



AGENDA ITEM NO: 9

Cabot, Clifton and Clifton East Neighbourhood Partnership

Report of: John Atkinson Neighbourhood Working Coordinator

Title: Neighbourhood Working Update

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the CCCE NP considers action against the 10 Neighbourhood Priorities so far and feeds back.

1. Cabot, Clifton and Clifton East Neighbourhood Partnership were presented with a list of 24 local issues around community safety, environment and wider neighbourhood issues in their March 2013 meeting cycle. Over the following three months consultation was sought at Neighbourhood Forums, NP sub groups and other community events regarding these priorities.
2. Cabot, Clifton and Clifton East Neighbourhood Partnership voted for their top 10 priorities in their June 2013 AGM.
3. Progress against these priorities was fed back in the Partnership's October meeting where it was decided that

Graffiti and A-Board Obstructions should be dropped from the priority list and replaced by Cycling on Pavements and dividing the priority of Bins on Streets into two more specific priorities: Domestic Bins on Streets and Commercial Bins on Streets

4. The table that follows summarises a brief report of action so far against these priorities up to June 2014.

Priorities Summary Table

	Issue	Actions and work planned
1	Rough Sleeping	<p>Rough sleeping figures continue to be high across the city. Construction work in St James Barton Roundabout, (Bear Pit), has had a displacement effect and there has been an increase in rough sleepers in and around Broadmead particularly in the Nelson St and Fairfax Street areas as well as Castle Park. These are being targeted by Streetwise Team and the Broadmead Neighbourhood Policing Team with support from St Mungos Outreach. Other hotspots include Trenchard Street car park, Bus Station and XXXX. Citywide audit planned in for June 5th with early targeted rough sleeping outreach and enforcement on 4th and 6th June. A further 6 PCSOs have been trained around signposting to services for rough sleepers building on the training of Police and Council staff last year.</p> <p>Recommend: NP continue to report rough sleepers either through 101 (police), 0117 9222000 (Bristol City Council) or 0117 9440581 (St Mungos Outreach). Or report online at http://www.streetlink.org.uk/.</p>
2	Begging	<p>Begging figures are relatively static. Bath have recently started an alternative giving campaign which may reduce direct giving to beggars and increase numbers in Bristol. Neighbourhood Working continues to support Streetwise in reporting and signposting to services and several staff have given statements to support court action against prolific and persistent beggars over the last six months. Currently 9 Injunctions against beggars, 10 Anti-social Behaviour Orders, 5 Acceptable Behaviour Contracts and 5 court cases</p>

pending. Beggars will be targeted in the citywide audit on 5th June with CCTV, extra Police staff and 14 Neighbourhoods Officers supporting. Current hot-spots across Cabot, Clifton and Clifton East include: Queens Road, Broad Quay and Queen Charlotte Street.

Recommend: Report any beggars through to 101 / 9222000. Direct any people begging to the Compass Centre at 1 Jamaica St for help if safe to do so. Any NP members interested in having Homeless Survival Handbook to contact John Atkinson.

3 Street-drinking

Street drinking across the area is increasing with the warm weather but numbers still remain lower than the previous two years which is encouraging. Displacement from St James Barton works has displaced some groups to Castle Park and St Augustines Parade but these are being targeted by Police, Streetwise and support services. Currently there are 13 Anti-social Behaviour Orders, 4 Injunctions, 3 Acceptable Behaviour Contracts and 2 court cases pending against street-drinkers across the city. Exciting news about provision for street drinkers and other people with complex needs with Second Step being successful in bidding for Fulfilling Lives Funding of £10 million over 8 years with partner agencies: <http://www.second-step.co.uk/big-fulfilling-lives.html>. Also Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership have commissioned an Assertive Outreach Team to work with people with complex needs starting in April 2015. Between the two new services there will be a significantly enhanced 'offer' to alcohol dependent people causing anti-social behaviour.

