



AGENDA ITEM NO 9

ASHLEY, EASTON & LAWRENCE HILL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP Wednesday

Report of: Penny Germon, Area Coordinator, Neighbourhoods & Communities,
Neighbourhoods Directorate.

Title: Neighbourhood Partnership Report

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Note the updated Parks and Green Spaces Investment Plan
2. Note the consultation Bye-Laws – for information/comment (NP)
3. Wellbeing Fund Small Grants - for approval (Councillor decision)

1. Parks and Green Spaces Investment Plan

At the NP AGM last year (3rd July 2012) the NP agreed the parks and green spaces which would receive priority for any investment. In appendix 1 there is an update on these priorities.

Recommendation

Note the updates and continue to progress the priorities as agreed. BCC Officers identify section 106 funding to support existing priorities and bring a report back to the September NP.

2. Wellbeing Fund Small Grants

Recommendation (Councillor decision)

Approve the recommendations of the Wellbeing Small Grants Panel as proposed in appendix 2

The next round of Wellbeing Grants will open soon after the NP meeting and close mid August for recommendations to be presented to the September NP.

3. Bye Laws for Parks and Green Spaces - Recommendation

Note the report appendix 3 attached.

4. Neighbourhood Partnership Sub Groups

Traffic and Transport Group

The group has been focusing on developing a process for determining NP priorities in particular how the Highways Scheme funding awarded to the NP should be allocated.

On behalf of the sub group Lori Streich, Chair, sent a question to the Mayor for the full council meeting on the 18th June as follows:

The Traffic & Transport Sub-Committee of the Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Partnership recognise the importance of the proposals about Residents' Parking Schemes.

They will have a significant impact on the quality of life and the local economy within this Neighbourhood Partnership area. Such effects will be felt both within any RPS area and outside the area.

What is the best way that we can work with the Council to ensure the constructive engagement of residents and businesses across this partnership area to...

- (1) decide the extent of the schemes and the boundaries?*
- (2) decide the designs of any schemes in Inner East Bristol?*
- (3) empower residents to articulate solutions to their other local traffic issues?*
- (4) coordinate any schemes with those local highway aspirations?*

Environment Sub Group

Pete Bullard elected as Chair. The group met for the first time in a long time in June. The group is focusing on drawing up priorities which will be presented to the next NP meeting.

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Update on priority projects agreed by the NP on 3rd July 2012 (*this is an extract from the Green Space Investment Plan*).

High Priority Projects	Considerations	Identified locations for improvements	Status report from Bristol City Council
The Bearpit	Request from Cabot, Clifton & Clifton East NP to share costs to improve the Bearpit. Agreed in principle to add the Bearpit to the Green space Investment plan at the NP meeting on 14 December 2011. <i>Agreed as a priority for 2012/13 at the NP on 7th March 2012</i>		
Children's and Young People's Space			
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>	Proctor House – Lawrence Hill	No Progress however a cost analysis has been carried out <i>Works would include consultation, design, procurement, installation of paths, seating, bins, dog free barriers and play equipment with project management. Approx cost £56K figure dates from 7th March 2012. This includes a generic cost for play equipment Identify S106 monies available to the site with the aim to proceed with the improvements if sufficient funding can be identified.</i>

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		Brook Street – Easton	Capital stimulus money was allocated to the project and at the time of writing the installation phase was on going with completion due by the end of May 2013 Devolved S106 money was allocated to this project but not used due to the capital stimulus money. This money can now be reallocated to other projects. The Park is to officially reopen during July 2013.
		Belle Vue Road - Easton	No progress however a cost analysis has been carried out <i>Works would include consultation, design, and procurement, installation of paths, seating, bins, dog free barriers and play equipment with project management. Approx cost £96K figure dates from 7th March 2012. This includes a generic cost for play equipment</i>
		Albany Green Park - Ashley	£100K of Funding has been allocated to the project however this may not be enough to carry out a full overhaul of the park. The consultation which ended at the end of April 2013 will determine what works will be completed and whether this will be a phased project. Designs for the park are currently being drawn up for final consultation.
2. Create/enlarge dog free areas at	There is a strong view from residents for larger 'dog free'	Rawnsley Park	No progress

