



AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

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 this quarter.

The NP team have been busy consulting residents on a variety of issues this quarter. In December and early January Raquib and myself were joined by residents to carry out the Ridingleaze Shopping Survey which asked residents about their shopping habits, the Planning department needed this to assess whether or not it will be possible in planning terms for a Supermarket to be built as part of the College Site redevelopment. One hundred and eight residents were surveyed in the cold and rain. Ongoing work has included supporting Ambition LW, the Wild City Planning Group, the Coastal Communities Working Group, Localities Executive, and several strands of the LW Community Plan, the LW Over 50 Forum, the Noise, Penpole Residents Association, and the College Site Project Team. We have also carried out the first round of consultations with children regarding the play areas on Ridingleaze and Henacre in Schools and playgroups.

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

3. Police update – verbal report.

4. Community First

All funds for the 2012/13 financial years have been allocated. Consultation took place over the summer to find out the communities priorities and in the afternoon of 23rd March we will look at these results and look at the strategic needs of the area before agreeing the final funding priorities and pulling together a simple community plan for the Avonmouth Area. The meeting will start at 1pm and go on until 3pm at Shirehampton Public Hall. Anyone from the Avonmouth Ward is welcome to take part.

5. The North 1 Youth Forum continue to meet fortnightly.

Since December the forum have been focusing on two pieces of work -

1. Promoting and supporting Bristol Big Youth Vote 2013 (14th-25th January) (<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/page/children-and-young-people/bristol-youth-select-committee>) with local youth forum member Venka Child from Shirehampton running as a candidate in the elections. 17 young people from across North Bristol put themselves forward for 12 available places on the Bristol Youth Select Committee to represent young people across North Bristol, promoting individual manifesto's of issues important to young people. Elections results are due to be announced at an event at The Station on Friday 8th Feb. Newly selected Bristol Youth Select Committee members will then vote to select those who will also become Members of UK Youth Parliament (MYP's) & the two newly announced Youth Mayor's. North 1 Youth Forum members encouraged local young people 11-18 years of age to vote in the elections at local polling stations in schools and youth clubs and by planning and hosting a Bristol Big Youth Vote Event at Juicy Blitz on Thursday 24th January.

2. The forum have also been working with Fixers UK to design a social action campaign around the cost of bus fares (<http://www.fixers.org.uk/>) generating a number of ideas to highlight and action this issue which was raised as a priority issue affecting local young people. The youth forum are now working with the Fixers creative team to develop a campaign. They aim to complete this piece of work by the end of March - so watch out for more news! With the recent bus fare demonstration and launch of the Bristol e-petition its great to see young people contributing to taking action an issue effecting many across the city.

6. Celebrating Age Festival

Bristol's Celebrating Age Festival which starts this summer is looking for residents aged 55 or over to take part - with grants of up to £200 available to stage an event.

This year's festival which runs from June 24 to July 7 will be themed Brilliant in Bristol: Many Communities, Many Cultures, One City, to reflect the talent and the diversity of older people across the city.

Events will be taking place in all communities during the two weeks as well as a main Celebration Event at City Hall on Saturday June 29.

The Celebrating Age Committee is looking for people and groups with a range of talents to get involved - from singing, dancing or writing to craft making, gardening or baking. The intention is to have at least one event in every Neighbourhood Partnership area as part of the festival, and these events will be publicised in an event brochure across the city.

The festival is also looking for people who would like to promote their activity or sell their products at the Celebration Event on Saturday June 29 to apply for a free stall.

To apply for a grant to stage an event contact local Neighbourhood Partnerships for an application form or call Lorna Heaysman at Bristol City Council on 0117 903 6441, email lorna.heaysman@bristol.gov.uk . We would also like to hear from you if you are holding an event that does not require funding, but would like this event to be part of the festival.

Stallholders should apply to Claire Kennelly on 0117 927 6614, email claire@rem-events.com.

Closing dates for grant forms, details about your event for publishing or stallholder application returns is April 17, 2013.

7. Bristol Switch and Save scheme launching 21st February 2013

Bristol Switch and Save is a collective buying scheme aiming to move at least 5000 residents (and businesses on domestic tariffs) to better energy deals, helping them save money on their gas and electricity bills. Through collective bargaining with the Energy Companies we are likely to get a better tariff than through existing switching sites, and we take the hassle factor out of finding a better deal.

We are particularly keen to reach households who haven't switched energy supplier for some time (if at all), don't commonly use comparison websites and/or are confused about their options for buying energy. But any household could benefit – and the more people who join in, the greater our buying power on behalf of everyone. In similar schemes UK householders have saved up to £400 on their annual energy bills. Typical savings range from £125-£200 depending on circumstances and payment method.

How the scheme works, 1) register your interest through the website or use the freephone number provided, 2) Bristol Switch & Save will negotiate a tariff for the scheme for both fuel types and all payment types, 3) Bristol Switch & Save will contact you in April with the new tariff, 4) If this is better than what you are currently paying, you can agree to switch providers.

Website: www.bristolswitchandsave.org
Telephone: 0800 082 2234

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

NP meetings 7pm

Tuesday 11th June

Tuesday 3rd December

Tuesday 4th March

Pre-meetings 6.30pm

Tuesday 21st May

Tuesday 12th November

Tuesday 18th February.