



AGENDA ITEM NO. 16

BISHOPSTON, COTHAM AND REDLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

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Title: Neighbourhood Partnership AGM Report 2012-13

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RECOMMENDATION

To:

1. note the membership of the Partnership for 2012-13
2. note the terms of reference
3. agree appointments to sub-groups and other bodies and approve the revised sub-groups protocols.
4. note the devolved budgets and influence on services
5. note the Neighbourhood Partnership Action Plan/Priorities
6. confirm dates and times of meetings of the Neighbourhood Partnership in 2012/13

Context

1. Membership and chairing arrangements

- 1.1 Each Neighbourhood Partnership comprises (a) the Neighbourhood Committee of Councillors for each of the wards which make up the Partnership (who serve for their term of elected office) (b) local

resident representatives and (c) representatives of partner organisations. The membership of this partnership is:

a) Councillors:

Bishopston Ward

Councillor Knott
Councillor Willingham

Cotham Ward

Councillor Harrison
Councillor Negus

Redland Ward

Councillor Hance
Councillor Townsend

b) Partnership and local resident representatives:

There are currently provisions for members of the Partnership who are as follows:

Alison Bromilow	Redland and Cotham Amenities Society
Clive Stevens	Redland and Cotham Amenities Society
Angela Raffle/Hamish Wills	Sustainable Redland
Jenny Hoadley	The Bishopston Society
Liz Kew	Resident
Nick Clark	Resident
Javinder Singh	Equalities Representative
Alice Peck	University of Bristol
Inspector Keith Rundle	Avon and Somerset Constabulary

- 1.2 The Partnership is asked to note its membership (subject to any amendments arising from Agenda Item No. 2)

2. Terms of Reference

- 2.1 The Councillors on each Neighbourhood Partnership (who are the ward members for the partnership area) comprise a council committee called a Neighbourhood Committee, which has been given delegated powers to take certain local decisions by the Leader of the Council. The terms of reference of the Neighbourhood Committee are set out in Appendix A.
- 2.2 The wider Neighbourhood Partnership also has terms of reference, which are set out in Appendix B. Please note that the references to the Thriving Neighbourhoods Board are no longer relevant as the TNB no longer exists.

3. Appointments to sub-groups and other bodies

- 3.1 During 2011/12 the Partnership established the following sub-groups to assist it in its work:

Highways Task Group

Well Being Task Group

Gloucester Road Task Group

Communications and Engagement Task Group

Trees Group

Street Scene Group

- 3.2 It is recommended that these bodies be re-established for 2012/13, and that the Partnership approve the revised protocols as detailed at Appendix D.

4. Devolved budgets and influence on services, and financial operating framework

- 4.1 The following powers are devolved to the Neighbourhood Committee for decision:
- a) Highway maintenance and Minor Traffic works budget - £88,714 (Minor schemes - £25,714, Footway maintenance £63,000)
 - b) Wellbeing budget - £30000
 - c) Clean and Green budget - £1,500 and potential to bid into a £19,000 citywide pot
 - d) Section 106 budgets – approx £32,657.68
 - e) Influence on the council's waste and street cleaning contract.
 - f) Influence on the council's grounds maintenance service

- g) Influence on the work of Community Safety Officers
- h) Influence on the work of Neighbourhood Development Officers
- i) Area Green Space Plan Prioritisation
- j) Decision about whether parks land is surplus or whether it should be retained for recreation

4.2 Appendix C sets out, for information, details of the financial operating framework for the Neighbourhood Committee. This framework applies to devolved budgets, staff and services that Neighbourhood Committees can influence.

5. Neighbourhood Partnership Action Plan / priorities

- 5.1 Each Neighbourhood Partnership has an Action Plan with set of priorities. The purpose of the Action Plan is to:
- Provide information that Neighbourhood Committees can use to help inform the spend of devolved budgets including Wellbeing funding
 - Provide an overall picture of local need that could be used to consider future investment in the Neighbourhood Partnership area (for example to evidence the need for planning contributions, to form background information for external funding applications)
 - Identify service improvements needed within the Neighbourhood Partnership area
 - Identify partners that could be invited to work more closely with the Neighbourhood Partnership
 - Document information about long-term aspirations for the Neighbourhood Partnership area.
 - Provide a plan to help to target limited resources to and measure success against
- 5.2 The Bishopston, Cotham and Redland Neighbourhood Partnership agreed their action plan / priorities at the last AGM (see Area Co-ordinator's report for updated plan). The Partnership will invite the wider community to an event in 2013/14 to refresh the priorities.

6. Dates and times of Partnership meetings for 2012/13

- 6.1 The following dates and times for formal meetings of the Partnership (including the councillor committee) are as follows:

7pm Monday 22nd October 2012

7pm Monday 21st January 2013

7pm Monday 25th March 2013

Equalities Impact Assessment

1. A full equality impact assessment was completed with the original “Devolution to Neighbourhoods” report that went to Cabinet on 1st October 2009.
2. When councillors decide how the devolved funding 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 – Neighbourhood Committee Terms of Reference
- Appendix B – Neighbourhood Partnership Terms of Reference
- Appendix C – Financial and Operating Framework