensure that their service delivery will resolve waste and environment issues agreed as priorities within partnership areas.

At meetings held on 25<sup>th</sup> January and 18<sup>th</sup> February 2013, the SEARCH group for Henbury/Brentry and the SAFER Estates group joined together to produce a Waste and Environment Plan for the Neighbourhood Partnership.

**The meeting agreed the following three priorities would form the basis of the Henbury/Brentry and Southmead Waste and Environment Plan:**

- 1. Improve the appearance of areas blighted by constant littering across the Neighbourhood Partnership area.**
- 2. Improve the environment of the Neighbourhood Partnership through improving the response to fly tipping.**
- 3. To tackle dog fouling across the Neighbourhood Partnership through a co-ordinated response to the problem.**

It was also agreed to run an environmental campaign focused on 'Loving your Neighbourhood' bringing together the 3 main priorities mentioned above. Details of the Campaign are currently being worked up but draft ideas can be viewed below:

This campaign would coincide with the Nationally run BIG TIDY UP and LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE campaigns and will aim to highlight the effects of street littering, improve recycling rates, reduce fly tipping and reduce the impact that dog fouling has on the Neighbourhood Partnership area. The campaign will potentially feature:

- The development of a Schools poster competition.
- Involvement in the development of a Dog Fouling song
- Development of Community Awards across the Partnership area recognising outstanding contributions to tackling environmental issues
- Develop a series of mini 'Tidy Up's' across the Partnership Area with community groups/councillors/officers
- Positive engagement of schools in the area to encourage and demonstrate to pupils the impact of litter on the environment through engagement by BCC Waste Education Officers.
- Waste Doctors directed to tackle low recycling areas and fly tipping hotspots.
- Promotion of the Bulky Waste collections highlighting that residents on Job Seekers Allowance are entitled to two free collections per year.

## **Recommendation**

- The Henbury/Brentry & Southmead Neighbourhood Partnership note the Waste and Environment Plan produced by a Joint meeting of the SEARCH and Southmead Estate Group on the 25<sup>th</sup> January and 18<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

## **Equalities impact assessment**

It is anticipated that the proposal will have a positive effect on equalities communities:

- all residents of the Neighbourhood Partnership would benefit from the Waste Plan to tackle littering, identify areas affected by dog fouling, and reduce flytipping. Any reduction in dog fouling is likely to improve the quality of life of wheelchair users and sight-impaired people in particular.
- The Waste Plan is a “live” document and would be revised periodically, thus giving the opportunity for all sections of the community to feed into the priorities and make their views known on waste and recycling issues within the area. We will seek out specific views of equalities community members in future versions of the plan and involve them in the development of the campaign as active participants. This is very likely to include young people, disabled and older people working together on the campaign
- The Waste Plan proposals could also provide a positive impact in that it is raising awareness about what free bulky collection services are available to people on low-incomes/benefits, which particularly impacts on older and disabled people.

**Appendices: Appendix 1:  
Henbury/Brentry & Southmead Neighbourhood  
Partnership Waste and Environment Plan 2013-14**

## Southmead/Henbury/Brentry Waste Action Plan 2013-14

	Priority/ Issue	Proposed Action	Who is responsible	Timescale	Measure / Monitoring	Update
1.	<b>Improve the appearance of areas blighted by constant littering across the Neighbourhood Partnership area</b>	Work with May Gurney/Waste Officers to tackle the affected areas highlighted in the 'hot spot' mapping exercise	<b>Lead: BCC - Dan Judges</b> <b>Key Officers:</b> BCC Kelly Longdon MG - Mark Holden/Dan Matthews	To develop an initial response within 1 month	Provide monthly updates on progress and monitoring of hot spot areas Complete a 6 month review Residents feedback	
		Identify problem areas, both streets and parks, through regular monitoring and further mapping work and hold a meeting to develop a targeted response	<b>Lead: BCC - Dan Judges</b> <b>Key Officers: MG</b> - Mark Holden/Dan Matthews BCC - Kelly Longdon/Jamie Roberts	To develop an initial response within 1 month	Provide monthly updates on progress Complete a 6 month review	

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		Deliver an action plan of areas to be targeted	<b>Lead: BCC – Dan Judges</b>	Report ready within 1 month	Provide monthly updates on progress Complete a 6 month review and sign off by SEARCH/SAFER Estates groups	
2.	<b>Improve the environment of the Neighbourhood Partnership through improving the response to fly tipping</b>	Using the baseline 'Hotspot' mapping and statistics available from May Gurney, identify the problem areas and tackle them	<b>Lead: BCC – Dan Judges</b> <b>Key Officers:</b> BCC-Kelly Longdon <b>MG</b> – Mark Holden/Dan Matthews	To develop an initial instant response within 1 month	Regularly review the hot spots at monthly intervals Complete a full review after 6 months	
		Develop an understanding of the process required to report the instances of fly tipping and educate the wider community	<b>Lead: BCC- Dan Judges</b> <b>Key Officers:</b> BCC Waste Education Officers, <b>BCC</b> – Kelly Longdon	Initial meeting to discuss options within 2 months	Report back on initial scoping meeting, with a way forward, within the next quarter	

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		Investigate the potential to develop a 'rapid response' to the problem of fly tipping	<b>Lead: BCC – Dan Judges/Kelly Longdon</b>	Within 1 month	Report on whether it's possible that the NP could have a rapid reaction response to the issues of fly tipping	
		Regularly monitor the situation across the Partnership area	<b>Lead: BCC – Dan Judges/Kelly Longdon</b> <b>Key Officers:</b> MG – Mark Holden/Dan Matthews	On going	Monthly monitoring of situation	
<b>3.</b>	<b>To tackle dog fouling across the Neighbourhood Partnership through a co-ordinated response to</b>	To identify the areas affected by dog fouling through the development of a 'hot spot' map, to share that intelligence with the Dog Warden Service and PCSO's and develop a joint approach to tackling the issue.	<b>Lead: BCC – Dan Judges</b> <b>Key Officers:</b> BCC – Dog Warden Police/PCSO's	Within 1 month	Monitor on a monthly basis Complete a 6 month review	

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		To develop an action plan around tackling the issue of dog fouling across the Neighbourhood Partnership	<b>Lead: BCC – Dan Judges</b> <b>Key Officers: BCC - Dog Warden</b>	Within 2 months	Report on progress to SEARCH/SAFER estates groups Dog fouling incidents drop as a result of action plan	