



## AGENDA ITEM NO 7

### ASHLEY, EASTON & LAWRENCE HILL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

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

**Title:** Neighbourhood Partnership Report

**Contact Telephone Number:** 9039879 (or for internal EXTN 39879)

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Note the issues raised at the Forums and the City Council's response to the issues raised about the proposed new housing scheme in Redcliffe.
2. Note the NW update and approve recommendations
3. Consider the proposal to Community Asset Transfer 'The Mill' and 'Docklands' Youth Centres.
4. Note the update about the St Pauls Learning and Family Centre
5. Receive an update about the Green Capital

#### 1. Local issues for the NP's attention

Ashley Forum (30<sup>th</sup> April) the main focus was on the Residents Parking Scheme planned for Montpellier.

Easton and Lawrence Hill Forum at Redcliffe (8<sup>th</sup> May) considered a proposed BCC new housing scheme on the garage site at Somerset St. Redcliffe. The site is next to two empty and increasingly derelict buildings.

The Forum is asking the Council to use its influence to develop the whole site and deal with the empty and derelict buildings which have blighted the area for many years. The Forum voted to raise this with the NP.

Via Twitter the forum was also advised to take the matter up with Cllr Mark Bradshaw cabinet member with responsibility for planning.

See attached briefing note for BCC's position.

#### 2. Neighbourhood Working Update - Appendix 2

### **3. Community Asset Transfer – The Mill and The Docklands Youth Centres**

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#### **a. Proposed Community Asset Transfer of The Mill Youth Centre**

The council is seeking the views of the Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Partnership on the proposed lease of The Mill Youth Centre.

In accordance with the council's Community Asset Transfer ('CAT') Policy, the views of the Neighbourhood Partnerships will be sought on proposals to let a council-owned property in their area at less than the full market rent to a voluntary/community organisation, prior to a decision being taken.

- The council proposes to grant a new 25 year Lease to Empire Fighting Chance
- The tenant will be responsible for all outgoings associated with the property and for repairing and insuring the property.
- The Lease will be subject to a Service Agreement, which will set out a range of services that Empire Fighting Chance will need to deliver each year from the premises.
- The rent will be abated to a peppercorn for as long as the Service Agreement is complied with.

The Service Agreement ensures that Empire Fighting Chance will prioritise availability to young people and, where possible, make the premises available more widely, so that it can be hired by other organisations and individuals for community activities and private functions.

Process:

- 1) The Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Partnership is asked to make any comments on the proposed CAT, either in support or against, and to briefly set out the grounds for its views.
- 2) The final decision will then be taken by the council's Service Director Strategic Property and the Lease will then be completed.

#### **Background:**

During 2013, BCC transferred responsibility for delivering Bristol Youth Links services to a range of organisations across the city. Bristol Youth Links providers identified the locations they would use to deliver their services and they are now making use of a range of community-based facilities. The pattern of service delivery within youth and play centres currently managed by the council leaves them underused and empty for much of the week. This is not a good use of a community asset and is not

cost effective.

Therefore, the decision was taken to invite voluntary and community organisations to manage youth and play facilities to bring local benefits through our [Community Asset Transfer Policy](#) (CAT). This is the transfer of land or buildings from the council's freehold ownership into the stewardship of third sector organisations and usually involves a transfer at less than market value.

Leases are accompanied by a Service Agreement that will secure the longer term benefits of the CAT. This will set out agreed minimum standards, opening hours and activities and how these will be measured and monitored.

### **CAT process to date.**

Brief for the facility published November 2013 after full consultation with ward councillors.

Dec 2013 Panel assessments at the EOI stages included representatives from the Neighbourhood Partnership and young people at which Empire Fighting Chance were requested to proceed to the next stage - to submit a full business plan.

March 2014 - Business plan has been evaluated and approved. Subject to approval by the council's Service Director Strategic Property, Empire Fighting Chance have been offered £120,000 as a match-funding contribution to attract a £360,000 grant from Sport England.

