



AGENDA ITEM NO.3

Avonmouth and Kingsweston Neighbourhood Partnership

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RECOMMENDATIONS

To note the contents of this report

The Neighbourhood Partnership team have been busy again this quarter.

1. Engagement work –

Planning for the Wild City Events next year, the first Shire Forum, on going support for Ambition Lawrence Weston, the Lawrence Weston Community Network and the Lawrence Weston Planning Group, Work with the Four Villages Children's Centre as part of the advisory board and supporting to partnership Ambition LW Planning Day, working with library's and the toy library to share venues and resources, taking part in the Severn Net network, ongoing work with the North 1 youth forum and the North provider event, Community First Network, monthly NDTs, the Jobs and Enterprise workshop, taking part in community meetings at the Rock, work with Bury Court, attending SCAF community safety and forum meetings, working with Wild City, SCAF, other voluntary organisations and residents to plan the River Festival.

2. You said we did update – performance management update to be tabled.

3. Police update – verbal report.

Operation burner data [Appendix A](#)

4. Youth Forum

The North 1 Youth Forum continues to meet twice a month to address their issues. This quarter, as well as the second bidding round for their

Date	Payee	Brief outline of project	Project amount	Balance	Potential number of young people to benefit
10.07.12	Families in Touch	Priority - More activities for young people; application for 2 x football nets & 2 x bigger bikes for disabled young people to use to increase/improve exercise/coordination/soci alising	£200	£ 2,800	15
10.07.12	Avonmouth Sea Cadets	Priority- More activities for young people; application to buy 12 x buoyancy bags & throw bag (to store) to improve safety for young people whilst kayaking.	£200	£2,600	30
6.11.12	ConfidANC E	To deliver additional classes in Oasis School	£200	£2400	30
6.11.12	Juicy Blitz	Activities for anti bullying week, including t-shires and good bags	£500	£1900	70
6.11.12	Oasis School BASE	Chance for vulnerable young people to plan and deliver their own trip	£200	£1700	14
6.11.12	L Dub Phew	Sports equipment for the physical exercise equals well being group	£200	£1500	20

devolved funding, they have been busy working with the Station (central Bristol provision), Fix it (two projects one looking at children in care and the other transport) and the Youth Parliament. One member Venca Childs is standing for election as the North Youth Parliament Rep.

Results of the September bidding round are below

5. Consultation for Neighbourhood Planning designation

LW Planning Group have submitted an application for Lawrence Weston

to become a Neighbourhood Planning Area consultation regarding the boundary area began on 9th November and will continue until 21st December after which the opportunity to comment on the boundary of the area will close. For more information please visit

<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/page/neighbourhood-planning-bristol>

6. Community First

The Avonmouth Community First Panel met on the 17th October to appraise

8	Gas girls – Avonmouth people in the First World War	Acta Community Theatre	A community theatre project in Avonmouth in the new year, to engage local people of all ages in researching and exploring the history of the area in the 1914-18 war.	£1,500
9	Avonmouth Work Club	Avonmouth Work Club	Set up a work club to help people back into work	£1,499
10	Stomp Dance School	ConfidANCE	To pay for dance mats and other dance equipment	£624.95
11	Avonmouth Luncheon Club	Avonmouth CC	To fund the luncheon club	£1,500
12	Cohesion event	Wendy Cottrell / accountable body Avonmouth CC	Working with eastern European and established communities to bring them together	£850
13	Henacre Flat project	Ambition LW	To fund a worker to lead the development of the play flat and build capacity with residents to manage in the future	£1,500

£7474 was allocated, leaving £594 left to allocate this financial year.

7. Sustainable Transport Bids –

Avonmouth and Kingsweston did not do very well in the allocation of Sustainable Transport funding. An undisclosed amount (£20000 was applied for) has been agreed to part fund the Westbury Rd Crossing Scheme we are awaiting more information.

8. Beachley Walk

Beachley Walk is at risk of closure due to Oasis no longer being willing to manage the space. Meetings are being set up with current tenants to

investigate options.

9. SevernNet – SevernNet has been created from an initiative which began in 2009 to bring together local businesses facilitated by Kate Royston (Robbee Smole) and the National Industrial Symbiosis Programme (www.nisp.org.uk). The aim was to explore whether creating an opportunity for businesses to get to know each other better, and collaborate, could deliver economic benefits for the individual businesses and the area as a whole. The priority was improving utilisation of waste resources and has already saved companies in the area over £290,000.

