

AGENDA ITEM NO 3



**ASHLEY, EASTON AND LAWRENCE HILL
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP
WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE 2013 AT 6.30 P.M.
AT BARTON HILL SETTLEMENT, BRISTOL**

PRESENT:

	26.06.13	25.09.13	11.12.13	05.03.14
COUNCILLORS				
Councillor F Choudhury	A			
Councillor M Hickman	P			
Councillor G Hoyt	A			
Councillor H Jama	P			
Councillor A Shah	P			
Councillor R Telford	P			
PARTNERSHIP MEMBERS				
Vacancy (Barton Hill, Lawrence Weston)				
Mike Pickering (Goodpenny, Lawrence Hill)	P			
Mike Chappell (Redcliffe, Lawrence Hill/SRWG)	A			
Vacancy (Redcliffe, Lawrence Hill)				
Vacancy (The Dings, Lawrence Hill)				
Dominic Murphy (The Dings, Lawrence Hill) Deputy Chair	A			
Hannah Purbrick (Central, Easton)	A			
Anna McMullen (Central, Easton)	A			
Cristina Crossingham (Central, Easton)	P			
Gemma Murphy (Central, Easton)	P			
Jan Deverell (Greenbank, Easton)	P			
Alex Milne (Redfield, Easton)	P			
Joyce Clark (Redfield, Easton)	P			
Jo Curtis (Redfield, Easton)	P			
Musnilya Babatunji (St Pauls, Ashley)	A			
Ben Wood (St Pauls, Ashley)	P			
Lisa Blackwood (St Pauls, Ashley)	A			
Jackie Griffith (St Pauls, Ashley)	A			
Maryanne Kempf (St Pauls, Ashley)	P			
Mohamud Mumin (St Pauls, Ashley)	P			
Pete Bullard (St Pauls, Ashley)	P			
Lori Streich (St Werburghs, Ashley)	A			
Suzanna Van Moyland (St Werburghs, Ashley)	P			
Vacant (Montpelier, Ashley)				
Vacant (St Andrews, Ashley)				
Peers Woollen (Equalities Rep)	P			
Vishal Mangai (Youth Rep)	A			
Ramal Royal (Youth Rep)	A			
Community/Voluntary Sector Partners				
Richard Curtis (Church Road Action Group)	P			
Ian Lawry/Margaret Castle (Wellspring)	P			
Leighton Deburca (Old Market Community Association)	P			
Del Hibbert (Full Circle)	P			
Abdullahi Farah (Somali Resource Centre)	A			
Linda Bell (St Werburghs Community Centre)	A			
Cleo Lake (Creative Souls)	A			
Frances Hopcraft (Bilingual Family)	P			
Barry Green (SPU, Ashley)	P			

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Business/Private Sector Partners				
Jane Brewerton (Traders, Stokes Croft)	P			
Sonny Richard (Retailer, Lawrence Hill)	P			
Vacant (Retailer, National/Multi National)				
Vacant (business, non retail)				
Vacant (business, non retail)				
Statutory Providers Partners				
Laura Todd (Registered Social Landlord)	P			
Oli Cosgrove (A and S Police)	P			
Aisha Thomas (City Academy)	P			
Mohammed Elsherif (NHS Bristol)	P			
Officers Supporting the Partnership				
Penny Germon (Neighbourhood Manager)	P			
Richard Jones (Democratic Services)	P			
Richard Fletcher (Environment & Leisure)				
Shaun Taylor (Traffic Management)				
Andrew Whitehead (Traffic Management)				
Nick Hooper (Neighbourhoods, BCC)	P			
Tom Gilchrist (Neighbourhoods, BCC)	P			
Tracey Morgan (Neighbourhoods, BCC)				
Trudy Feeney (Neighbourhoods, BCC)				
Gemma Dando (Neighbourhoods, BCC)	P			
Gillian Douglas (Neighbourhoods, BCC)				
Gary Collins (City Development, BCC)				
Residents in Attendance Making Statements				

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Maryanne, welcomed all to the meeting, and following introductions received apologies.

The Chair welcomed Linda Bell, Oli Cosgrove, Del Hibbert, Frances Hopgrove, Gemma Murphy, Laura Todd and Aisha Thomas, on behalf of the Partnership to their first meeting.

The Chair also welcomed Councillors Hibaq Jama, Afzal Shah and Rob Telford on behalf of the Partnership to their first meeting.

Maryanne on behalf of the Neighbourhood Partnership asked that thanks be recorded for the service of former Councillors Brenda Hugill, John Kiely and Jon Rogers to the Partnership.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 12TH MARCH 2013

AGREED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2013 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

None.

5. AGM REPORT

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of the Area Co-ordinator (Agenda Item No. 5) setting out the annual AGM report.

The Partnership in considering how to deal with priorities going forward agreed that a small group of the NP meet to review the priorities/ work plan and bring back to the September meeting. The group should reflect the diversity of the NP membership and include the Chair, Deputy Chair and Councillor Chair.

Members also noted that the dates set out in the report for the Environment Sub-Group would be amended and re-circulated.

In response to a question on Appendix 4, to the report, which looked at tackling inequality and deprivation, it was noted that a report from the Environment Sub group would be submitted to a future meeting of the Partnership seeking to address some of the issue associated with "poor quality environment".

