



AGENDA ITEM NO 13.

DUNDRY VIEW NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) Note the update on the Neighbourhood Plan**
- b) Note the update on the local Forums, the Forum stocktake and review**
- c) Note the progress on the City wide event and the need to book your place**
- d) To make a decision on tree replacement on Bedminster Down open space**
- e) To note the production of the Traffic Choices website**
- f) Note the update on the Equalities training**
- g) Note the date of the Mayors visit to Dundry View**
- h) Note the Bristol Budget consultation for 2015/16**
- i) Note the update on the Grounds Maintenance consultation**

1. Neighbourhood Plan

1.1 It was agreed at the last NP meeting that the partnership would develop a refreshed action plan covering the next three years.

This plan would:

Identify the partnerships aspirations for the area and some challenging

goals; Contain all of the partnership's priorities and the evidence underpinning them in one document; Be clear about what the partnership has to do, what it would be nice to do and what the partnership can and cannot do; Direct the allocation of funding and resources managed by the Neighbourhood Partnership towards the achievement of partnership priorities; Guide the partnerships work over the next 3 years; Identify where central or additional support is needed to help the partnership achieve its priorities; Identify where Neighbourhood Partnership alliances can be formed and resources shared to address common priorities; Help us to know what we have done well.

1.2 What has happened so far?

The draft plan with themes has been circulated to the Neighbourhood Partnership board for comment. The Environment theme has been discussed at the Pride of Place theme group. A table discussion on the plan has been held at each of the three neighbourhood forums and an open event was organised for a Saturday morning 22nd November, unfortunately it was very poorly attended even though 500 flyers/email invites were sent out.

The draft plan is on the NP13 website with details on how to comment. Paperwork around each theme has been produced and given out for comment.

1.3 Future Work

The NPC will collate all the comments and suggestions from the community and produce a plan for 2015-18. The NPC will ask for final comments on the plan in Feb 2015. The plan will then be presented at the March NP meeting.

2. Neighbourhood Forums, Stocktake and Review

- 2.1 November saw the latest round of neighbourhood forums lively discussions were had at all three. Attendance at the Hartcliffe Forum was lower than at the other two forums. The Agenda included the libraries consultation, neighbourhood plan work, a police update as well as the opportunity for local residents to raise issues.
- 2.2 The Neighbourhood Management Service has been looking at how well the neighbourhood forums in each area are being delivered against certain key criteria.
- 2.3 A meeting was held on 1st December 2014, with Police colleagues and some local residents who are regular Forum attendees
- 2.4 The purpose of the meeting was to assess the current performance of the forums against criteria which are relevant to the world of

today.

- 2.5 We are no longer compelled to have forum for a fixed frequency a year – we do however want to achieve meetings that are well run that encourage active citizenship and effectively engage with local residents.
- 2.6 The forum is no longer just somewhere for reporting issues. Issues should be reported as they happen through the call centres and websites and collected through engagement work.
- 2.7 The Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator will use the information to have a conversation with NP's about future engagement work in the area as part of the neighbourhood plan process, which is described in this report.

3. City Wide Neighbourhood Partnership Event 7th February 2015

- 3.1 On the 15th October the Citywide Event Working group, discussed and agreed the following
The Citywide NP event will take place on Saturday 7th February 10am – until 4pm (lunch will be provided). It will be limited to people involved in NPs and NP working groups, with approximately 150 spaces offered on a first come first service basis. The event will be held at Circomedia, St Pauls Church, Portland Square. It will be strategic in nature and will be made up of several workshops/discussion forums, such as planning, CIL, communications and marketing NPs , transport planning, sharing best practice. Participants will be able to take part in several different discussions/workshops throughout the day and the Mayor has been invited to take part in part of the day.
- 3.2 The working group will be meeting several times before Christmas to firm up the agenda and finalise the activities, and your representative on the working group will be communicating with you to keep you in the loop at all times.
- 3.3 If you are interested in attending the event on the 7th please pencil in the date, and your Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator will be sending you the link to book your ticket in mid-December.

4. Trees on Bedminster Down

- 4.1 There is a group of Horse Chestnut trees located adjacent to the junction of Bedminster Down Road & Bishopsworth Road on Ilchester Crescent open space.
- 4.2 The group used to be 3 rows thick of the same species. The condition of the trees has worsened and BCC have slowly removed

a few. The overall condition of the group is now moderately poor with some individuals in greater or lesser condition. The longer term prognosis of these trees is a slow decline in both vitality and structural stability.

- 4.3 I have been asked if the NP funds can help with any replanting costs, if all the trees need to be removed. Every new tree planted would cost currently £270 this includes the tree, planting and 2 years maintenance. As a NP you may also consider this in a wider scheme around the possible new children's play provision at the rear of Ilchester Crescent.