Over 100 businesses and organisations from the Royal Portbury Dock to Severn Beach, large and small and representing diverse sectors have been involved in exchanging ideas and working together to cut waste and use resources better. SevernNet aims to spread this initiative to more companies and include community and travel as issues too.

At the launch event the Transport discussion was of great interest, as businesses feel that they need to be able to recruit staff from Avonmouth and Kingsweston, however due to the lack of transport and the lack of cycle and safe routes to work are finding it hard. The group agreed 5 key actions

1. To work towards defining the problem – looking at current patterns to work (and back home) including times, shift patterns and looking at the gaps (i.e. where people are not coming from)
2. To fundraise from local businesses to fund secure bicycle storage at the St Andrews Rd Train Station, which will enable people coming to work on the train to finish their journey off by bicycle.
3. To look at why travel plans are not being checked and in some cases implemented
4. To put travel planning maps up on the SevernNet Web.
5. To support the case for making Kingsweston Rd more accessible (linked to the S106 funds)

The Community Discussion was also of interest with the three main themes below

1. Local people: skills and connecting them with training, support, employers
2. Bus route beyond Avonmouth Village / Better and safer bike routes
3. Local sport and other facilities – halt / reverse decline in local facilities

Both groups agreed that they needed to develop into working groups to

look at how they carry this work forward.

- 10. **Bristol Youth Links Update** – update on the night
- 11. **Welfare Reform – brief update**

From April 2013 the Welfare Reforms will start to affect people. Here is a brief update of all the reforms – a booklet will be available on the night for those who want more information.

Benefit Cap – adults will be limited to a combined total of benefits totalling £350 per week, Couples to £500 per week. There will be some groups such as people who this will not apply such as claimants or their partners receiving a War Pension

Under occupation of housing – council and housing association tenants will receive less housing benefit if they are living in a property that is larger than they need, i.e. there are spare rooms. Children are not necessarily allowed a room all to themselves. Many people will need to move house, however there may not be enough smaller homes in Bristol to accommodate this change. People can rent out a room in their home, however if they charge more than £20 it will affect their benefits.

Non-dependant deductions – anyone over 18 who lives with you will result in a deduction being taken from your housing and council tax benefits. The amount varies depending on the non-dependants employment status, the benefits they are receiving or the amount of income they receive.

Universal credit – this is going to be a single payment that is made to working aged people and will replace Income support, income based jobseekers allowance, income related employment and support allowance, housing benefit, working tax credit and child tax credit. As mentioned above it will be capped at £350 per week for single people and £500 for couples. Universal credit is to be paid monthly in arrears in most cases and payments will be paid directly to the recipient. This means that they will be responsible for budgeting for and prioritising their rent.

The move across to universal credit will happen over a period of years starting October 2013 the start date had not been announced for Bristol. The transfer will happen in three stages. This means that there will be a period where some people will be getting universal credit and others still getting the benefits it will replace.

The government has said that universal credit will be digital by default, meaning that most of the access to universal credit such as making a

claim and managing payments will be done using an online account. In exceptional circumstances the DWP will help people manage their universal credit differently.

12. Proposed dates for next years Neighbourhood Partnership Meetings and Pre- meetings

NP meetings 7pm

Tuesday March 5th

Tuesday 11th June

Tuesday 3rd December

Tuesday 4th March

Pre-meetings 6.30pm

Tuesday 12th Feb

Tuesday 21st May

Tuesday 12th November

Tuesday 18th February.

APPENDIX (3) A

Operation Burner

Police records of reported incidents of antisocial behaviour (ASB) by beat across the Southmead & Avonmouth Neighbourhood Policing areas during the 9 days around Halloween and Bonfire Night, 2008-12.

	Beat 120 Shirehampton & Avonmouth	Beat 121 Lawrence Weston	Beat 122 Sea Mills	Beat 123 Henbury & Brentry	Beat 152 Westbury- on-Trym	Beat 153 Southmead	Beat 155 Henleaze	Beat 170 Stoke Bishop	TOTAL incidents	% change
2008	15	3	16	64	6	32	7	4	147	
2009	15	1	9	38	2	19	1	4	89	Down 39%
2010	4	5	7	8	3	13	2	2	44	Down 51%
2011	1	8	2	8	5	10	2	2	38	Down 13.6%
2012	4	2	4	2	0	11	0	2	25	Down 34.2%

Overall Reduction on reported ASB incidents 2008-2012 = 83%