



AGENDA ITEM NO 8

ASHLEY, EASTON & LAWRENCE HILL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP **Wednesday 8 October 2014**

Report of: Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill neighbourhood partnership environment sub group,

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. NP to discuss and agree the Neighbourhood Partnership Parks Investment Plan as shown in Appendix 1**
- 2. Neighbourhood Partnership to consider the recommendations regarding the allocation of S106 funding and advise the Councillors**
- 3. Neighbourhood Partnership to agree to pursue transforming Dalrymple Park into an allotment**
- 4. Councillors to consider and approve the allocation of S106 funding as proposed in Appendix 2**

1. Background/context

The Environment Sub Group looks at environmental issues affecting the partnership area as a whole, taking a strategic overview of environment issues and making recommendations to the partnership for approval.

The Environment Sub Group will look at the following issues:

- a. Implementation of the Parks and Green Spaces Investment Plan as agreed by the NP.
- b. Make recommendations regarding the allocation of section 106 devolved funds for parks and green spaces which must be used to deliver the investment plan.
- c. Make recommendations on the spending of devolved Clean and Green funds.
- d. Discuss and advise on important environment issues in the area including rubbish/waste management and pollution.
- e. Look at potential projects including tree and bulb planting and campaigns to improve the environment and quality of life of

residents in the partnership area.

2. Parks Investment Plan

Over the past year work has been completed in a number of parks within the Neighbourhood Partnership area which has meant the document has needed to be updated to provide new priorities as to where funding should be allocated. Locations have been chosen where the park needs to be updated or completely overhauled, with need identified in the ideas and options paper.

Recommendation:

Neighbourhood Partnership to consider the Park Investment Plan as proposed in Appendix 1 and Neighbourhood Committee to agree the following:

3. Allocation of S106

The Environment Sub Group and the Neighbourhood Officer have looked at the section 106 funds available to parks in the area and propose the following funds are allocated to improve local parks. The source funds are shown in Appendix 1.

- a. The first proposal is the allocation of **£3000** to **Gaunts Ham Park** in Lawrence Hill from 10/05355 / Castle House, Lincoln Street, Barton Hill / ...SB51. This would be for small improvements that will improve public safety and aid managing out crime initiatives within the parks boundary. This will include tree works, signage, and removal of the teen shelter for potential relocation.
- b. The second proposal is to use **£11482.83** that was awarded to Rawnsley Park from **09/01321 / Waggon and Horses PH, 83 Stapleton Rd, Easton / ZCD...A21**. This money was allocated to enlarge the size of the dog free areas available in the park. The area proposed was to make the informal football pitch dog free but after work in the area there has been very little interest from the community so the money could potentially be better spent elsewhere within the NP area
- c. Neighbourhood Partnership to agree to pursue transforming Dalrymple Park into an allotment.

4. Equality Implications

It is not expected that there will be any adverse impacts to any equalities community from this investment decision.

5. Consultation

Not required

Appendices:

Appendix 1: Parks Investment Plan

Appendix 2: Allocation of Section 106 funding

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Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill Park Investment Priorities

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. Due to the completion of some of the some of the priorities the plan has now been updated to version 4

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.

Appendix 1 highlights the key priorities for the partnership area. These have been taken from the consultation results of 2010 and from the autumn consultation in 2011, as well as meeting the standards of the adopted Parks and Green Space Strategy.

Appendix 2 shows the investment priorities for individual sites within the partnership 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. Increase and improve the provision of Children's play within the area
3. Provide leisure facilities for adults/older people - e.g. Exercise equipment or outdoor chessboard
4. Improving paths and entrances
5. Increasing open space provision (the area is currently *under* the Parks and Green Space Quantity Standard).
6. 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.

Appendix 1

| High Priority Projects | Considerations | Identified locations for improvements | Potential costs and status report from Bristol City Council |
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| Dalrymple Park | | The park has over many years been used as a location for drug taking, drug dealing and street drinking related ASB. After previous attempts to change the use of the park have failed an alternative use for the site has been identified as a potential inner city allotment offering small plots for local residents. This would mean that the area was locked off to the general public. | Planning consent would be required for this project due to the change of use of the site from a green space to an allotment |
| Bristol to Bath Railway Path | Due to increasing capacity on the route actions needs to be taken to allow for this increase in capacity to improve the conflicts between different types of users, Improve and increase number of directional signs | Hassell Drive entrance, Devon Bridge, VOSA Site | |
| Children's and Young People's Space | | | |