Recommend: Report through any emerging hot-spots on 101 / 9222000. Please pass any problem Licensed Premises through to Bristol City Council through any Officer. Any off-licences or pubs selling to already intoxicated people will be dealt with. This has already worked in the Stokes Croft area.

4 Fast Food Littering

Kier May Gurney have altered their schedule for more time appropriate waste bin emptying at weekends to prevent them overflowing and this has made a significant improvement in hot-spot areas. All PCSOs working on late-shifts at weekends have been

briefed to target people dropping fast-food litter in hot-spot areas including 'Kebab Corner', Corn Street and Clifton Triangle. No Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued in the last three months. 'Which side of the fence...' anti-littering campaign had an online consultation which received over 1000 responses. This has allowed the Streetscene Enforcement Team to map out hot-spot areas identified by residents and businesses to target enforcement patrols by Bristol City Council authorised staff and Police staff over summer. These locations include: Clifton Triangle, Broadmead, Whiteladies Road and Park Street.

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| 5 | Domestic Bins on Streets | Focus on houses of multiple occupation and student houses through Student Community Partnership meetings. Moving out campaign and Bristol's Big Give are in place to prevent build-up of waste as students leave accommodation this summer. Waste Contracts Officers targeting houses and areas where recycling is poor to order new recycling bins and arrange 'Waste Doctor' visits. Streetscene Enforcement are investigating overflowing residual waste bins in Brunswick Square and Whiteladies Road and both areas are showing improvements with a more rapid response time to clearance and investigation. |
| 6 | Commercial Bins on Streets | Businesses in problem areas such as Marsh Street, Baldwin Street, Whiteladies Road and Upper Byron Place have been issued section 47 notices directing more appropriate waste disposal and this has led to improvements in all areas. All commercial bins across Cabot, Clifton and Clifton East have now been mapped and all will be issued with notices as and, providing commercial waste procedure is ratified at full council, PCSOs and all Neighbourhood Officers will be briefed with areas and conditions to report with any breaches of notices so inappropriately sited, poorly maintained and overflowing commercial bins. |
| 7 | Cycling on Pavements | Weekly 'cycle surgeries' across Cabot and Clifton have been very successful with over 1100 cyclists engaged with safety advice, free high visibility resources funded through |

Local Sustainable Transport Funds and responsible cycling advice. There will be a short break in this engagement over June as Police contribution will be tied up with Football World Cup contingencies. Initial research by Road Safety Officers suggests that since the introduction of 20mph limits in the city, that increasing numbers of cyclists are using the roads. PCSOs and Bristol City Council Neighbourhoods staff are now giving out 'check, use, adjust' leaflets to larger vehicles including buses and HGVs to encourage drivers to check and use their mirrors in a safe manner following information from Bristol Cycling Campaign that this is a major contributing factor in cyclist injuries and deaths. Police have been doing weekly enforcement operations in hot-spot areas giving out Fixed Penalty Notices to cyclists riding irresponsibly on pavements, ignoring red lights and riding in the dark without lights. This has been complemented by enforcement against vehicles encroaching into advance stop line boxes and, under Neighbourhood Working agreements, Parking Services are now working with the Police to more rigorously enforce parking in cycle lanes and clearways. CCCE Neighbourhood Officer has recently been successful in securing funding and ordering signs warning of enforcement against riding on pavements and these are movable so can be deployed in emerging hot-spot areas

Recommend: All NP members and Forums to pass on problem locations for more targeted work.

8 Burglary

Burglary prevention walkabouts and visual audits planned for hot-spots over summer. Police have got 'target hardening' resources funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner to help secure more vulnerable properties. Safety and security information has been sent out to students through Student & Community Partnership and there will be another drive on this during the moving in campaign and freshers weeks later this year including wider publicity around Immobilise property register.