Please see below a recent statement from Empire Fighting Chance

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*Empire Fighting Chance is delighted to be Bristol City Council's preferred bidder for the Community Asset Transfer of the Mill Youth Centre. The new site will allow us to expand and develop our charitable work with young people in Bristol and also continue the Empire Amateur Boxing Club that has been based in St Pauls for forty years. The building will continue to offer youth services currently being delivered at the Mill as well as access to the basketball court. We are in the final stages of a Sport England Improvement fund to enable us to redevelop the building to update the centre for long-term future use. Our aim is to create a multi-sport social hub for young people in Easton and surrounding areas to attend with a focus on youth development. We have held discussions with current providers and young people using the Mill on our plans and it's our intention to open wider community participation dependent on funding and the asset transfer.*

### **Recommendation**

**Comment on the proposed Community Asset Transfer either in support or against, and to briefly set out the grounds for its views.**

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- The tenant will be responsible for all outgoings associated with the property and for repairing and insuring the property.
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March 2014 Panel assessments at the EOI stages included representatives from the Neighbourhood Partnership and young people at which the collaborative partnership Full Circle/ACE were requested to proceed to the next stage - to submit a full business plan.

May 2014 - Business plan has been evaluated and approved - detailed final offer from the council awaiting agreement.

### **Recommendation**

**Comment on the proposed Community Asset Transfer either in support or against, and to briefly set out the grounds for its views.**

#### **c. Community Asset Transfer of St Pauls Learning and Family Centre**

Note the update in appendix 3

#### **d. Felix Road Adventure Playground**

Note that the Management Committee at Felix Road Adventure Play ground will be putting forward a business plan for a Community Asset Transfer in the coming months.

## **Garage site at Somerset Street** **Redevelopment Proposals**

Housing Delivery's commitment, as part of the council's Affordable Housing Delivery Framework, is to build 1,000 new council homes over the next 10-15 years. These homes will primarily be built on land that is already in the council's Housing Revenue Account – as that land will not need to be bought by Housing Delivery (and so will not add to the cost of development which would mean fewer homes can be built).

Our aim is to build homes that meet the needs and requirement of local residents and help tackle issues such as overcrowding or under-occupation. Before making any decisions regarding which homes to build, detailed analysis is carried out to understand the level of demand and supply of different types of homes – so we can target homes in most need.

The largest gap between supply and demand is for homes with 4 or more bedrooms. During 2012/13 BCC let only 18 homes with 4 or more bedrooms but there were over 500 households on the housing waiting list who needed this type of accommodation.

Large homes in central locations are particularly sought after and receive significant numbers of bids (expressions of interest). Families needing large homes have few, if any options, for meeting their housing need in the private sector and so frequently are left in very inadequate and overcrowded situations.

We do recognise the high level of need for one and two bedroom homes and, whilst our new build programme initially focusses on building a small number of larger homes, in the next phases we will look to help address the need for smaller units. In particular the next phase of new homes will focus on building one and two bedroom flats and bungalows in areas where few of these currently exist. We hope this will help encourage existing tenants to move from their larger accommodation (thus freeing up larger units for those who need them).

Housing need in the city is acute and our aim is to provide those homes most in need. Larger homes are very scarce and smaller homes are in very high demand therefore these are our two initial priorities.

We are also restricted in the amount of new homes we can build in any given period. This is because the funding for these new homes largely comes from any rent surpluses in the HRA from existing tenants' rents. This means our new build programme is relatively 'slow and steady' – another reason why we are targeting building homes in the most need so our homes make the biggest possible contribution to meeting need. Our new build programme will be 70 homes each year, after our initial smaller programme of large homes in phase 1.

All of our phase 1 sites will provide at least one 4-bed family home plus, to maximise the development of the remaining site, a number of other homes. Somerset Street is

one of our phase 1 sites. Our intention for the site is to provide large family town houses, which means the site would accommodate up to four new homes, two of which will be 4/5 bedroom properties. An alternative option is being considered for the site that includes some 2-bed apartment blocks alongside the 4-bed homes – however, the biggest unmet need in the local area is for affordable family homes.

We have recently held a number of public consultation events showing some draft proposals for the site and will be trying to take on board some of the issues raised as part of our final design solution. In general the local residents who have attended the two public meetings have been in broad acceptance of our proposals. However, when we took the proposals to the Neighbourhood Forum, there were a number of concerns raised about the development. These focussed on three main issues: we are not developing all the area (including the pub/auction house) at the same time; providing family houses is not the priority for the area as it is predominantly flats; and the parking issues that removing the garages will cause.

Housing Delivery are not able to purchase private land for development and, whilst we understand local residents' views that something needs to be done about the pub and auction rooms sites at Somerset Street, this is not something that the HRA can do. Our plans for the garage site are being designed to ensure they do not hinder or prevent the future development of the neighbouring site.

