



Agenda Item No. 12

DUNDRY VIEW NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

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Title: Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinators' Update Report

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) To note the progress of the unringfencing of devolved budgets**
- b) To note the changes to the Well Being Process**
- c) To decide how to allocate Green Capital Funding**
- d) To nominate one or two reps to be part of the Citywide Event Planning Group, and feed the NPs ideas for the day**
- e) To note the NP toolkit**
- f) To note the Electoral Review of Bristol**
- g) To note the walkability and greater streets letters supplied by Greater Bedminster Community Partnership**
- h) To note the changes to Bristol Youth Links**

1. Devolved budgets

- 1.1 The recommendation to create a single, consolidated neighbourhood budget from the local traffic scheme, wellbeing and clean and green budgets was presented at Cabinet on 2nd September 2014 and agreed.
- 1.2 This means that NPs will be able to allocate this neighbourhood budget to any local priority. This will also make it easier for the neighbourhood budget to be spent alongside CIL.
- 1.3 S106 funding will still need to be spent as in the original agreements with the planners.

2. Well Being Fund

- 2.1 The Neighbourhood Management Service has recently undergone a restructure, as part of the £90million cuts required by the Council. This has resulted in fewer people and resources being available to service the Neighbourhood Partnerships. To ensure that an effective service is still available to all Neighbourhood Partnerships several administrative processes are being put in place at a City Wide level. The first of which is the way that we administrate the Well Being Fund.
- 2.2 To ensure that all NPs get the same level of support the following changes have been made.
 - All completed applications will be sent to Heather Williams HWCP who will coordinate with the central admin team this varies from other NP.
 - All application forms now contain the same questions, as do all monitoring and other Well Being paperwork. NPs will still decide on their priorities and maximum grant levels.
 - Applications will be sent out via email to the appraisal panels/Wellbeing Subgroups at an agreed time before the group convenes. If appraisal panel members do not have access to a computer then hard copies will be sent, however this will be the exception and not the rule.
 - Panel members are requested to read the applications before the panel meeting and make notes of any comments and/or issues they have with the project and bring them to the meeting.
 - The Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator will supply no more than 2 copies of each application at the appraisal panel meeting;
 - The discussion and assessment process will take place in the same way that each NP usually does this, the two paper copies will be used to clarify any details.

- Following decisions made at the NP meeting by the Neighbourhood Committee, all Offers of Grant funding will be sent out by the admin team, who will be the link for ongoing communication.
- Monitoring forms will be sent to projects every 6 months for projects to complete.

3. Green Capital Fund

3.1 As discussed at the July NP meeting, each Neighbourhood Partnership has been allocated £10,000 of Green Capital Funding. This is to fund projects from January to December 2015.

3.2 Projects will contribute to the following priorities.

- Increasing people's access to affordable, healthy, sustainable food
- Enabling more people to access affordable energy
- Inspiring and educating people about nature and how to care for it
- Providing activities and initiatives that help people re-use, repair, and share materials
- Helping people discover more sustainable transport (eg walking, cycling or public transport)

3.3 The NP is requested to take the recommendations of the Pride of Place on how to allocate this funding.

a) To allocate funding through a process that mirrors the Well Being Fund. This process would take place alongside and at the same time as the Well Being Process. If this option is your preferred option then you will need to agree a maximum amount of grant. (NB, the NP makes the final decision on Green Capital Funding)

4. City Wide Event

4.1 The fifty Resident NP members and Councillors who attended the two Review meetings in August agreed that they would like one big City Wide NP Conference per year. The request was that resident reps and Councillors lead the planning of the event, which should include opportunities for networking, showcasing good practice as well as key training activities, and that the Neighbourhood Management service supports the organisation and development of the event.

