



## AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

### FILWOOD, KNOWLE AND WINDMILL HILL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

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#### Recommendations

**This report is from the Area Co-ordinator. It is for information and decision and Neighbourhood Partnership members are recommended to:**

- 1. Agree Response to Bristol Temple Quarter Enterprise Zone.**
- 2. Agree Response to MetroBus and South Bristol Link Approval**
- 3. Agree Response to Application for Bristol Studio School.**
- 4. Note Neighbourhood Forum Updates.**
- 5. Note 20 MPH Update.**
- 6. Note Neighbourhood Partnership Review Progress Report**
- 7. Note Bristol City Council Budget Consultation Update**
- 8. Note Round 3 of the Active Neighbourhood Transport Grant**
- 9. Note Knowle West Regeneration Framework Update**
- 10. Note Byelaws Update.**

#### **1. Agree Response to Bristol Temple Quarter Enterprise Zone.**

Open since 2012, the 70 hectare Bristol Temple Quarter Enterprise Zone lives on the border between Knowle and Windmill Hill. The Enterprise Zone aims to create 4,000 jobs in its first 5 years and 25,000 jobs in total by 2037.

350 businesses within the zone benefit from Superfast Broadband, business rate relief, low rent incubator units and simplified planning arrangements.

Proposed investments in the area include the £70 million 10,000 capacity arena to be completed in 2017 and the redevelopment of Bristol Temple Meads railway station.

The growth of the Enterprise Zone brings an opportunity for the Neighbourhood Partnership area to benefit from planning gain, training and job opportunities; and better transport links.

The zone will also bring the threat of increased parking in the areas adjacent to the zone as employees or those attending concerts park in the area.

**Recommendation:**

The partnership agrees to become involved in this strategic development and work to negotiate benefits and concessions for the partnership area.

**2. Agree Response to MetroBus and South Bristol Link Approval. See appendix a.**

Bristol City and North Somerset councils have approved the South Bristol Link which will see a new road being built between the A370 in Long Ashton and Hengrove Park, and new cycle and pedestrian paths.

The Link will allow the delivery of the North Fringe to Hengrove MetroBus route from Cribbs Causeway to Hengrove via Bedminster and Knowle West which will be completed winter 2016. The Ashton Vale to Temple Meads MetroBus route has also been approved.

These developments will bring opportunities to the Neighbourhood Partnership such as improved and faster transport links to the centre; faster transit to the area from outside Bristol increasing the incentive for larger businesses to relocate to the area; planning gain, training and job opportunities; and increased house prices.

It is recommended that the partnership becomes involved in these strategic developments and negotiates benefits and concessions for the partnership area.

**Recommendation:**

The partnership agrees to become involved in these strategic developments and negotiates benefits and concessions for the partnership area.

### **3. Agree Response to Application for Bristol Studio School Update. See appendix b.**

The Park Centre, Filwood, alongside the Local Enterprise Partnership, the Social Enterprise Group and Weston College would like local groups to support their application to Government for the Bristol Studio School.

This would be a small school of 300 pupils aged 14-19 years teaching practical vocational qualifications linked to employer's needs. This school would be situated at the Park but would take pupils from the whole of Bristol.

If the bid is successful the school would open in 2015.

#### **Recommendation:**

The Partnership decides its response to the Bristol Studio School request for support for its studio school application.

### **4. Neighbourhood Forum Updates.**

#### **Knowle Neighbourhood Forum Public Priorities**

Agreed 1 October 2013

- Graffiti in the lane between Withleigh road and Somerset Road, and the lane between Beaconsfield Road and Somerset Road
- Speeding vehicles on Sylvia Avenue (top part)
- Parking and Road Safety issues at Ilminster EACT Academy (school times)

#### **Filwood Neighbourhood Forum Public Priorities**

Agreed 6 November 2013

- Nuisance vehicles across the whole of Filwood.
- Anti-social behaviour at Knowle West Health Park.

#### **Windmill Hill Neighbourhood Forum**

Agreed 11 December 2013

- **Outbreak of graffiti across Windmill Hill ward particularly on Windmill Hill and St Luke's Road Railway Bridges.**

- **Drug dealing in telephone boxes on Windmill Hill and Somerset Terrace**

## **Escalated Policing Priorities**

**Filwood and Windmill Hill:** Drugs Plan – (Lead – PS Sweeting)  
**Filwood:** The Mede and Inns Court

## **Filwood No Drinking Zone Update**

The No Drinking Zone is now being enforced and stickers put on lampposts.