The argument for not building houses as the rest of the homes in the area are flats is one of the reasons we do want to build family houses. This means we can diversify the housing mix, allowing tenants who are inadequately housed but have local connections the opportunity to stay within the area.

The concern was raised that parking problems in the area will be increased by removing the garages and that we are proposing to take away the green spaces around the blocks of flats. It is not our intention to build new homes on any of the open space; we may need to alter some of it to provide some additional parking in the area as an off-set for the loss of garages but this will be kept to a minimum. As part of the development works we would look to, in consultation with local residents, improve the remaining green space around the blocks to make that space more of an amenity for residents.

Comments were also raised about the Right To Buy, this is a government legislation which is difficult to prevent as these homes will be for general needs purpose and therefore not exempt from the right to buy. However, due to the size and nature of the homes we intend to build it is less likely that the families occupying them would be in a position to exercise their option to purchase.

**QUARTER 3 UPDATE and Proposed Priorities March 14 – June 14**

Neighbourhood Working to provide progress reports to all NP meetings. Detailed project reports, resident input will be through forums.

	<b>Problem/issue</b>	<b>Requested by?</b>	<b>Details (including location)</b>	<b>Action Taken to date</b>
1.	Street Cleansing Rubbish Littering (what's the cause?) Fly-tipping. People drive and dump rubbish	NP, Residents, Cllrs	General problem across the three wards <b>Albany Road</b> Continue work until problem is addressed and residents are satisfied with the outcome.	Still showing improvement. No recent complaints  <b>SUGGEST NP REMOVE FROM PRIORITIES</b>
		SRWG, residents, Cllrs	<b>Villiers Road</b> May SRWG proposed that the commercial bins are removed and residents are given wheelie bins. This may not resolve the fly tipping but will clarify the responsibilities of residents on Villiers Road and remove the 'acceptable' places to dump rubbish.	Felix Watch consultation suggested a return to individual bins but Council Officer concerns around viability, location and size of survey response. Awaiting response from Felix Watch addressing concerns. PCSOs and Council Officers regularly monitoring the street and surrounding streets.
		Residents	<b>Jane St /Cobden Street</b> Rubbish accumulating by large bins and litter.	Regularly patrolled by PCSOs and BCC staff. Some issues picked up by E&LH Management and residents
			<b>Marsh Lane</b>	Much fewer reports of fly-tipping but littering still a problem particularly around the shops. Littering patrols undertaken over spring alongside dog fouling focus in Netham Park but no FPNs issued yet. Continued focus over summer.
			<b>Off Stapleton Road</b>	All side streets monitored during dog fouling and parking operation with extra visits to Villiers, Walton and Lansdown. No cleansing reports necessary.
			<b>St Marks Road</b>	Fly-tipping by recycling bins has reduced but anticipating an increase again over summer. Will focus on reporting, evidence, enforcement and cleansing over June – August.
			<b>Entrance to cycle track from Russell Town Avenue</b> (City Academy pupils – cleaner in holidays) and railway path generally.	Neighbourhood Officer working with local schools around litter sculpturing project. Oil drum bins working well and staying for short term. Railway Path focus group now set up and meeting bi-monthly to discuss issues. Two litter picks in last six months from Easton Way – through to Fishponds have significantly improved littering levels and reduced complaints.



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2.	Dog mess	Neighbourhood Forums NP Residents Cllrs	Everywhere Cycle track Cooksley Road Brook Street Park St Agnes Park	<p>Week of action in Barton Hill over February including Dog Day at the Urban Park in Barton Hill with Dogs Trust, RSPCA and Bristol Cats and Dogs Home. Follow-on audits in March showed over 50% reduction. Further engagement work in Owen Square Park, Brunswick Square, (and Cemetery), and Brook Street Park with dog walkers over March and April was well received. Incidents counted and will be reviewed with other audits in June. Dog Fouling will be a focus of the Montpelier Clean-up project in June.</p> <p><b>RECOMMEND:</b>  <b>1 NP members continue to pass on information about hot-spots for targeted enforcement.</b></p>
3.	Graffiti & ugly tagging	NP/Ashley Forum	Montpelier	<p>New joint campaign with Crimestoppers started in March targeting AFTAH, VESAR, 2MUCH and DRUGZ. One of these has already been arrested along with two other prolific taggers in the area and we are waiting for court results before publicising widely. Response to both Crimestoppers campaigns has been good. Youth reparation have worked with us to clear four more locations over March and April and will be targeting Stokes Croft, Grosvenor Road and Vining Walk over June – August. Graffiti will be cleared in Montpelier Clear-up project in June with a focus on Picton St and Bath Buildings.</p> <p><b>RECOMMEND:</b>  <b>1 NP members encourage all residents to report graffiti and get graffiti removal indemnity forms signed (available online, from any BCC Officer, from St Pauls Unlimited and from Easton &amp; Lawrence Hill Management)</b>  <b>2 NP member pass any sites they would like to see offender reparation clear vis Penny Germon or John Atkinson.</b></p>
4.	Parking on pavements	NP Fora Residents SRWG	Continue actions to tackle anti social parking. Move on to other problematic areas. NP to nominate problem areas.	Stapleton Road side streets including Villiers Road, Walton St, Lansdown Rd, Robertson Rd and Foster Street were audited in April after joint enforcement action by Police and Parking Services in March and showed a third reduction in obstructive / illegal parking. Mosques continue to promote their own traffic