- 4.2 To get things moving the first NP citywide event planning group meeting will take place at City Hall 15th October (NPs that are planned after this date will be notified via email before their meetings).
- 4.3 **The NP is requested to nominate one or two reps to be part of the Citywide Event Planning Group, and feed in your NP's ideas for the day.**

5. Neighbourhood Partnerships Toolkit

- 5.1 Each NP is different, and it is not within the remit of the NP Review to change how NPs are managed locally. If your NP would like to look at local governance arrangements such as NP membership, size, number of subgroups etc., we will be putting together a tool kit which you could work through with your NP Coordinator to explore different models.

6. Electoral Review of Bristol

- 6.1 The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has formally commenced an electoral review of Bristol City Council. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the review and seek your views on future electoral ward boundaries for the council.
- 6.2 The Commission is carrying out a review to deliver electoral equality for voters across the city. At present, some city councillors represent many more or many fewer, electors than their colleagues elsewhere in the city. The review aims to correct those imbalances.

What is an electoral review?

- 6.3 The electoral review will recommend new electoral arrangements for Bristol City Council. In particular, it will propose:
1. The total number of councillors elected to the council in the future.
 2. The number of wards.
 3. The number of councillors representing each ward.
 4. Ward boundaries.
 5. Names of wards.

When?

- 6.4 22nd July 2014 was the start of a ten week public consultation during which the Commission is inviting proposals for new warding arrangements. The consultation closes on 29 September 2014. After

considering all representations made during this consultation, the Commission intends to publish draft recommendations in December 2014. There will then be a further period of consultation on the draft recommendations. Final recommendations are expected to be published in May 2015. The new electoral arrangements will come into effect at the local elections in 2016.

How to get involved?

- 6.5 This is a public consultation and we welcome views from individuals and organisations across the city on where they think new warding patterns should be drawn.
- 6.6 The Commission is minded to recommend that 70 councillors should be elected to Bristol City Council in the future. It is now inviting proposals to help it draw up a pattern of wards to accommodate 70 city councillors.
- 6.7 In drawing up a pattern of wards, the Commission must balance three criteria, which are set out in law, namely:
- To deliver electoral equality where each city councillor represents roughly the same number of electors as others across the city.
 - That the pattern of wards should, as far as possible, reflect the interests and identities of local communities.
 - That the electoral arrangements should provide for effective and convenient local government.
- 6.8 We are asking local people and organisations for their views as to the best pattern of wards for the city which meet the requirements set out above.
- 6.9 The Commission will treat all submissions equally and will judge each case on its merits and against the statutory criteria. If you wish to put forward a view, we would also urge you to ensure that your submission is supported by evidence. For example, if you wish to argue that two communities should be included in the same ward, make sure you tell the Commission why they should be together, providing evidence about community facilities, ties, organisations and amenities, rather than simply asserting that they belong together.
- 6.10 There is plenty more advice on our website about how you can get involved in the consultation and put your views forward. Log on to www.lgbce.org.uk to find out more. The website includes the technical

guidance that explains the process and our policies as well as guidance on how to take part in each part of the process. We have set up a page on our site which is dedicated to the review of Bristol where you can find all the relevant information.

- 6.11 You can also access interactive maps of the current ward boundaries across the city on our specialist consultation portal. The portal also allows you to draw your own boundaries, mark areas of interest on the map and upload documents directly to the site. Log on to www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk to access the portal or find it via our main website.

Get in touch

- 6.12 We encourage as many people and organisations as possible to get involved with the consultation and we encourage local organisations and parish councils to engage their local networks and communities in the review.
- 6.13 View interactive maps of the city, draw your own boundaries and have your say at our specialist consultation portal at: www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk.

Find out more about the review at: www.lgbce.org.uk.

Email your views to: reviews@lgbce.org.uk.

Follow us on Twitter at: [@lgbce](https://twitter.com/lgbce).