the following locations:	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.	Owen Square Park	As part of the parks on going redevelopment in 2010 the majority of the park was made dog free apart from a path way and a small amount of green space at the far end of the park
		Belle Vue Road Open Space	No Progress The park is split into two area of which one is currently dog free is the view of the partnership the entire open space should be dog free?
3. Explore provision of young persons space/wheels park,	A potential location could be under the M32 in Eastgate, Riverside Park or George Jones Park. <i>Agreed as a priority for 2012/13 at the NP on 7th March 2012</i>		The fencing along the river has been moved to create a safer environment and to provide more space so further ideas can now be investigated knowing the space available and that the area is more secure.
4. St Judes Children's Play Ground (in progress)	Is highly valued by the community. Has £101k of un-devolved money to be spent on upgrading the facility.	St Judes Children's Play Ground	Children's play area completed during May 2013
Formal Space and General Park Improvements			
1. Upgrade poor quality provision at following locations	The condition of the existing 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.	Bloy Square	Planters have been installed in Bloy Square which were funded from a central clean and green grant to the value of £2000.
		Albany Green Park	Funding has been allocated however this may not be enough to carry out a full overhaul of the park. The consultation which ended at the end of April 2013. This will determine what works will be completed and whether this will be a phased project.

		Rawnsley Park	Tree Bristol had a tree planting day in December 2012 where 26 trees were planted
		Cobden Street	Potential funding has been agreed to improve this area but more information needs to be done to confirm this is still available.
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
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	
		Hassell Drive Open Space	
2. Create areas of wildflower meadow or enhanced planting schemes where appropriate across the Neighbourhood Partnership.	To give residents across the area access to a better natural experience and provide a more attractive landscape and enhance the significant road network.		



Appendix 2

ASHLEY, EASTON & LAWRENCE HILL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

June 26th 2013

Report of: Sam Parker, Neighbourhoods & Communities, Neighbourhoods Directorate.

Title: Wellbeing Budget – Small Grants

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Allocate £10,413.40 of the total Well-being fund for allocation in this round.
2. Approve the recommendations of the Well-being grant panel (Appendix A-D)

Context

1. These recommendations relate to the £18,000 of the Well-being funds allocated to small grants projects at the 12th March NP meeting.
2. It was only possible to appoint two residents each from Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill wards to the panel on this occasion. Five panellists participated on the day.
3. As agreed by the NP, resident panellists were asked to use their discretion in recommending grants that distributed funds as equally as possible over the three wards.
4. 35 applications were received in total. 32 were considered for the Well-being funding. 3 were not considered for funding.
5. In total, almost £56,000 worth of funds was applied for.
6. Well-being applicants were asked to develop projects that addressed one or more of the Partnerships five priorities:

1. Activities that focus on young people making their voice heard in decision-making and encouraging young people of Ashley, Easton & Lawrence Hill to have a greater stake in their communities.
2. Work, which fosters positive relationships between children and young people from different neighbourhoods.
3. Activities that encourage local people to become more involved in and have a greater say about where they live
4. Events/activities, which bring together people from different cultural backgrounds who would not normally come together.
5. Sharing skills and knowledge – projects, visits, and skill swaps.

Summary

Risk Assessment

- Regarding any BCC liability as a grant provider, we have worked with applicants to ensure they have the appropriate policies and procedures in place to carry out their respective projects.
- With regards to ensuring all funds are spent within the appropriate time frame, we have monitoring and evaluation procedures that will be in place to ensure all funds are spent on time and as planned in the project budgets.

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.

The projects recommended for approval are from a wide range of groups reflecting the diversity of the local area.