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			Stapleton Road side streets St Marks Road (mosque) Braggs Lane Chelsea Road Kilburn Street Beam Street Beaumont Street Near Rawsley Park Brunswick Road	marshalling schemes and complaints and incidents have significantly reduced around Fox Rd, St Marks Rd, Chelsea Road / Kilburn St and St Gabriels Road. Follow on enforcement action in Napier Road / New Stadium Road in April led to no Fixed Penalty Notices or Penalty Charge Notices being issued due to much more responsible parking suggesting enforcement action in February sent a strong message. Multi-agency project focussing on problem caravans in St Werburghs has reduced live-in vehicles on Minto Road and St Werburghs Road but there is displacement to New Gatton Road and this will be a focus of joint work between Neighbourhoods, Police and Highways Enforcement over summer.
5	Street drinking and drug related anti social behaviour including <b>sex work and related rubbish</b> . (Propose adding 'sex work' as priority area).	Neighbourhood Forms Stokes Croft Traders Assn Easton and Lawrence Hill Forum Residents	Stokes Croft, City Road & Ashley Road	City wide audit and focussed delivery on Stokes Croft, Bear Pit and Ashley Road on June 5 <sup>th</sup> . Numbers remain low compared with previous years' statistics .
			Brunswick Square	Record of Action running. Tree works completed. Increased patrols by Police and Council staff. Anti-climb works and needle clearance completed. Successful conviction of tagger at location. Still trying to install CCTV. Rough sleepers engaged with and moved on as priority. Police CCTV now installed on Wilder Street to cover the cemetery monitored daily by Council / Police staff – no incidents recorded.
			Star and Garter, Montpelier	No new reports
			Warwick Road/ Fox Road	Improvements in cleansing contract in Waverley Street being negotiated. Organised clear ups in Fox Road and Waverley Road have allowed better monitoring of drug and sex litter. There has been no reported increase in the area despite a suspected displacement from recent vice initiatives along the Stapleton Road / Fishponds Road corridor.
			Gaunts Ham Park	Police leading on engagement and enforcement work in the park maintaining a high visibility presence. Multi-agency engagement days planned over summer.
			Dalrymple Green Space	No reports – very quiet over last three months.
			Somerset Square	Re-emerging problem and back on regular Streetwise patrol plans and PCSOs are visiting daily. As most problematic drinkers here are BCC tenants, Streetwise are working with BCC Housing around enforcement through tenancy conditions.
6	Drug dealing	Ashley Neighbourhood Forum		Focussed environmental work with Kier May Gurney and BCC Housing around Argyle Road. Maintaining increased visibility generally in hotpots areas such as Brighton St, Drummond Road and Grosvenor Road. Crimestoppers Campaign to