## **Future Neighbourhood Forum Meetings:**

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Meeting Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Knowle	10 January 2014 7 pm to 9 pm	Redcatch Community Centre
Filwood	5 February 2014 7 pm to 9 pm	Knowle West Health Park
Windmill Hill	5 March 2014 7 pm to 9 pm	Star and Dove, 75 Saint Luke's Road

## **5. Note 20 MPH Update.**

The informal consultation process for Filwood, Knowle, Windmill Hill, Brislington and Ashton Vale was held between January and June 2013. Officers attended the Neighbourhood Partnership and Forum meetings and undertook a series of public displays in the local libraries during February and March 2013. This gave local people the opportunity to find out more about the proposed introduction of 20mph and voice their opinions on which roads they felt should not be included in the scheme.

The draft plan for the proposed 20 mph rollout for this area was taken back to the Neighbourhood Partnerships in June 2013. The next step is the Speed Limit Order process. This began at the end of November 2013. As part of this process there will be a formal consultation which is planned to be held in February 2014. The proposed implementation date for this phase is April/May 2014.

## **6. Note Neighbourhood Partnership Review Progress Report.**

As you will know there were a wide range of findings from the Neighbourhood Partnership consultation we undertook earlier this year.

The further development and implementation of some of the findings around governance and devolution have not been actively progressed due to the

timing of both the Bristol City Council 3 year budget and the Boundary Review of Bristol.

The Boundary Commission will, following the conclusion of their review recommend future ward boundaries and councillor numbers that take into account changes to the city's population and the introduction of the mayoral governance model.

We are inputting the perspective of Neighbourhood Partnerships into these wider discussions but clearly cannot progress anything independently of such significant citywide reviews.

However, there are areas of the review findings which the team have worked on which can be progressed within the current context:

- Training for NP members.
- Using resources more effectively.
- Making forums work better.
- Improve equalities understanding and performance.

We will work with partnerships over the next period to deliver the above.

## **7. Bristol City Council Budget Consultation Update.**

The City Council's budget for the next three years will focus on delivering vital services and investing in the future of Bristol.

However the city faces a difficult challenge to save £90m due to cuts in government grants and an increased demand for our services.

The Mayor of Bristol and Cabinet have examined all of the council's income and expenditure and published a full set of budget proposals which went to public consultation 18 November to 30 December.

A budget would be tabled at BCC Cabinet meeting on 16 January 2014 that would incorporate any changes made following the public consultation. The Cabinet would then recommend a budget to the 18 February Full Council meeting for agreement.

## **8. Note Round 3 of the Active Neighbourhood Transport Grant.**

You are reminded that the third round of Active Neighbourhood Transport Grants is open and runs until 28 February 2014.

Local constituted groups will be able to bid for grants from £500 to £3,000 to encourage sustainable travel:

- Supporting and strengthening local economies (encouraging people to walk, cycle, or use public transport to travel to neighbourhood shops and services, rather than driving to other locations);
- Increasing physical activity to improve health, through greater use of walking and cycling for local journeys;
- Reducing unnecessary car trips and associated parking/pollution/congestion;
- Safer routes to school projects;
- Contribution to other sustainable transport related projects.

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## **9. Note Knowle West Regeneration Framework Update.**

The Knowle West Regeneration Framework is currently being delivered through a number of projects within the area including:

### **Filwood Park**

Approximately 150 new homes are expected to be delivered on the curtilages of Filwood Park. Outline planning consent is in place, and a developer has been selected although contracts will not be signed until February. Housing delivery is unlikely to commence before the end of 2014. Improvements to the public park have commenced.

### **Filwood Green Business Park**

Access works completed. Tenders for construction contract now received. Construction works due to commence on site by February 2014.

### **Filwood Broadway**

A supermarket developer/operator is still being sought for the former garage/bingo hall site.

### **Marksbury Road College Site**

A new 420 place primary school is to be built and is due to open September 2014. Demolition of the site has started and will be completed before March 2014. Discussions on the health centre and residential aspects of the development continue.

## **Kingswear and Torpoint**

A planning application was agreed 27 November 2013 for the development of 71 homes on the Kingswear and Torpoint site together with improvements to local open space and play provision.

## **Land to the rear of 45-75 Novers Park Road**

Scheme of 15 houses for affordable rent is being developed by Curo with Halsall Construction as the contractor. Building works are in progress and due to be completed April 2014.

## **Eagle House Youth Club, Newquay Rd**

Eagle House Youth Club has passed through the first stage of the BCC Community Asset Transfer process. The group of local residents and Community in Partnership can now submit a formal bid to have the asset transferred into community ownership.