Appendices

- Appendix A - Well-being Projects Recommended for Funding
- Appendix B – Summary of Grants Not Recommended for Funding.
- Appendix C – Summary of Grants Not Progressed to the Panel
- Appendix D - Summary of Well-being Grants Process

Appendix A - Well-being Projects Recommended for Funding

Organisation/ Group	Wards Impacted by project			Grant Request	Suggested Award	Project Summary
Church Avenue Residents Association		E		1140.00	1000.00	Re-design and development of the community garden.
Circomedia	A			1858.00	750.00	Towards the provision of a circus festival day to be held on Portland Square
Full Circle	A	E		2432.00	2000.00	Women's health and wellbeing sessions
Lansdowne Activity Squad		E	LH	980.00	980.00	Fun day leading to regular ongoing activities for residents
Refugee Women of Bristol	A	E	LH	2534.19	2000.00	'Parenting in the UK' course
Rosemary Early Years Centre			LH	1240.00	1240.00	Summer family trips
Salaam Shalom			LH	775.00	775.00	Primary school Muslim/Jewish project linking the area with Stockwood. Using media and art to investigate cultural awareness, history of area etc
Wellspring Healthy Living Centre	A	E	LH	470.00	470.00	Mental Health wellbeing awareness day for Somali community
Young Mothers Trust Group		E		1198.40	1198.40	Creative workshops for new young mums
Total Suggested Award					£10,413.40	

Appendix B - Summary of Grants Not Recommended for Funding

Organisation/Group	Wards Impacted by project			Grant Request	Project Summary
	A	E	LH		
BMCS	A	E	LH	2500.00	Bristol Islamic Cultural Fayre
Changes Bristol	A	E	LH	2938.00	Support for refugees and asylum seekers with mental health difficulties.
Bristol and Avon Chinese Women's Group	A			1617.00	Creative workshops
Co Lab Education		E	LH	2454.45	Education programme in engineering for 15 year olds
Easton Jubilee Trust		E	LH	870.00	Somali womens cooking project
Kumiko Community Arts			LH	2366.00	Retirement home community garden
NCBI	A	E	LH	2500.00	Listening project – providing mentors to deal with community cohesion and conflict resolution issues
Paper Planes	A	E	LH	1500.00	Intergeneration writing project
RedFest		E	LH	2350.00	Arts festival – Church Rd and St Georges Park
Signpost and Rite Direkshon	A	E	LH	4780.00	Family fun day
Sikh Resource Centre	A	E		2000.00	Creation of a community garden space
Karma Active	A			2480.00	Athletics programme, providing access to national camps

Organisation/Group	Wards Impacted by project			Grant Request	Project Summary
St Pauls Unlimited	A			746.00	Fun day in a local park
St Pauls Unlimited	A			1470.00	Street Parties
St Pauls Children Centre	A			921.90	Outdoor mobile activities for families
Sudanese Community of Bristol	A	E	LH	850.00	Monthly womens group looking at parenting skills, English etc
TOC CiC	A	E	LH	1825.00	ESoL course
Travelling Light Theatre Company			LH	2400.00	Performance and workshops for young people
Urban Expressions		E	LH	1850.00	Employment project providing wood and metalwork skills, IT and start up space for new businesses
Walled Garden project			LH	1450.00	Cooking and growing project
Bannerman Road School		E	LH	2000.00	Story bag project for Somali and Pakistani communities
Bristol Rise		E		892.00	Young mum stay and play group
St Werburghs community association	A	E	LH	1550.00	Picnic in the park

Appendix D - Summary of grants not progressed to the panel

Organisation/ Group	Grant Request	Project Summary	Notes
Full Circle	820.00	Workshops for young people towards St Pauls Carnival	This project was taking place before the allocation of funds would have been possible.
Friends of Hannah Moore	1243.50	English conversation course, groups for women	This application was received after the deadline.
Ujima Radio	2500.00	Bristol's got talent, Family fun day	The project would start before allocation of funds.

