

## **AGENDA ITEM 7**

### BCR NP 20.10.14 - Agenda item 7 - Trees

#### Introduction to the following pages

Paper 1). The one page letter from the Chair of the Bristol TreeForum which is being considered by all NPs across Bristol.

Since the recent budget cuts, NPs now have to take the initiative in finding sites, stumps, pits, verges etc (often using volunteers) and locating funding sources (e.g. S106 developer contributions, grants of various sorts and private money). To assist this process, all NPs are being asked to consider making trees a priority within the general prioritisation process that we understand all NPs are doing over the coming months.

Please note: In future, every time the Council fells a tree in our Neighbourhood, that creates a moral and financial obligation on BCR NP to either leave it to rot or organise its replacement.

Paper 2). The second paper is a progress report made by your very own BCR Tree Team on this year's tree re-planting program. 37 sites found, services searches being undertaken by the Council. Some sites involve opening up old covered over pits which Highways Dept. will need to verify (shown as status = trial). The cost for this is unknown, but we do have a private company that will fund this if it is within reason. It is expected that a few sites will fail these checks and so we won't be overspent.

Most of these sites were identified by residents responding to articles, word of mouth and adverts. Residents and community groups are putting in £99 / tree and the NP is putting in £200 (via well-being and possibly some S106).

It is hoped this is a great example of a Neighbourhood Partnership empowering and enabling people to get the right things done, which, we submit, is what NPs are all about?

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1. Letter from the Chair of the Bristol Tree Forum (Clive Stevens)

**Your Neighbourhood Partnership (NP) is requested to consider whether tree planting should become a priority in your Neighbourhood. You may decide tonight or request further information before deciding later in the year. Please communicate any decision or request to Richard Ennion (Bristol City Council).**

Dear BCR Neighbourhood Partnership,

In case you are not aware of Bristol's TreeForum; we are made up of hundreds of volunteers, councillors, officers and representatives from other bodies like the Universities. Our aim is to increase the tree cover of Bristol because recent studies show how important trees are to the health of residents in a city. Trees reduce air pollution, flood risk and the dangerous effects of summer heat-waves. Trees do have some downsides but nowadays these can be managed. Studies show the benefits of trees often outweigh the costs by five to one or more.

The TreeForum has been working on your behalf, behind the scenes, for some years now; securing developer contributions (S106 money) and working with the Council to come up with some simple and relatively inexpensive tree planting approaches. These are now ready and we can submit these new approaches to you if you wish.

You should note that there is no longer any available funding in the council specifically for new and replacement trees (including dead street trees and stumps). In light of this we are asking your NP to consider using devolved funding in the future to invest in trees in your neighbourhood. You may already have s106 contributions allocated for tree planting, and the Mayor's PiPS scheme may be planting trees in your area, you may also wish to allocate funds from your well-being fund. But some other sources will be easier to access if your NP decides that tree planting is to become one of your NP's Priorities. These other sources include BGC2015's initial tranche of £10,000, centrally sourced sponsorship, plus help in setting up local initiatives which NP3 (Henleaze Stoke Bishop and Westbury on Trym) and NP6 (Bishopston Cotham and Redland) are running pilots this year.

So I am writing to you to ask your NP to formally consider making trees a priority for your Neighbourhood. There is no urgency as we couldn't cope with all the remaining NPs signing up at once but if you do it will make it easier for you to improve the look of local streets, shops and parks.

## 2. Bishopston, Cotham and Redland Trees 2014/15 – 20.10.14

		Private	NP	Status
<b>BlackBoy Hill</b>	<b>2or 3xNEW</b>		<b>\$106</b>	
		Names erased for privacy reasons		
<b>Westfield Park</b>	<b>Stump</b>	<b>£99</b>	<b>£200</b>	
<b>St Oswald's Rd #16</b>	<b>Stump</b>	<b>£99</b>	<b>£200</b>	
St Ronan's	Stump	£99	£200	

* Woodstock Rd #64	Recent pit	£99	£200	
Edgecumbe Rd 2/4	Old pit	£99	£200	Trial
" 10/12	Old pit	£99	£200	Trial
" 11	Old pit	£99	£200	Trial
" 19	Dead tree	£99	£200	
" 20	Old pit	£99	£200	Trial
Northumberland#21/Edgec.	warranty			
" Opp #1	stump	£99	£200	
" Opp #3	Old pit	£99	£200	Trial
" #7	Old pit	£99	£200	Trial
" Opp #9	Old pit	£99	£200	Trial
" #38	Stump	£99	£200	
" #12	Stump	£99	£200	
Northumberland #47/49	Pit	£99	£200	
" #44/46	Stump	£99	£200	
Kersteman #25	Pit	£99	£200	
Carnarvon Rd #7	Stump	£99	£200	
" 32	Stump	£99	£200	
Cranbrook Rd #166	stump	£99	£200	
Clare Avenue 9&11	Old pit	£99	£200	Trial
" #3 – tree already replaced				
" #4	Pit	£99	£200	
Berkeley Rd/Berkeley Ave	<u>2 stumps</u>	£198	£400	
2BerkshireRd/Broadway Rd	stump	£99	£200	
Manor Rd 25 and 55	2 x warranty?	Warranty disputed by the Council		
Egerton Rd #69	stump	£99	£200	
" #51	stump	£99	£200	
" #120	stump	£99	£200	
Cornwall Road #1	Pit	£99	£200	
" ~25	Stump	£99	£200	
		£3,069	£6,200*	
<b>Totals: 36 or 37: BBHill = 2 or 3, Free = 3?, Services = 23 &amp; Highways trials = 8</b>				

\* Wellbeing money currently allocated to trees is £4,841