Write to:

Review Officer (Bristol), Local Government Boundary Commission for England, Layden House, 76-86 Turnmill Street, London, EC1M 5LG

7. Greater Streets and Walkability work Greater Bedminster

- 7.1 The Greater Bedminster Community Partnership are encouraging other Neighbourhood Partnerships to learn from their best practice around walkability and look to extend the work in to surrounding Neighbourhood Partnerships such as Dundry View.
- 7.2 Please see attached letter and checklist from the Chair of Greater Bedminster (appendix 12a and 12b)

8. Bristol Youth Links

8.1 A wide range of changes to staffing are taking place at the council.

New Bristol Youth Links Commissioning Post

8.2 Les Compton has left his post of Team Manager for Quality Management and Service Development of Bristol Youth Links as of 22nd August. Interviews for a new post of Commissioner – Children's have taken place and we will be sharing news of the appointment shortly. We expect the post-holder to start work this autumn.

Changes to the Bristol Youth Links 'in-house' team

8.3 The Bristol Youth Links team of three Senior Practitioners, previously managed by Sophia Jamal, will, from the 1 October, each be managed by one of the three area Early Help Manager posts. Sophia's post as manager of the in-house team will no longer exist and Sophia will move into the vacant East Central Early Help Manager post.

8.4 As well as providing youth and play voluntary sector development in their areas, Senior Practitioners also manage staff responsible for specialist areas of work including youth participation (the youth forums and Youth council), anti-social behaviour and BME. For an updated list of specialisms, please see this page on our web site:
<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/page/children-and-young-people/bristol-youth-links-contacts>

Your local Senior Practitioner contacts continue to be:

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To the Chairs of Neighbourhood Partnerships across Bristol

Dear Chair,

This is an invitation to talk to us.

The Greater Bedminster Community Partnership is developing a network of green walkways across Southville and Bedminster wards. We are aiming for 30 miles by the end of 2015. We will be encouraging local people to remove clutter from the streets and add more planting, community gardens and art work. We will seek to improve signage, add seats and other features.

We think that this will benefit all residents, but especially older people who often find our streets intimidating and difficult and children who, compared to earlier times, are often not allowed to venture into their own community unescorted.

Many of our ideas are drawn from other cities, but we are also aware of the **Walking Strategy for Bristol: Our Vision for 2011-21.**

A network in two wards may be a good start, but we need a city-wide network. In particular, GBCP wants its network to extend into the NPs next to us, ie Dundry View; Filwood, Knowle & Windmill Hill; Ashley, Easton & Lawrence Hill and Cabot, Clifton & Clifton East. But, we are also very interested in ideas that may be brewing in other NPs.

Please get back to us if you are interested in discussing how we might progress with a city-wide network of green walkways and let us know if you have already embarked on a similar programme. We'd love to pinch your ideas (sorry, learn from your experience).

Attached is **Our Great Street Check List** which, we hope, will shortly be adopted by our management board. We are already inviting residents to mark their street against this. As you would imagine, many streets already score highly, but some have a long way to go.

Responses, please, to the GBCP Secretary on benbarker@blueyonder.co.uk

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours etc,

Stef Brammar and Matthew Symonds,
Co-Chairs of GBCP.

10 September 2014



c/o Southville Centre, Beaufey Road, Bristol, BS3 1QG

The 10 points below have been consulted on across the Greater Bedminster Community Partnership. That consultation will continue and a final version (we are pretty close) will go to the partnership meeting on September 22 2014 for adoption.

Our Great Street Check List

1. Most people know most people, at least to nod and smile to, and residents of all ages interact freely and feel safe and welcome in the street. Lots of people walking and cycling.
2. Lots of Good Garden Awards with interesting and bright gardens, window boxes and hanging baskets.
3. Minimal obstructions, dirt and clutter on the pavement.
4. Considerate car parking and car speeds within the law.
5. Any odd spaces developed as 'community gardens' rather than fly-tipping opportunities; art work on some walls.
6. Communication – street noticeboard, emails/social media, face-to-face meetings.
7. Sharing, swapping, street library etc.
8. Informal support networks, eg baby sitting, taking in parcels, lifts for older people, garden advice.
9. At least one BBQ, street party, playing out or other community event per year.
10. Organised into a residents' group, neighbourhood watch etc linked to wider area networks such as the neighbourhood partnership.

How does your street do?