



AGENDA ITEM NO. 15

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP  
ASHLEY, EASTON AND LAWRENCE HILL  
3 JULY 2012**

**Report of:** Penny Germon, Neighbourhoods and City Development

**Title:** Bus shelters available

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1. For Councillors to give a steer as to the importance of taking up the opportunity to install available bus shelters.**
- 2. For Councillors to consider allocating up to £7,000 wellbeing fund to install bus shelters.**

**Background**

As part of the Greater Bristol Bus Network bus shelters were upgraded. The shelters removed from the GBBN routes are available to be reused by Neighbourhood Partnerships at suitable locations. Each shelter will cost £2-3,000 to install. Highways will pay for the maintenance.

Ward Councillors and other members of the Neighbourhood Partnership were invited to suggest potential sites and comment use of wellbeing fund for this purpose. Two people fed back that they thought the shelters were a good idea but wellbeing fund should not be used.

The following sites have been proposed:

Robertson Road (outside no 1)

Avonvale Road at the junction with Beam Street

Ashley Road (by the shops/dentist opposite the junction with Grosvenor Rd before the turning to Sussex Place)

City Road – either outside Malcolm X Centre or in the area of the Docklands Youth Centre (Junction on Brigstocke Road)

Sites need to be wide enough to accommodate a bus shelter and allow people to pass. The above locations will be surveyed to determine suitability this information will be available at the NP meeting.

Councillors are asked to consider allocating £7,000 of wellbeing fund for 2012-2013 to the provision of bus shelters in some of the locations listed above (depending on suitability).

If Councillors regard this as a priority it may be possible to fund further shelters through existing traffic schemes and section 106.

### **Wellbeing Fund**

£22,500 out of £30,000 has been allocated to date. If Councillors allocate £7,000 to bus shelters there will be a contingency fund of £500 for the rest of the year.

### **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.