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## **Agenda Item 8**

### **Bishopston, Cotham & Redland Neighbourhood Partnership Plan**

Draft of first stage of plan

#### ***Explanatory notes:***

This is the first section of what will be the final plan, which will incorporate particular actions and projects and allow us to allocate officer time against particular actions once we have prioritised them for the next 12 months.

Below each section are some examples of the sort of topics that we anticipate will be covered by the headlines. It is not a definitive list- other ideas and projects can be added including projects which volunteers would like to take forward which will not require officer resourcing.

The sub groups eg C&E, Street Scene, will also add in projects and actions that are already being brought forward, or that they propose to bring forward at some stage in the future

In some (many) cases, there will be no projects to bring forward in the next year or so, because of lack of capacity or a project leader.

The projects will then be prioritised and resources allocated to bringing the project forward in the first year, the near future, or as and when resources and capacity can be found.

Methods of measuring the performance will also be put forward for each project as it is prioritised.

<b>1. Environment</b>	
<b>We want our community to have a healthy, clean, safe, well-maintained environment</b>	
1.1 Parks and Green Spaces	1.1.1. Promote improvements to Parks and Green Spaces 1.1.2. Ensure maintenance of Parks and Green Spaces 1.1.3. Tackle ASB problems in the parks 1.1.4. Identify opportunities for increasing number of green spaces
1.2 Street scene / public places	1.2.1. Ensure maintenance of streets and public places 1.2.2. Tackle pavement obstructions 1.2.3. Tackle ASB problems on streets 1.2.4. Promote Street Tree planting and maintenance. 1.2.5. Improve retail street frontage areas

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Projects could include supporting new planting and play equipment in parks, having an input into the Parks and Green Spaces maintenance programme for BCR, working with the police and council to tackle drug taking and dealing, alcohol consumption and litter problems in parks ,and looking for opportunities to green our streets by introducing ‘parklets’ and planters

Street scene projects could include achieving and maintaining improvements to streets though the work of the Street Scene Group and Street Scene Volunteers Group

Projects could tackle issues with Commercial Bins and establish procedures for reporting overflowing bins and recycling receptacles to BCC, tackle pavement obstructions including overgrown greenery, parking on pavements, A boards, fly tipping, flooding from blocked drains and include leaf and snow clearing

Projects could aim to reduce Illegal graffiti, Fly posting, Dog fouling, Litter, Street drinking, Drug dealing, Noise

Projects could aim to improve amenities in public places such as seating, planters, benches, notice boards, cycle stands

<b>2. Quality of Life</b>	
<b>We want everyone to have the opportunity to enjoy enriched lives in an economically thriving, inclusive community</b>	
2.1 Health	2.1.1 Identify and reduce barriers to a high quality of life for all sections of the community 2.1.2. Promote healthy activities
2.2 Personal safety	2.2.1. Raise awareness of organisations tackling domestic and sexual violence and abuse 2.2.2. Promote initiatives which increase safety and confidence
2.3 Arts, culture & education	2.3.1. Promote local arts where it is likely to appeal to a wide section of the community. 2.3.2. Encourage lifelong access to education
2.4 Housing	2.4.1 Promote housing that is good to live in
2.5 Community	2.5.1 Support local groups and organisations 2.5.2. Promote neighbourliness
2.6 Local Economy	2.6.1 Support activities that promote retail areas
2.7 Food Sustainability	2.7.1 Encourage food sustainability

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Projects could include work to address social isolation, poor air quality, lack of access to public conveniences, adverse HMO impacts

Projects could promote playing out schemes, walking for health initiatives, improving personal safety through engagement with police and other relevant non statutory organisations and increasing the amount of locally grown / bought food, including the use of allotments.

Methods to achieve good housing standards, including HMOs, and to promote additional affordable housing could be identified

The NP could work on methods of engaging with local traders' organisations to promote and protect our local shops etc

### **3. Community engagement and development**

**We want a community where everyone can get involved and have an influence on issues that affect them**

3.1 Communication and engagement between the Neighbourhood Partnership and people who live and work within the area	3.1.1. Identify and reduce barriers to engagement
	3.1.2. Widen awareness of and increase the number of people that engage with the NP
	3.1.3. Identify and share opportunities for community to influence decisions
	3.1.4. Identify and engage with local groups and organisations
3.2 Community facilities and activities.	3.2.1. Support the development of community facilities 3.2.2. Invest in community activities

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Methods of achieving NP and forum meetings that are accessible to all, by ensuring venues are accessible and clearly signed, and meetings are audible and papers are legible could be identified and adopted

Consideration could be given to alternative formats /days / times of day to help eg daytime workers and parents of young children to engage

The NP could identify and engage with groups under-represented in NP activities develop Student involvement with NP, engage with older people, and with younger people and utilise Neighbourhood Officer & Community Development Officer team to reach out to these and other groups

Communication could be improved by maintaining and growing the database of email contacts, maintaining the website and social media platforms, and publicising meetings through eg local newsletters and notice boards

Methods to increase opportunities for members of the community to feed into the NP could be identified and adopted including ways to work with existing community groups and encourage development of new groups and NP working groups

## **4. Traffic and Travel**

### **We want sustainable travel options and safer pavements and roads**

4.1 Highways	4.1.1. Promote road improvements
4.2 Public transport	4.2.1. Promote local train network
	4.2.2. Protect and improve bus routes and service
4.3 Safe and responsible road behaviour	4.3.1. Protect safety of pedestrians
	4.3.2 Tackle dangerous and antisocial behaviour of all vehicles including cycles
	4.3.3. Promote increased number of active travel journeys

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The NP can currently decide on 1 traffic scheme per year (or 3 for next 3 years) through a devolved budget

Other projects could include the promotion of public transport, eg of local rail services via Clifton, Redland and Montpelier train stations and lobbying for Ashley railway station, and lobbying for better bus services

Projects could promote Safe routes to school and school travel plans and safe, unobstructed cycle routes and facilities

Projects could identify key problem routes of cycling on pavements and of blocked cycle lanes, direct NPT police operations, and promote Community Speed Watch

## **5. Governance**

### **The NP be open to all, transparent and responsive**

5.1 Constitution	5.1.1. Be explicit about how NP works 5.1.2 Establish & support NP sub groups
5.2 Financial administration	5.2.1. Manage budget
5.3 N P Plan	5.3.1 Draw up, prioritise, publicise and review NP plan
5.4 Meetings	5.4.1. Document and publicise NP meetings
5.5 Relationship with other partnerships	5.5.1. Work with other NPs to reduce cross boundary issues 5.5.2. Work with other NPs to identify best practice
5.6. Relationship with the council	5.6.1 Ensure good communications with council officers, departments etc 5.6.2 Improve processes involving council departments etc

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The NP would carry out work to agree and publish constitution and the Neighbourhood Partnership Plan setting out the priorities and projects for a 3 year period

Support current NP working groups Parks/ C&E/ tree/ Traffic and transport/ street scene/ and encourage setting up of new groups for projects

NP will manage the budgets devolved to it e.g. locally devolved element of Community Infrastructure Levy/ small grants fund including the Well Being element

NP members will engage with other NPs in order to learn from each other and establish good practice methods

The NP will aim to set up cross boundary engagement opportunities particularly for groups/ communities that straddle NP boundaries

The NP will consult on and regularly review the Neighbourhood Partnership Plan to identify other projects or aims / aspirations to inform the Plan and to encourage

greater involvement in contributing to improvements of the neighbourhood by all local residents and organisations.