9 Noise Nuisance

Domestic noise generally quiet over the area but expecting seasonal increase over summer. Noise advice, prevention and encouraging reporting leaflets going out to target addresses and will be revisited during student moving in campaigns at the end of summer.

		Publicity and education will also focus on highlighting the effect of noise nuisance by younger people walking home from pubs and clubs at night.
10	Bicycle Theft	<p>Bike theft education message also part of weekly cycle surgeries. Around 300 cyclists have signed up to the Immobilise register through these now. Police and Sustrans have both produced cycle theft prevention advice factsheets which have been distributed widely over the last six months. Police have secured extra funds through Police and Crime Commissioner for bike tacker units for 'capture bike' operations and funds for securing outdoor storage such as sheds. Bike theft has continued to rise across the Police sector.</p> <p>Recommend: NP suggest locations to target bike users who aren't the more theft aware commuters.</p>

Priorities de-selected from list:

1	Graffiti	Crimestoppers campaign with underwritten rewards for info leading to conviction of taggers. Four successful tagger cases so far –DIRT BTC, &THEN, LIC and EDGER. BCC officers doing legwork with Police when putting instances to perpetrators. Graffiti audit completed in Kingsdown in September – days of action following mid-October with dedicated clear up crews. Young Offenders completed around 30 reparation hours across CCCE in small scale graffiti clear up: Castle Park, Kingsdown, Stokes Croft, Park Street.
7	A-board obstructions	All hot-spots have been mapped. Area Coordinator working with Clifton Business Improvement Group to maintain improvements in Clifton Village. Denmark Street and St Augustine's Parade targeted in September with two days of engagement / education which had a short term improvement but enforcement action was considered with a seizure operation planned for December. Multi-agency education and seizure operation completed on Whiteladies Road in November

Priorities not yet selected with suggested future activities:

Robbery	Evidence suggests young people are mostly victims so focus on work in schools and colleges around awareness and safety. Could support Police with professional witnessing in hot-spot areas.
Possession of Drugs	Could support educative campaigns linked to Purple Flag and other night-time economy initiatives but little opportunities operationally.
Lack of Recycling by Houses of Multiple Occupation	Already being addressed through bins on streets work but, if selected as a priority itself there could be a real drive on direct work with problem households including 'Waste Doctor' visits and Area Environment Officer focus.
Taxis Parking Illegally	Neighbourhood Working already supporting Police and Parking Services around this problem on the city centre as part of other operations. If selected as a priority this could be enhanced with specific multi-agency operations around enforcement.
Dog Fouling	Priority in many other areas. Work to address includes engagement work with dog walkers, multi-agency publicity days with Dogs Trust and RSPCA and dedicated enforcement patrols – Operation Scoop with good outcomes elsewhere.
Illegal tobacco products	Neighbourhood Working assisting Trading Standards and Police in other areas to focus on this as often linked with organised crime.
Fly-postering	Statistics showing much reduced but still occurring over summer. Where this has been selected elsewhere it allows Neighbourhood Working to support Streetscene Enforcement team in evidencing and clearing sites.
Parking problems	A rather unknown quantity until RPZ are fully implemented. Work elsewhere in the

	city has involved joint parking operations between Neighbourhood Working, Parking Services and Police around obstructions and line infringements with good results.
Littering / ASB on College Green	Cross authorisation of Neighbourhood Working Officers allows for a big focus on this problem. It could be suggested the Neighbourhood Partnership select this priority in Spring 2014 to allow for the seasonal nature of the issue.
Barbecues	Seasonal problem on Brandon Hill and Durdham Downs. If selected it would allow time and resources for Neighbourhood Working to run regular patrols.
Buskers	Work currently being led by Community Safety Officer looking at opportunities through Licensing and Bye-laws. Would recommend this as priority as in-hand.
Skateboarders	Seems to have displaced to below M32 so not as significant a problem on CCCE. Complex legislation to deal with this could allow focus by Council staff and PCSOs.