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		Residents		encourage reporting to begin in June.
7	Cycling on pavements	Neighbourhood Forums	Further details required from NP	<p>Cycling surgeries continue across NP area and now have engaged with over 1000 cyclists. Neighbourhoods staff leading campaign over summer for CHECK, USE, ADJUST advice to larger vehicles including buses and HGVs to properly use mirrors and maintain equipment standards as, research shows, a leading cause of cyclist death and injury. First Bus and Wessex trialling buses fitted with cycle eye electronic detection systems. Police continue to target irresponsible and illegal cyclists and vehicle users parking in cycle lanes or encroaching on cyclist only advance stop lines.</p> <p><b>RECOMMEND:</b>  <b>1 All NP Members to report through any cycling on pavements hot-spots so they can be targeted with cycling surgeries and enforcement.</b></p>
8	Noise after 11am	Quality of Life Survey & feedback from tenants	Redcliffe, Barton Hill, Lawrence Hill and Easton	<p>11pm is late enough initiative now ended across BCC high rise blocks with reduced on-going complaints.</p> <p><b>RECOMMEND:</b>  <b>1 NP and Neighbourhood Forums continue to pass details of emerging issues and hot-spots.</b></p>
9.	<b>PROPOSED NEW PRIORITY</b> Management of licensed premises and cafes including planning enforcement.	Residents	Premises operating within agreed opening times, within agreed planning conditions and with appropriate environmental health and trading standards. Lawrence Hill, Church Rd, Stapleton Road.	<p>Neighbourhoods acting as single point of contact to collate and assess problems to take to Licensing tasking group for improved BCC and Police response to emerging problems including underage sales, trading outside of hours and illicit sales including sales to alcohol dependent people outside of premises' licensing conditions and local initiatives.</p> <p><b>RECOMMEND:</b>  <b>1 NP members report all, non-urgent / on-going, issues around licensed premises to JA through Forums, NPs, E&amp;LH Management and SPU.</b></p>

## **St Pauls Learning & Family Centre - update June 2014 - Agenda Item 7 Appendix 3**

Much progress has been made with finding alternative ways of securing the future of the St Pauls Learning and Family Centre.

Following the budget consultation at the end of last year, the council agreed to find a new model of management to keep the Centre open without council subsidy in the longer term. We are on track to have the building managed independently from the council, with direct input from Centre users and the community, on a financially sustainable model.

### **Background**

We have worked with St Pauls Unlimited, who set up an advisory group, carried out a comprehensive survey and gave valuable support and advice. The survey results and the community's aspirations were included in the Brief that the council published in April 2014. Through this Brief, we offered organisations the opportunity to express their interest in taking on the management and lease of the Centre under Community Asset Transfer ('CAT').

The Expression of Interest Phase for the Community Asset Transfer of the Centre has now finished.

Organisations needed to demonstrate that the facility would continue to benefit the local community. The Ethical Property Company (EPC) was selected to advance to the business planning phase of the Community Asset Transfer. They were chosen because of their:

- significant experience of managing large and complex community buildings
- financial management capability
- support for working with the community and others to deliver the community requirements for the centre
- offer to build capacity to transfer centre management expertise to the community or community organisations.

A number of smaller organisations expressed an interest in playing a role in the Centre. EPC will contact them to see if they can work together.

### **What happens next?**

We have asked the EPC to submit a formal business plan. This business plan will need include cash flow forecasts, and projected space utilisation rates.

During the business planning period the EPC will agree a vision for the Centre with interested parties. EPC's business plan is due to be finalised during July.

Once the business plan has been submitted, we will conduct an assessment before making a recommendation to the Strategic Director of Resources, or Cabinet if the lease request is for longer than 35 years or the asset transfer is deemed a key decision.

During the Community Asset Transfer process the Centre will remain open as usual and the activities that take place there will continue.

It remains our aim that the asset transfer will be completed between September 2014 and March 2015.

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For the latest details about about the CAT process of St Pauls Learning and Family Centre please visit: [www.bristol.gov.uk/splfc](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/splfc)



## Agenda Item Number 7 – Appendix 4

### ASHLEY, EASTON & LAWRENCE HILL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

June 25<sup>th</sup> 2014

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

**Title:** Wellbeing Budget – Small Grants

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#### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Allocate £10,000 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 allocated £10,000 for this round of the Well-being funds allocated to small grants projects, following the allocation made during the first round of funding in June 2013.
2. Following the change in the make-up of the panel recommended by the NP at the March meeting, the panel was chaired by Abdi Mohamed representing the neighbourhood partnership. On this occasion Abdi was joined by two residents from Ashley, one resident from Easton and one from Lawrence Hill.
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. 17 applications were received in total. 14 were considered for the Well-being funding. 3 were not considered for funding.

5. In total, £27,229 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 and encourage young people of Ashley, Easton & Lawrence Hill to have a greater stake in their communities, developing leadership skills and problem solving skills. Proposals must be able to show they have been developed with young people or have come from young people themselves.
  2. Projects/activities where residents are self-organising to make something positive happen in the area. Activities that encourage local people to become more involved in and have a greater say about where they live. Applications from residents/resident groups to improve where they live.

