



AGENDA ITEM NO. 14



ASHLEY, EASTON AND LAWRENCE HILL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

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Title: Neighbourhood Coordinator Report for Information and Decision.

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Recommendations

This report is from the Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator. It is for information and decision and Partnership members are recommended to:

- 1. Note the Environment Sub-Group Update.**
- 2. Note Equalities Training Update from 22 October 2015.**
- 3. Note Neighbourhood Forum Updates.**
- 4. Note Section 106 and CIL Update.**
- 5. Note the consultation on a proposed new approach to grant funding.**
- 6. Note the Joint Spatial Plan and Joint Transport Study.**
- 7. Note proposed Neighbourhood Partnership dates 2016-2017.**

1. Note the Environment Sub-Group Update.

The group agreed to recommend the following three projects to the Partnership as priorities:

- Removal and upgrade of current MUGA in Gaunts Ham Park (provisional cost of £30,000 was approved);
- Additional award of £8000 to Friends of Bellevue Park for play equipment (making £16,000 in total);
- 11 new benches for Mina Road Park (an initial amount of £12,000 was suggested but this was considered excessive).

A full schedule of works and costings will be presented at the next Sub-Group on 11 January 2016 for the above projects for inclusion in the papers for the March Neighbourhood Partnership.

The group also agreed to progress the following projects:

- Newtown redesign;
- An options appraisal of Dalrymple Park (this will include further community discussions);
- To replace the pour-on surface for Ashley Street Park play area;
- Prioritise street tree planting in Easton as a result of the lack of parks and green space.
- The group decided to reject improvements to the landscaping of St Agnes Park.

2. Note Equalities Training Update from 22 October 2015.

- Following the request for Neighbourhood Partnership Equalities Training a session delivered by BCC took place on 22 October 2015. This was attended by nine residents from three Neighbourhood Partnerships.

3. Note Neighbourhood Forum Updates.

Ashley Forum held 19 October 2015

- This was a single issue forum meeting to discuss youth service provision in the Ashley area organised by Neil Burwell;
- Learning Partnership West, Bristol City Council and Catch 22 took questions from over 60 attendees about the quality and coverage of service delivery in the area particularly in light of the recent police operations that have seen a number of young people from the area arrested for drug dealing and other offences.
- Next forum meeting Monday 25 January 2016, St Werburghs Primary

Easton and Lawrence Hill Forum held 28 October 2015 included:

- An update on the Bristol Arena consultation from Bristol City Council;
- A presentation by Tony Britt highlighting the need for any future Bristol City Council graffiti policy to make provision for permission walls that allow young people to express themselves using graffiti;
- Redfield Educate Together introduced their new primary school and the availability of rooms for hire at their new building at the junction of Victoria Avenue and Avonvale Road;

- Neil Burwell and Kurt James shared some work being done by the Neighbourhood Partnership including landscaping in Newtown; the shop front improvement scheme and deep cleanse on Stapleton Road; tackling graffiti, and work to improve Bellevue and Albion Road parks;
- Royston Downing talked about the work being done on the electrification of the local railway network;
- Asher Craig shared news that the Bristol Futures Academy has been agreed by the Government, will be based at the old Social Services offices on Beam Street, and will open in September 2016;
- Amy Chick shared the work of the Discretionary Licensing Scheme and its expansion to Fishponds and Eastville.
- Next forum meetings:
 - Monday 14 December 2015, 6:30pm – 8:30pm, Hannah More Primary School, New Kingsley Road, St Philips;
 - Thursday 4 February 2015, 1pm – 3pm, Newton Hall, Stapleton Road Congregational Chapel, Newton Street;
 - Monday 21 March 2015, 6:30pm – 8:30pm, Easton Community Centre, Kilburn Street.

4. Note Section 106 and CIL Update.

As of 30 November 2015 the Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Committee is responsible for a devolved Section 106 funding budget of £640,839.66. A number of projects have been delivered but the funding has yet to be drawn down so the available funding is less than that reported.

