



## AGENDA ITEM NO. 12

### Avonmouth and Kingsweston Neighbourhood Partnership

30<sup>th</sup> September 2013

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#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- To note the contents of this report
- To agree the current Neighbourhood Partnership Priorities

#### 1. Updates

Recent work has included the joint delivery of the very successful Wild City Riverside Festival on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June. About 500 people came to take part in a variety of nature based activities, such as making models out of drift wood, nature walks, foraging for wild food and much more. Children from all the local schools took part by producing work for the art trails along the whole of the Yellow Brick Road.

The previous Area Coordinator also supported the BMX Family Fun Day in August and helped secure £5,000 towards the repair of the BMX track. She also took the new BCC Policy Team around Lawrence Weston and continued to work with officers to influence the sale of the College Site and work towards a new Healthy Living Centre for Lawrence Weston.

## **2. Neighbourhood Partnership Priorities**

At the priority setting session on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July a discussion took place about what the Neighbourhood Partnership priorities and the Neighbourhood Working priorities should be for the foreseeable future. After some deliberation it was proposed the NP priorities should be as follows:

- To support all Neighbourhood Working priorities
- Community engagement and capacity building including community buildings
- Communication
- Provision for older people and young people
- Celebrating Diversity – community cohesion and identity
- Employment and Economy
- Improving the health of residents including access to local services

***Can the NP to confirm whether they agree/accept these as the current priorities?***

## **3. Lawrence Weston Youth Centre: Community Asset Transfer - Update**

A 2 week extension has been agreed for the submission date for the expression of interest in a community asset transfer of Lawrence Weston Youth Centre. The dates will be altered on the brief published on the website.

- Submission date is now Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October.
- Evaluation will take place 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> and interviews will take place on Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> October.

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#### **4. Bristol European Green Capital 2015**

Bristol was awarded the title of European Green Capital 2015 in June 2013. Only five other cities have received this prestigious award and Bristol is the first UK city to have held the title.

The award was given to Bristol because of its good track record of environmental improvements and its ambitious plans for more. Overall Bristol residents have the greenest lifestyles of any major UK city:

- More walk and cycle to work improving their health and reducing congestion,
- They produce less waste and recycle more,
- They have the lowest home energy bills,
- They enjoy Bristol's many green spaces, and
- Thousands are taking part in community and green initiatives making the city a better place to live.

Winning this award is an opportunity to improve the quality of life in Bristol and to create local jobs. During 2015 Bristol will hold a series of events and activities to celebrate the award with the planning starting this autumn. Ideas include:

- Holding exciting community events that everyone can take part in;
- Funding local projects that make a difference to the environment such as every primary school child planting a tree
- Hosting high profile international visits promoting Bristol and our businesses to create local jobs.

#### **What we would like from Neighbourhood Partnerships?**

We would like Neighbourhood Partnerships to start thinking about how they would like to celebrate the Bristol being the European Green Capital in 2015.

Do you have any events or activities planned that can incorporate a green theme? What projects and initiatives would you like to start in 2015 that can create improvements in the quality of life long after the year ends?

We would like to establish a Neighbourhood Partnership working group to bring together ideas for events and activities to ensure that the 2015

programme serves every community and ask that the partnership nominate one member to take part in this.

If you would like to hear more about the Award and how you can get involved contact Alex Minshull, Sustainable City Manager –  
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## **5. Upgrading of Local Bus Stops**

Below is a list of bus stops in Avonmouth and Kingsweston along the 501 & 502 routes that have been upgraded and the ones that will be upgraded in the future. They are being upgraded to include real time information, raised curbs and better shelters.

### **Stops that have been upgraded:**

‘Coombe Lane’ on Dingle Road (Eastbound and Westbound Stop) This borders on the Stoke Bishop Ward.