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| 1. Upgrade poor quality play equipment at the following locations: | 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 7th March 2012</i> | Belle Vue Road - Easton | £8K allocated from Devolved S106 in December 2013 and the Friends of Belle Vue Park have applied for £32,000 grant from Veolia Trust. At time of writing awaiting decision before the project will continue. |
| | | Bannerman Road Play area, Lawrence Hill | |
| | | Ashley Street Park, Ashley | |
| | | Fox Road Open Space, Lawrence Hill | |
| 2. Create/enlarge dog free areas at the following locations: | 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. | Rawnsley Park | £11,000 allocated to the project from Devolved S106 consultation currently underway. The consultation has been running and there has been very little interest and the 8 surveys completed are very split regarding the additional area Look to reallocate the money as there is not enough public enthusiasm for the project |
| 3. Explore provision of young persons space/wheels park, | A potential location could be Riverside Park | | |
| Formal Space and General Park Improvements | | | |
| 1. Upgrade poor | The condition of the existing | St Werburghs Park | Provide seating area |

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| quality provision at following locations | 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. | Brunswick Square | restore the historic nature in line with the City Centre Action Plan. |
| 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. | | The environmental sub group have been tasked with identifying potential locations across the partnership area to identify locations for meadow planting in 2014 £1000 allocated from Clean and Green 2013/2014 there will be an additional £600sqm of meadow across the partnership area. Including, Belle Vue Park, Lawrence Hill Roundabout, Albion Road |
| Natural Space | | | |
| 1. Enlarge and enhance natural green space at: | Resident opportunities to visit 'natural green space' are very restricted. These two spaces offer space that can be used to expand the existing natural provision. | Riverside Park | |
| 2. Create areas of wildflower meadow or enhanced planting schemes where appropriate across the Neighbourhood | 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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| Green Flag Status Parks | | | |
| St Pauls Park | Look to achieve Community Green Flag status | This park held green flag status until funding was withdrawn look to see whether obtaining community Green flag status would be achievable | |
| Netham Park | Look to Achieve Community Green Flag status | This park held green flag status until funding was withdrawn look to see whether obtaining community Green flag status would be achievable | |

Appendix 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 | | |
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| Riverside Park and Peel Street Open Space | 1. Provide space and activities for young people | |
| | 2. Improve safety throughout the park e.g. with new appropriate lighting | |

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| | 3. Continue to enhance the river corridor (work is in progress through the Frome Greenway Project) | |
| | 4. Improve all entrances and footpaths | |
| Rawnsley Park | 1. 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 | |
| Rawnsley Park (cont) | 2. Improve all footpaths and entrances | |
| | 3. Create a central entrance at the junction of Goodhind Street and Beaumont Street with ornamental planting and seating. | |
| | 4. Create a formal seating area adjacent to the play park | |
| Mina Road Park | 1. Upgrade and enhance the children's play area, | |
| Hassell Drive Open Space | 1. Provide young people's space with adventurous play equipment | |
| | 2. Widen and upgrade footpaths to avoid conflict between pedestrians and cyclists | |
| | 4. Enhance all entrances | |

| Site | | |
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| | 5. Improve links to the Bristol Railway Path, with better designed paths and visibility | |
| Fox Road Park and Warwick Road Housing | 1. Provide play within Fox Road Park and the removal of equipment within Warwick Road | A fenced area has been installed on the fox road site where it was envisaged play would be installed however no progress has been made on finding funding |
| | 2. Clear unwanted vegetation on a regular basis to improve visibility throughout the site | |

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| | 3. 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 | |
| St Werburghs Park | Provide seating area | |
| Gaunts Ham Park | 1. Upgrade and modernise play equipment | |
| | 2. Upgrade MUGA | |
| | 3. Introduce lighting throughout the park | |
| Brunswick Square and Portland Square | 1. Continue to restore the historic nature of the spaces in line with the City Centre Action Plan. | |

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| Site reference | Allocated/Unallocated | proposed purpose | project allocated to | Amount | Time limit | Constraints |
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| 09/01321 / Waggon and Horses PH, 83 Stapleton Road, Easton / ZCD...A21 | Unallocate this money | | | £11,482.83 | No Limit | The provision of improvements to Parks and Open Spaces within one mile of 83 Stapleton Road |
| 10/05355 / Castle House, Lincoln Street, Barton Hill / ...SB51 | | Allocate to Gaunts Ham Park for public safety and managing out crime projects | | £3000 | No Limit | The provision of improvements to Parks and Open Spaces within one mile of Castle House, Lincoln Street |