RESOLVED –

- (1) that the NP membership (including Gemma Murphy, Susanne Van Moyland and Aisha Thomas) be confirmed;**
- (2) that Maryanne Kempf be elected Chair and elected Domonic Murphy Deputy Chair and Councillor Hoyt Neighbourhood Committee, Chair for 2013/14;**
- (3) that the NC and NP terms of reference and the NC financial operating framework be noted;**
- (4) that the devolved budgets and influence on services be noted;**
- (5) that the meeting schedule including sub-groups and forums be agreed;**
- (6) that the financial statement and expenditure from 2012/13 be noted; and**
- (7) that the dates for updating the NP action plan and communications plan be noted.**

6. HOUSING AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE IN NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP AREA

The Neighbourhood Partnership received a verbal report from Nick Hooper, Paul Sylvester, Tom Gilchrist (Agenda Item No. 6) about the housing strategy for Bristol, its implications for the neighbourhood partnership and what this means for the NP area.

During consideration of the item the following points were highlighted:

- The Partnership noted that the City Council's Housing Strategy was called "My Home, My Springboard for Life" and drew their attention to the following principle actions as part of the strategy:
 - Ensure the delivery of as many affordable homes as possible during the lifetime of the strategy upto 2015
 - Bring as many properties as possible back into use;
 - Provide greater balance to housing markets in Bristol;
 - Develop an accredited, quality advice and intervention standard for all housing agencies in the city; and
 - Ensure quality neighbourhoods with high standards for all housing and for housing management
- The Partnership noted that there were 13,800 people on the Council waiting list;
- The Partnership received a short presentation on the Home Choice Services, and response to questions raised;
- A short presentation on private housing across the city with some specific statistical information on Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill;
- Councillor Jama indicated that housing allocations had been a concern for people in Barton Hill, which was confirmed by Councillor Hickman. There was a perception that people newly arriving in the country were being given preferential treatment over people who had lived in the area for some time; and
- The Neighbourhood Partnership recognised that this had been an ongoing issue and some work needed to be done to see if what people believed was happening was actually happening and if not consider what could be done to ensure that people had the right information.

The Chair thanked Nick Hooper, Paul Sylvester and Tom Gilchrist for their attendance, presentation and response to questions on behalf of the Partnership.

RESOLVED –

That the verbal report be noted.

7. NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP REVIEW

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of the Service Manager, Neighbourhood Partnerships (Agenda Item No. 7) updating on the response to and progress with the review of neighbourhood partnerships.

Through discussion the following points were raised:

- It was the Mayor's aspiration that all local council business should take place through NPs. How that could happen depended in part on an on-going process to consider the budget over the next three years.
- The Councillors as the Neighbourhood Committee would always have the decision making powers as they were delegated by full Council. However, the Partnership would be involved in the discussions and were also able to be involved in the 'influencing' decisions.
- It was not just a matter of a share of money for Partnerships but also which services NPs wanted to be able to influence. The top five service areas identified across the city were (1) planning (2) highways and transport (3) environment (4) youth services (5) various housing.
- It had been suggested that Neighbourhood Partnerships could be formal consultees within decision making processes.
- Within the 'governance' thread, there was also consideration of how to utilise help from equalities groups to make good decisions.
- A series of sessions and citywide conversations would take place over the summer for each NP to consider how they wanted to run.
- Officers reported that they had a wealth of information about other Councils and best practice and would be happy to pass that on as requested.
- A report was planned for full Council at the beginning of 2014;
- Maryanne thanked Gemma and aide that the Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Partnership would not be fully involved in discussions going forward.

RESOLVED –

- (1) that the Mayor George Ferguson's statement about the future for NPs be noted; and**
- (2) that the Mayor be invited to attend a future meeting of the Partnership.**

8. NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING UPDATE AND PRIORITIES FOR THE NP AREA

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of the Neighbourhood Working Co-ordinator (Agenda Item No. 8) setting out the neighbourhood working update and priorities for the NP area.

Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill NP had benefitted from being part of the Neighbourhood Working pilot area since October 2012, and a

review of the results from the pilot was set out in Appendix 1 of the report. The Neighbourhood Working Pilot officially finished at the end of March 2013 and the new way of working had been implemented across the city.

Consultation on Neighbourhood Working priorities had been underway in Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill NP since November 2013. Local people Ashley had requested that more time be given to consult on the priorities, so in the meantime, the Neighbourhood Partnership was asked to choose some interim priorities until priorities are formally chosen in September.

RESOLVED –

that the neighbourhood working priorities for officers to work on from June until September as set out in the report be agreed with the addition of a priority to tackle noise nuisance particularly in the tower blocks in Redcliffe, Barton Hill, Lawrence Hill and Easton Way.

9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP REPORT

The Neighbourhood Partnership considered a report of the Area Coordinator (Agenda Item No. 9) giving an update on the following issues since the last meeting.

RESOLVED:

- (1) that the updated Parks and Green Spaces Investment Plan be noted;**
- (2) that the consultation Byelaws be noted; and**
- (3) that the Wellbeing Fund Small Grants as set out in the report be approved.**

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(A) Felix Road Adventure Playground

Councillor Hickman drew the Partnership's attention to the on-line petition against the proposed closure of Felix Road, Adventure Playground.

It was noted that there were a number of issues of concern around the implementation of the Youth Link contract which affected several locations across the neighbourhood Partnership Area.

It was suggested that an officer from Children and Young People be invited to attend a future meeting of the Partnership.

(B) Easton and Lawrence Hill Forum

It was noted that the next meeting of the above forum would be held at 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm on 8th July 2013, at Trinity Centre. The main focus of the meeting would be a presentation by CYPS on Youth Links.

(C) Outcome of Planning tribunal – Sub Division of Family Housing

It was noted that a response had not yet been received to the letter sent to the Secretary of State, setting out the Partnerships concerns.

(D) Environment Sub-Group Membership

Any members of the Partnership who wished to be members of the Environment Sub, should contact the Area Co-ordinator.

11. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 25th September 2013 at the Malcolm X Centre, Ashley Road, Bristol.

(The meeting ended at 8.30 pm)

CHAIR