‘Tufton Avenue’ on Kings Weston Lane (Southbound)

‘Moor Grove’ on Long Cross (Westbound Stop)

‘Badenham Grove’ on Long Cross (Eastbound and Westbound stop)

‘Mancroft Avenue’ on Long Cross (Installed new shelter on Eastbound stop outside the flats)

‘Kings Weston Avenue’ on Kings Weston Avenue (Eastbound Stop)

‘The Bean Acre’ on Kings Weston Avenue (Eastbound and Westbound Stop)

‘Priory Gardens’ on High Street (Northbound and Eastbound Stop)

‘Hung Road’ on Hung Road (Northbound and Southbound Stop)

‘Nibley Road’ on Nibley Road (Westbound Stop)

‘Stroud Road’ on Nibley Road (Westbound Stop)

‘Dursley Road Terminus’ on Dursley Road

‘Napier Road’ on Avonmouth Road (Eastbound Stop)

### **Stops that are due to be upgraded:**

'Farr Street' on Avonmouth Road (Eastbound Stop)

Tuffton Avenue on Kings Weston Lane (Northbound Stop)

'Mclaren Road' on Mclaren Road (Westbound)

'Haig Close' on Westbury Lane (Eastbound Stop)

Shirehampton Green (Stop C) on High Street in Shirehampton Village

Top of Long Cross near the junction of Kings Weston Road ('De Clifford Road'). This stop is also due to be upgraded with a new shelter installation sometime in the future.

## **6. Active Neighbourhood Transport Grants - Round 3**

Please see **Appendix A** below for information about the third round of grants funded through Bristol's Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) - Active Neighbourhoods Programme

## **7. Confirmation of amended Neighbourhood Forum Dates**

Avonmouth Neighbourhood Forums (6.30pm)

- 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at Avonmouth Com Centre
- 11<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at Avonmouth Com Centre
- 10<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at Avonmouth Com Centre

Sea Mills Neighbourhood Forums (6.30pm)

- 10<sup>th</sup> Sep 2013 at Highgrove Church)
- 19<sup>th</sup> November – Venue TBC
- 11<sup>th</sup> February at Highgrove church

Lawrence Weston Neighbourhood Forums (6.00pm)

- 25<sup>th</sup> July at Lawrence Weston Youth Centre
- 24<sup>th</sup> October at Lawrence Weston Youth Centre
- 27<sup>th</sup> February at Lawrence Weston Youth Centre

## **8. Update on the Neighbourhood Partnership Review**

Following the completion of the Neighbourhood Partnership Review in April 2013 and the analysis of the review findings which were taken to the June round of Neighbourhood Partnership meetings, the Neighbourhood Partnership team started the practical work of crafting the change proposals

for strengthening Neighbourhood Partnerships and enhancing their ability to get things done.

We had originally planned to have some early conversations about this work with representatives of NPs during the summer, but as you will be aware, there is a great deal of work happening within the Council around how we manage the significant budget pressures moving forward and how the Council will work in the future, therefore this work has been delayed.

As it is important that any changes proposed to how the Neighbourhood Partnerships work will fit with the new organisational direction and structure, we have had to suspend our original timetable for completing our work until we know more about what the organisation will look like in the future.

It is our hope that we will be better placed to bring our change proposals to a wider audience in mid to late October.

## **9. Up-date from the Avonmouth PCSO Abigail Elliott-Taylor - FYI**

I have liaised with The Bristol Port Company again regarding the gates on Gloucester Road and this is what has been said:

The Port closed the Gloucester Road gates some years ago and we would not open them again for normal access to the docks. The Port Police will sometimes check on drivers and get them to move on if they are blocking the gates as we could in theory need to open them for emergency access. When we have spoken to the drivers in the past we have found that they are not coming to/from the port.

I have also made contact with the Inspector for the Port Police and asked that his officers visit the lorry drivers in this area and give advice and if necessary move lorries on. The Inspectors reply was :-

The Gloucester Road gates are shown as Access/Egress points in the Port Emergency Plan, I have no issues with advising drivers not to park contrary to signage or to prevent obstruction.

Is it worth approaching the council regarding a weight limit on traffic using those streets? If this issue was raised /requested by the forum the council may feel obliged to act.

I have said this is an on-going problem that the relevant department are aware of within the council, but I feel we really need to push this forward and get people from this department to come out and have a look at the area and review the access for lorries to this area as only last night whilst off duty I went past and there were nine lorries blocking the bottom end of Gloucester Road and the Port gates.