Priority will be given to activities/projects which help to address the following NP priorities:

- a) Thriving neighbourhood high streets
  - b) Small scale neighbourhood initiatives which help community groups to be financially independent
  - c) Greater links with the Enterprise Zone
  - d) Improving the quality of the environment
  - e) Sharing skills and knowledge - projects, community research, visits, and skill swaps to help progress a local issue/priority or promote understanding.
3. Events/activities that bring together people from different communities who would not normally come together to build greater understanding and positive relationships, for example;
    - different ethnic or cultural backgrounds
    - younger and older people
    - people from different neighbourhoods

We will prioritise:

- a) Projects/activities where community groups from different ethnic groups come together to do a shared activity.
  - b) Projects/activities that bring neighbours from the same street, block of flats or small area from different backgrounds together.
  - c) Projects/activities which show 'leadership' in building positive community relations.
4. We will give grants to install and repair community notice boards
    - Applications for new community notice boards must be:
      - made by established neighbourhood/resident organisations who will maintain them.

- for areas that do not already have places to display public information.
- planning permission must be submitted within 6 weeks of confirmation of the grant being confirmed.
- A map showing the proposed location and the proximity to other locations where public information can be displayed must be included in the application
- It must be clear to members of the public/other groups in the area how they can use the notice board.

## **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.

## **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
Streets Alive		E		932.00	932.00	A worker to support to residents to hold 8 street parties and the purchase of equipment to facilitate these and additional future parties.
Rosemary Early Years Centre			LH	1800.00	1724.60	Subsidised Summer holiday trips for families in St Judes, The Dings, Old Market, Temple Meads areas.
St Werburghs Community Association	A	E	LH	975.00	975.00	Towards the organisation, equipment, and entertainment costs for the annual Picnic in the Park event, held at Mina Road Park.
Friends of Redcliffe			LH	900.00	900.00	Provision of two weeks of free summer activities for children, including provision of sports instructors and arts and crafts coaches.
St Pauls Unlimited	A			2000.00	2000.00	Towards the annual St Pauls Free Fireworks display
Redfest		E	LH	552.00	368.00	Publicity costs for the Redfest event. This event attracts residents from Easton, Lawrence Hill and St George West – hence reduction in recommended amount to account for publicity costs for areas outside our NP boundary.
Friends of Albion Park		E		394.76	394.76	Establishing edible gardens, bulb planting, a permaculture workshop and a new park sign.
Easton & Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Management		E	LH	1934.64	1934.64	Carry out improvement works to 30 community noticeboards across the two wards, ensuring a consistent presentation and access to information.
Corbett House Residents Association	A	E	LH	771.00	771.00	Summer outing for residents from all three wards.
<b>Total Suggested Award</b>					<b>£10000.00</b>	

## Appendix B - Summary of Grants Not Recommended for Funding

Organisation/Group	Wards Impacted by project			Grant Request	Project Summary
We Are Fest	A	E	LH	1745.00	Towards a film screening, to support a photography exhibition and provision of wristbands for subsidised skate hire at Bristol Pride Festival
Litterarti		E	LH	2790.00	Easton Community Centre mural art project
Make Devon Road Beautiful		E		2250.00	Community Wall Art project which would also hopefully act as a traffic calming measure
Refugee Women of Bristol	A	E	LH	995.00	A course on internet safety for refugee women
Bannerman Road Children Centre		E	LH	2470.00	Refurbishment of community room at Landsowne House

## Appendix C - Summary of grants not progressed to the panel

Organisation/ Group	Grant Request	Project Summary	Notes
Alternative Housing	£2,000.00	To develop a new residents group in Easton to enable tenants to be actively involved in decision making. The group would develop a community plan to address their needs.	Form not completed correctly. Project not finishing within timeframe of the grant.
Bristol Indian Association	£2,108.64	A weekly meeting for elderly people in the local area (Easton)	Form not completed correctly. Project not finishing within timeframe of the grant
Sure Dwellings	£2,431.00	A Mental Health awareness event in Easton	Refused due to group not having a constitution or other necessary policies.

## **Appendix D**

### **Summary of Well-being Grants process and applications**

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

- 14 applications were submitted to the grant panel for their consideration.
- 2 applications were not progressed because the projects did not fit within the required timeframe. Please see details above.
- 1 application was not progressed because there was no constitution in place and so the group were not eligible to apply.

#### ***Voting on grants and making recommendations***

Each panellist could award a maximum of 36 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 two conflicts of interest identified.