5. Traffic Choices

- 5.1 James Coleman presented Traffic Choices and the new Tracker system to the partnership Highways theme group. The system keeps track of highway issues which have been reported to the partnership, and which issues are chosen by the partnership for prioritisation with Bristol City Council. Once an issue is chosen, the tracker shows how the council is working on it, and any progress.
- 5.2 The tracker's main purpose is for the minor traffic schemes budget, but it will also keep track of any CIL/S106 works taking place within the area. All issues for Dundry View have been updated with discussions from the meeting, and this can viewed on the tracker:
<https://tracker.trafficchoices.co.uk/partnership/Dundry%20View/show>

6. Equalities Training

Neighbourhood Partnership equalities training will take place in the New Year. Details will be shared when they become available.

7. Mayors Visit

- 7.1 It is being proposed that the elected Mayor undertake a further visit to the NP area in 2015, the current date given to the partnership for the visit is 1st May 2015.
- 7.2 It is suggested that it will be a meet/greet/conversation in a static location and then a visit to a school and then a couple of other identified key sites/projects that the NP would like the Mayor to visit.
- 7.3 The Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator will liaise with the Mayors office and the NP to help organise and facilitate the session. Suggestions on localities and organisations to be including on the visit should be forwarded to the Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator.

8. Bristol Budget Consultation for 2015/16

People in Bristol are being invited to have their say on Bristol City

Council's budget proposals for next year.

Released on, Monday 17 November, the proposals mark the start of a process towards setting the council's budget for the 2015/16 financial year. They include savings required to meet the council's three-year financial strategy, which was approved last year and includes just over £80m of savings due to government funding cuts and an increasing demand for services.

There is good news for the coming year as a one-off pot of £3.9m is available because more Council Tax than expected was collected this year. This is mainly due to a review of single person discounts in the city. Because future forecasts will take this in to account the money is only available once, making it unsuitable to commit to ongoing running costs.

Bristol Mayor George Ferguson will be presenting options for this and asking for other ideas as part of the consultation. The consultation won't be asking for detailed rankings of all savings proposals for the year, as these were discussed as part of last year's budget conversation and remain in place as part of the three year strategy. There have been no savings proposals added.

In line with the council's three year plan, there is a proposed Council Tax increase of 1.95%, about 50p per week for an average Band D home.

The published proposals include the Mayor's initial proposals for spending the £3.9m, taking in to account that it will only be available once, making it less suitable for running day-to-day services in the long term:

Mayoral Commissions - £1.6m

During 2014, four independent Mayoral Commissions on Fairness, Education & Skills, Housing and Sport made recommendations for improving these areas. They joined the Mayor's continuing Women's Commission.

Some of the recommendations would have a one-off cost attached, and the Mayor proposes to use this fund to translate those recommendations in to action.

The recommendations are currently being assessed, and over the next few months the Mayor will discuss further how the money can be allocated.

Libraries For the Future – Investment of £1m

The council is currently taking part in a city-wide consultation on shaping Libraries for the Future. This is a real opportunity for the people of the city to influence how the service moves forward to ensure it better meets the needs of Bristol's communities.

This is a one-off investment to support the outcomes of this process, ensuring the council can invest in the ideas that come from it.

Bristol 2015 - European Green Capital Legacy £0.5m

Bristol is European Green Capital for 2015. This would create a £500,000 grant programme specifically targeted at legacy projects across the city. Suggestions as to how this might be invested are welcomed.

Closer joint working across the city region £0.3m

This funding would support opportunities to join-up more council services across the wider Bristol and Bath city region, helping make more joined-up decisions across borders to ensure better value, take advantage of national funding opportunities and to make the most of local services.

Supporting better rail links for the city – Development of Business Case £0.3m

With the MetroWest project underway, the ongoing development of rail links into Bristol is an important aspect of the city's infrastructure. This proposes £300,000 funding for a feasibility study/business case for development of local rail, including the Henbury Loop.

Bristol 800 Celebrations £0.1m

2016 is a year of many anniversaries, including the 800th anniversary of the first Mayor of Bristol and 250 years of the Bristol Old Vic. In this year of great significance for the city, our aim will be to celebrate the anniversary over 50 weekends which will take place in all Bristol's communities. This will be a year the whole city will own.

Feasibility Study for Further Development of Colston Hall £0.1m

Propose to allocate £100,000 to support the Colston Hall Trust, by funding a feasibility study into the restoration and further development of the hall - focussing not just on opportunities for development, but also the ability to secure third party external funding.

People can take part in the consultation by visiting www.bristol.gov.uk/budget. Paper copies are available in local libraries and Citizen Service Points across the city. They can also be requested by post by contacting 0117 922 2848.

9. Grounds Maintenance

We had hoped we would be in a position by now to work with you to influence the grounds maintenance service for 2015. But getting our staff team up to strength since we restructured has taken longer than we anticipated. So we are not yet ready to have the conversation with you.

We need to focus on bringing the contract inside the council and once we have done that we would like to come back to you in March 15 to agree how you can influence the new service moving forward.

We're sorry that the timing hasn't worked out but we will make sure we keep and build on all the great input you have given us so far. – Tracey Morgan, Service Director Environment & Leisure”