Appendix E

Summary of Well-being Grants process and applications

27 grant applications were submitted to the Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Partnership for consideration. Of those submitted:

- 23 applications were submitted to the grant panel for their consideration.
- 4 applications were not progressed because the applications were incomplete. Please see details above.

Voting on grants and making recommendations

Each panellist could award a maximum of 43 points per grant. The scores of all eligible panellists were added together and divided by the total number of eligible voters to give us an average score. Grants were then ranked according to their average scores.

The top-scoring projects are being recommended for funding approval.

Panellist conflicts of interest

Many of the residents interested in sitting on the panel are very active in their local communities and occasionally have a vested business, personal or professional interest in one or more of the projects. In order to ensure the voting process was fair, panellists were asked to declare an interest in a project before voting commenced. If a panellist fell into any of the following categories they were required to abstain from voting or commenting on the project.

- Board Member or employee of organisation/project
- Assisted with writing the grant or was a family member of applicant
- Are directly or indirectly involved in the project seeking funding
- Could potential gain financially from the application

During this round of voting there were seven conflicts of interest identified.



Appendix 3

Ashley Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Partnership

26th June 2013

Report Title: Development of New Byelaws for Parks and Green Spaces (abridged version if you would like the full version it can be found at www.bristol.gov.uk/have-your-say)

1. Context

Byelaws are local laws which are made by a statutory body, such as a local authority, under an enabling power established by an Act of Parliament. Since byelaws create criminal offences, they cannot come into effect unless they have been confirmed by the Secretary of State.

There are byelaws already in place in Bristol (from early 1900s) covering some parks and green spaces. The byelaws give the police and some council officers the power to take enforcement action against people who carry out anti-social activities that are listed in the byelaws. The penalties for non-compliance vary, but are generally dealt with by the Courts imposing a fine following summary conviction.

The aim of having byelaws would not be to stop people enjoying or having fun in parks but to be able to tackle people whose behaviour is persistent and a significant nuisance to others. Some issues are not covered by byelaws e.g. dog fouling, dogs that are not controlled but the council and police do have powers to deal with those issues under separate legislation.

2. Purpose and Scope of New Byelaws for Parks/Green Spaces

- To ensure that all citizens can access and enjoy parks and green spaces free from the effects of anti-social behaviour
- To prevent and enforce against anti-social behaviour in parks and green spaces
- To cover parks/green spaces not covered in the existing byelaws and to fill any gaps in the type of anti-social activities covered by existing byelaws i.e. achieve consistency across the city

The aim of the council and the police is not to criminalise one-off offenders but to provide the leverage where necessary to take enforcement action against

persistent or repeat offenders. The approach of the agencies involved is to request that people stop the anti-social behaviour and ensure that people understand what the rules are for any given park or green space. If people choose to continue the behaviour we will take enforcement action. Enforcement usually involves a fine of a few hundred pounds in the first instance.

3. Public Consultation

The public consultation will run from 28 May to 9 August 2013, a period of 12 weeks.

4. Questions for Neighbourhood Partnerships and other interested parties

- 1) Do you agree with the issues we propose covering in the byelaws?
- 2) Which types of anti-social behaviour do you think we should not include and why? (You will find the full range of issues that can be covered by the byelaws at www.bristol.gov.uk/have-your-say)
- 3) What types of anti-social behaviour have we missed that you think we should include and what evidence do you have that these behaviours are a problem?(please give locations, a description of the behaviour/activity and approximate date). We are interested in all types of issues including those that might not be covered by byelaws but could be covered by other legislation.
- 4) Do you have any questions about the implementation of the byelaws?

5. Next steps

Proposals amended in view of consultation results – September 2013

Byelaws drafted and provisional approval sought from DCLG – September 2013

The council formally resolves to adopt the byelaws at Full Council – October 2013

1 month public notice period – November 2013

Byelaws submitted to DCLG/ Secretary of State December 2013

Byelaws in place January 2014

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