## **Mede Community Centre**

The Mede Community Centre has formally had its name changed to the Inns Court Centre. A new business plan is being developed and BCC has provided a lease on adjacent land and funding for new learning and play provision at the centre managed by the Knowle West Children's Centre.

## **Lost and Found**

Grant funding has been secured by the Knowle West Media Centre from the Local Sustainable Transport Fund for the local signage and way finding project in Filwood that will see the installation of innovative street and route signage in Filwood.

## **Cloverdown**

A planning application has been submitted by Curo for the construction of 28 affordable dwellings and associated works at the former Cloverdown Care Home on Kenmare Road.

## **Kwads**

Kwads, which was started 19 years ago in Filwood to support the families of those suffering from drug or alcohol abuse has merged with Hartcliffe's Hawks to form a new organisation called Hawkspring drug and alcohol support service. The merged service will be delivered from @symes, Hartcliffe, meaning that the Kwads accommodation in Filwood has closed.

## 10. Note Byelaws Update.

Following public consultation Bristol has collated byelaws based on the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) model and held informal discussion with the government prior to formal submission by Full Council.

The new suite of byelaws would be applied to approximately 430 of the city's parks and green spaces as recognised in the Council's Parks and Green Spaces Strategy (2008) and a small number of additional sites.

Byelaws are needed to tackle activities of an antisocial nature that cause considerable nuisance to park and green space users and other residents or that damage the environment or wildlife.

They can only be introduced if there is good evidence to show that the issues to be addressed are a significant problem for people in Bristol which cannot be effectively resolved using existing powers.

There is no intention to use byelaws to restrict people's freedom to use parks green spaces or other sites for recreational positive or agreed activities.

These byelaws and evidence of need have been submitted to the DCLG informally for comment and discussion. Once DCLG agree that the evidence threshold for byelaws has been reached Full Council will be asked to formally agree and submit Bristol's proposed byelaws to the Secretary of State for approval and sealing.

The issues that will be covered in the Bristol byelaws are:

- Moving or displacing structures, plants, turf, stones, seats, etc.
- Unauthorised erection of barriers, structures, posts, rides, building, or other structure
- Climbing wall, fence, tree, barrier etc.
- Kill, injure, take, or disturb animals; hunting etc.
- Camping in tent, caravan or vehicle
- Fires/Barbecues
- Throwing missiles or devices liable to cause injury.
- Motor vehicles driven on area without permission
- Over 14 years of age in a designated younger children's play area/ over 14 years of age using equipment in younger children's play
- Ball games
- Fishing in watercourses, ponds etc.



- Making loud noise to annoyance of others
- Shouting or singing
- Playing musical instruments
- Playing loud music
- Person in an area outside of its set opening times
- Overnight parking
- Grazing animals
- Interference with local authority lifesaving equipment
- Riding horses
- Cycling
- Skateboarding or similar activity to annoyance of others
- Archery
- Field Sports
- Golf
- Bathing in watercourses, ponds etc.
  - Boats in watercourses, ponds etc.
- Pollution in watercourses, ponds etc.
- Blocking watercourses
- Flying model aircraft
- Landing/taking off aircraft, hang gliders, hot air-balloons
- Holding or taking part in any public show or performance
- Obstructing council employee in their duties or other users of the sit
- Removing persons from grounds

The police and designated council officers will have the potential to enforce byelaws in a transparent, accountable, proportionate and consistent manner; and only where enforcement is needed.

As more work needs to be done to clarify the status of each park and green space, provide sufficient evidence for byelaws at each location and to detail the evidence collecting and enforcement powers of council officers, proposed byelaws will not be submitted to Full Council until at least March 2014.

# South Bristol Link

## Planning application approved

Bristol City and North Somerset councils have both approved the South Bristol Link planning application. This follows on from the approval of the Stoke Gifford Transport Link by South Gloucestershire Council in September and completes another stage of the MetroBus network.

"The approval of the application marks a major step forward for the West of England MetroBus plans. As well as providing a new public transport route, the South Bristol Link helps connect homes to jobs across the area and creates more investment opportunities for new and existing companies. We will now get on with the details, working closely with local residents to keep them in touch along the way. The level of support from residents and businesses for the project has been unprecedented for a development of this type," said Brian Allinson, Chair of the Joint Transport Executive.

## Interest from bus operators

An advertisement went out in the trade press in October to ask for expressions of interest from bus operators to run the MetroBus service. Six expressions of interest were received and we will be holding further talks with these companies working towards a partnership agreement during 2014.

Operators will need to work with us to deliver a new, high quality and environmentally-friendly fleet of vehicles.