The devolution of Section 106 funds means the Neighbourhood Committee comprised of the six councillors of Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill have the delegated legal responsibility from Bristol City Council for making decisions regarding these funds.

The process for spending CIL will be the same for Section 106 funding, but should be rigorously planned and linked to the achievement of the AELH NP plan objectives.

Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill NP now have £31,946.60 of available Community Infrastructure Funding:

19/08/13	12/05426	127 Lower Cheltenham Place, Montpellier	£1,425.00
21/05/14	13/00281	191 to 193 Church Road, Redfield	£3,375.00
21/08/14	14/00331	47 to 49 Barton Road, The Dings (1)	£1,577.54
11/12/14	13/03413	85 High Street, Easton	£697.50
05/05/15	14/01111	Bristol Bridge House, Redcliffe Street, City Centre	£8,409.80
12/05/15	14/02308	Castle Wharf, Finzels Reach, City Centre	£388.83
04/06/15	14/03952	165 Robertson Road, Easton	£301.54

08/07/15	14/04286	69 Colston Road, Easton	£317.41
21/08/15	12/04860	Huller House & Cheese Warehouse, City Centre (1)	£9,555.00
10/09/15	14/06095	66 Chelsea Park, Easton	£17.01
14/09/15	14/03978	York House, Bond Street, City Centre	£3,410.58
14/09/15	14/05916	53 Sussex Place, St. Werburghs	£132.67
28/09/15	14/03261	10 Portland Square, St. Pauls	£2,338.73
Total			£31,946.60

This funding can be used to pay for:

- The provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or
- Anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area.

The AELH Traffic and Transport and Environment Sub-Groups are working with officers to develop viable recommendations for the available section 106 funds which will be brought to future NP meetings once deliberations are complete.

5. Note the consultation on a proposed new approach to grant funding.

The Council currently invests over £18m in the voluntary and community sector (VCS) each year through grants, rate relief and reduced rents and leases on council-owned buildings.

People from the council and the VCS have agreed that BCC needs to focus its grant investment on tackling disadvantage in the city and believe that by having a clear focus and by working better together, this money can be used more strategically and have a far bigger impact. They have worked together to design a new approach to grant funding which will align up to £5m of revenue grant funding to make it work better for the people who need it most.

The council are consulting on the proposed new approach to grant funding from 16 November 2015 until 15 February 2016. The consultation will be with local voluntary and community sector organisations and other interested parties. Information and links to the consultation will be available from the council's consultation finder: <https://bristol.citizenspace.com/>

6. Note the Joint Spatial Plan and Joint Transport Study.

The four local authorities in the West of England are seeking the views of local communities in drawing up a plan to steer new housing and jobs growth over the next 20 years. The Joint Spatial Plan being prepared by Bath and North East Somerset, Bristol City, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Councils will identify:

- The amount and broad locations of new homes and employment land to be planned for up to 2036;
- The transport and other essential infrastructure that will be required to support housing and jobs growth.

To begin the process of involvement the Councils are consulting on the Joint Spatial Plan Issues and Options document.

To inform the Joint Spatial Plan and future transport strategies for the area the Councils are also preparing a Joint Transport Study. This will identify the key transport issues affecting the West of England over the next 20 years and the transport solutions needed to address them. Comments are being sought on the Councils' initial ideas.

The closing date for comments on this stage of consultation is 29 January 2016.

There is information on the consultations at www.jointplanningwofe.org.uk and copies of documents will be available in local libraries.

An event for Bristol's Neighbourhood Partnerships to find out more and discuss the consultations is being planned.

7. Note proposed Neighbourhood Partnership dates 2016-2017.

(Monday 6.30pm to 8.30pm)

7 March 2016	St Mary Redcliffe CE and VA Secondary School
27 June 2016	TBC
3 October 2016	TBC
1 December 2016	TBC
6 March 2017	TBC

Please note that the decision to move NP meetings to Monday's has made it difficult for some NP members to attend.

Proposed forum dates will be circulated in due course.