## **10. Lawrence Weston College Site**

The Area Coordinator (AC) has spoken to and requested an up-date on this site from BCC's Strategic Property Department. Negotiations between the Council and the City of Bristol College about S106 obligations are on-going. However, a written up-date from Strategic Property will be tabled at the meeting 30<sup>th</sup> September.

## Active Neighbourhood Transport Grants - Round 3

**Round opens 1st December 2013**

**Round closes 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

(Please note that all projects must be implemented **before April 2015**).

We are pleased to offer a third round of grants funded through Bristol's Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) as part of its Active Neighbourhoods Programme.

Grants are available from as little as £500 up to a maximum contribution of £3,000 and funding is limited.

Sustainable travel is important for individuals, communities and the wider environment. On a personal level, it can help us take short journeys on foot or by bike, increasing our activity levels to benefit our health as well as saving us money. For communities it can increase the numbers of people out on the street, making the streets feel safer and encouraging use of local shops and facilities. On a wider level, sustainable travel aims to provide attractive options for young people, commuters and older people alike, as well as improving air and noise quality in our city.

### **What are the main aims of the grant?**

Schemes need to be locally led and support the LSTF objectives by:

- Supporting and strengthening local economies (encouraging people to walk, cycle, or use public transport to travel to neighbourhood shops and services, rather than driving to other locations);
- Increasing physical activity to improve health, through greater use of walking and cycling for local journeys;
- Reducing unnecessary car trips and associated parking/pollution/congestion

### **Who can apply?**

Applications must be submitted by a constituted group, this could be a local resident groups, traders associations, voluntary and community groups, statutory organisations, or Neighbourhood Partnerships.

We are looking for bottom up, community led, projects, whereby project ideas come from local communities. We encourage applications that will address travel related issues within a particular local community, or a local shopping area, or by a particular group of people, with specific needs.

### **Examples of what could be funded:**

Grants awarded in round 1 and 2:



- Lockleaze, Ashley, Easton, Lawrence Hill and St George will benefit from a "Silver Cycling" programme This will help older adults get back on their bikes and rediscover the joys of cycling in a safe and sociable way;
- Greater Bedminster will develop a pocket park and art installation on East Street, to make a popular walking route both direct and pleasant;
- In Totterdown, cycle storage and park benches will be installed part way up the Wells Road, to encourage short journeys to local shops on foot and by bike
- Bristol Bike Project is running a project for young people between 11 and 17 to learn basic and advanced bicycle mechanics. They will apply this learnt knowledge as they restore and rebuild a safe and fully functioning bike for themselves.
- GoodGym Bristol is a new exciting community project whose aim is to use the energy that is normally wasted in gyms to benefit the community as a whole. They organise regular group runs and cycles to community projects during which they stop and help local community organisations.
- Hotwells and Clifton Community Association have renovated the City 'gateway' site of Cumberland Piazza, identifying key cycle routes, constructing information panels, creating webpages to complement each information panel, and put on an event increase the utilisation of existing cycle and pedestrian routes in the area by local people, commuters and visitors.

Two Community Interest Companies have been funded to develop projects to benefit the whole city:

- Roll for the Soul recently opened the Bristol Community Bike Café and Cycle Hub in Quay Street; and
- Playing Out will be able to reach more communities with their after-school street play project.

Other ideas could include:

- Events to encourage people to be more active and use the car less;
- Local groups working together to address particular barriers to active travel issues in their area;
- Grants can support a one-off initiative, or be used as 'seed' money to pilot a longer-term project; and
- Installation of a handrail on a steep hill to aid walking for older people.

These are examples of initiatives that have been previously funded, or could potentially gain future funding. However, be original and creative with your own ideas. Think about the issues in your local area and what is needed to solve them.

### **Examples of what will not be funded**

We will not be funding any infrastructure projects in this round of funding e.g. laying cycle/foot paths, pedestrian crossings, junction alterations, road widening etc. We will however consider applications for safe routes to schools projects.

### **Extra funding or match-funding**

The grant could also be used as a contribution towards more expensive schemes, if additional sources of money are available (for example a devolved neighbourhood transport grant, other national or local grant funding).

### **Contact us - for support with your application**

If you require advice or support with developing your idea, consulting locally or completing the form, please contact our Community Active Travel Officers:

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