## What happens next?

The next phases for South Bristol Link:

- **December 2013 to summer 2014** tendering and appointment of contractors
- **Spring to summer 2014** possible Compulsory Purchase Order inquiry
- **August 2014** confirmation of prices for Full Approval bid
- **Autumn 2014 to winter 2014** railway underbridge works
- **October 2014 to winter 2016** main construction
- **Winter 2016** opening of scheme





Artistic impression of King Georges Road

## What are the MetroBus routes?

**The South Bristol Link** is a combined road and rapid transit bus route that travels between the A370 in Long Ashton and Hengrove Park. It includes new cycle and pedestrian paths along the whole of the 4.5km route.

**The North Fringe to Hengrove** route will connect key employment hubs (Cribbs Causeway, Aztec West, Bristol & Bath Science Park and Bristol city centre) with key residential areas in the north and south of the city (Bradley Stoke, Stoke Gifford, Emersons Green, Bedminster, Knowle West and Hengrove).

The **Ashton Vale to Temple Meads** route will provide frequent services from Long Ashton Park and Ride to Bristol Temple Meads and around Bristol city centre.

## Ashton Vale to Temple Meads route moves forward

The Transport and Works Order for the Ashton Vale to Temple Meads (AVTM) MetroBus route has been granted by the Secretary of State for Transport. This decision gives the West of England authorities (Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire) the powers to deliver the AVTM busway.

Councillors Brian Allinson, Mark Bradshaw, Elfan Ap Rees and Caroline Roberts, members of the West of England Joint Transport Executive Committee issued a joint statement:

"This is a hugely significant milestone for MetroBus and a compelling endorsement of the project. It is a major milestone and means we can move forward with confidence on the Network in order to bring about a significant step change in the provision of public transport in the area."

"It has been a long process - we have been developing the plans since 2006 - and has only been achieved by virtue of our shared commitment to joint working to deliver benefits to the whole area."



Artistic impression of proposed new bridge at Bathurst Basin

Following a Public Inquiry in summer 2012 the independent inspector's report states "I conclude that the case for making the Order is compelling and in the public interest."

## New route

**The original AVTM route was reviewed by Bristol City Council in early 2013. This was in response to concern about its impact on the Harbourside and Prince Street Bridge. The review recommended that MetroBus should go along Cumberland Road, Commercial Road and Redcliff Hill instead.**

Consultation on the revised route was held in summer 2013. A planning application for the revised route is expected to be submitted to Bristol City Council by the end of 2013. You will be able to comment on it then through the official planning process.

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## Bristol Studio School

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2013

Dear Colleague,

A group of interested parties has come together to create the momentum to submit a bid to the Department for Education for a Bristol Studio School. The initial idea came from The Park, The LEP Social Enterprise Group and Weston College. Others, representing Business, Education, Young People and the community are also involved.

Studio Schools are a new type of state school that has been developed in partnership with local and national employers, leading education agencies and government. They are small schools of around 300 students aged 14-19; and with year-round opening and a 9-5 working day, they feel more like a workplace than a school. Studio Schools have been designed to equip 14 -19 year olds with the knowledge, skills and experiences they need to succeed in life and work.

Studio Schools are an important new option for young people of all abilities and offer academic and vocational qualifications taught in a practical and project-based way. They offer a new approach to learning involving enterprise projects and aim to bridge the gap between education and employment amongst 14 to 19-year-olds, who benefit from practical learning. They offer a real alternative to traditional learning and they are making a big difference to the lives of young people up and down the country.

The school would be available to the whole of Bristol and, if approved, will open in Sept 2015.

Sufficient money has been contributed by various supporters to resource the bid. The Studio Schools Trust has been formally notified that an application is underway and Gail Khan, a consultant, with an impressive track record of successful bids, has been engaged to co-ordinate the process.

In order to gain approval, the bid will need to demonstrate the maximum possible support. Gail and other members of the team will now begin to explore multiple avenues through which to let people know what is proposed and invite them to get involved in making it happen.

The team will be contacting key individuals and groups to arrange further discussions and during early 2014 we will be hosting a number of consultation



## Bristol Studio School

meetings, which we hope will generate further momentum and contribution to our application.

If you would like further information at this stage please email me at; [clive.harry@theparkknowle.org.uk](mailto:clive.harry@theparkknowle.org.uk).

For more detail on Studio Schools see; [www.studioschoolstrust.org/](http://www.studioschoolstrust.org/).

We will be back in touch early in the new year.

Kind regards

**CLIVE HARRY**

Clive Harry (Strategic Director – The Park)