



AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

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. **Note the Neighbourhood Partnership Action Tracker. See Appendix A**
2. **Decision Bristol European Green Capital 2015**
3. **Decision Eagle House Community Asset Transfer**
4. **Note Neighbourhood Partnership Review Progress Report**
5. **Note Neighbourhood Forum Updates.**
6. **Note Proposed Residents Parking Scheme Update for Windmill Hill and Knowle.**
7. **Note Round 3 of the Active Neighbourhood Transport Grant**
8. **Note update on Neighbourhood Working**
9. **Note National Democracy Week Event Invitation 15 October**
10. **Note Knowle West Regeneration Framework Update**

1. **Neighbourhood Partnership Action Tracker. See Appendix A**

The Neighbourhood Partnership Action Tracker shows the status of the actions generated at Neighbourhood Partnership meetings.

2. Bristol European Green Capital 2015

Bristol was awarded the title of European Green Capital 2015 in June 2013. Only five other cities have received this prestigious award and Bristol is the first UK city to have held the title.

The award was given to Bristol because of its good track record of environmental improvements and its ambitious plans for more. Overall Bristol residents have the greenest lifestyles of any major UK city.

Winning this award is an opportunity to improve the quality of life in Bristol and to create local jobs. During 2015 Bristol will hold a series of events and activities to celebrate the award with the planning starting this autumn.

Ideas include:

- Holding exciting community events that everyone can take part in;
- Funding local projects that make a difference to the environment such as every primary school child planting a tree
- Hosting high profile international visits promoting Bristol and our businesses to create local jobs.

What we would like from Neighbourhood Partnerships?

We would like Neighbourhood Partnerships to start thinking about how they would like to celebrate the Bristol being the European Green Capital in 2015.

Do you have any events or activities planned that can incorporate a green theme? What projects and initiatives would you like to start in 2015 that can create improvements in the quality of life long after the year ends?

We would like to establish a Neighbourhood Partnership working group to bring together ideas for events and activities to ensure that the 2015 programme serves every community and ask that the partnership nominate one member to take part in this.

If you would like to hear more about the Award and how you can get involved contact Alex Minshull – alex.minshull@bristol.gov.uk

Recommendation

- That the NP generates ideas on what it would do to celebrate the European Green Capital
- That the NP nominates 1 or 2 members to sit on a European Green Capital 2015 working group.

3. Decision Eagle House Youth Club Community Asset Transfer

The council recently transferred responsibility for delivering Bristol Youth Links services to a range of organisations across the city. Bristol Youth Links providers have identified the locations they will use to deliver their services and are making use of a range of community based facilities.

The pattern of delivery within youth and play centres currently managed by the council leaves them underused and empty for much of the week. This is not a good use of a community asset and is not cost effective.

This means that through the [Community Asset Transfer Policy \(CAT\)](#), the council has invited voluntary and community organisations to bid to manage Eagle House, Newquay Road to bring local benefit, with priority to children and local young people.

The council published a call for expressions of interest on 13 August 2013 with an extended closing date of 7 October.

Bidders will then be shortlisted, with the successful organisation asked to submit a full Community Asset Transfer proposal. Full details can be found at:

<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/page/children-and-young-people/bristol-youth-links-community-asset-transfer>

The process for decision making is as follows:

Full brief for Eagle House Youth Centre published	Monday 12 August 13
Expressions of Interest to be submitted	9 am Monday 7 October 13
Panel evaluation and shortlisting	7-8 October 2013
Panel Interview date *	Thursday 10 October 13 (venue and time to be confirmed)
Successful organisation invited to proceed to Stage 2 by	Friday 11 October 13
Submission date for business plan by	By Monday 9 December 13
Latest date by which BCC provide decision on success of CAT proposal	7 February 14

The Neighbourhood Partnership is asked to identify a member who is able to participate in the panel evaluation and shortlisting on 7/8 October and the interviews on 10 October.

Recommendation

- The Neighbourhood Partnership agrees to nominate a member to participate in the panel evaluation and shortlisting on 7/8 October and the interviews on 10 October.

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4. Note Neighbourhood Partnership Review Progress Report

Following the completion of the Neighbourhood Partnership Review in April 2013 and the analysis of the review findings which were taken to the June round of Neighbourhood Partnership meetings, the Neighbourhood Partnership team started the practical work of crafting the change proposals for strengthening Neighbourhood Partnerships and enhancing their ability to get things done.

We had originally planned to have some early conversations about this work with representatives of NPs during the summer, but as you will be aware, there is a great deal of work happening within the Council around how we manage the significant budget pressures moving forward and how the Council will work in the future, therefore this work has been delayed.

As it is important that any changes proposed to how the Neighbourhood Partnerships work will fit with the new organisational direction and structure, we have had to suspend our original timetable for completing our work until we know more about what the organisation will look like in the future.

It is our hope that we will be better placed to bring our change proposals to a wider audience in mid to late October.

5. Neighbourhood Forum Updates.

Windmill Hill Neighbourhood Forum

Agreed 26 June 2013

- **Graffiti (Council led)**
Outbreak of tagging within the Windmill Hill ward particularly on Windmill Hill and St Luke's Road Railway Bridges.
- **Heavy Goods Vehicles cutting through Angus Road (Council led)**

Knowle Neighbourhood Forum Public Priorities

Agreed 5 July 2013

- **Graffiti**

In the lane between Withleigh Road and Somerset Road, and the lane between Beaconsfield Road and Somerset Road

Filwood Neighbourhood Forum Current Public Priorities

Agreed 7 August 2013

- **Nuisance Motorbikes (all times)**

Nuisance motorcycling on Leinster Avenue, Downton Road, Wexford Road, Kenmare Road, Donegal Road, Glyn Vale, Lisburn Road and Galway Road.

- **Nuisance vehicles**

Lisburn Road and Connaught Road - (all day, every day)

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.

Future Neighbourhood Forum Meetings:

Ward	Meeting Date & Time	Venue
Windmill Hill	18 September 2013 7 pm to 9 pm	Broad Plain
Knowle	1 October 2013 7 pm to 9 pm	Knowle Community Association
Filwood	6 November 2013 7 pm to 9 pm	Knowle West Health Park

6. Proposed Residents Parking Scheme for Knowle and Windmill Hill.

The Mayor has proposed that a Residents Parking Scheme (RPS) be introduced across a large swathe of inner Bristol with the aim of controlling commuter traffic and encouraging the use of alternative forms of transport.

Although it was originally proposed that Knowle and Windmill Hill would see a decision made on their scheme in June 2014, the Mayor has

decided that more work needs before this is progressed any further.

The Mayor has stated that Neighbourhood Partnerships and residents will be consulted during the development of area based plans.

Studies of parking capacity in the area will be carried out in 2014, but the scheme will not be taken forward to consultation without approval from the Council's Cabinet.

7. Note Round 3 of the Active Neighbourhood Transport Grant

A third round of Active Neighbourhood Transport Grants will run from 1 December 2013-28 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

Examples of what could be funded:

- Lockleaze, Ashley, Easton, Lawrence Hill and St George will benefit from a "Silver Cycling" programme This will help older adults get back on their bikes and rediscover the joys of cycling in a safe and sociable way;
- Greater Bedminster will develop a pocket park and art installation on East Street, to make a popular walking route both direct and pleasant;
- In Totterdown, cycle storage and park benches will be installed part way up the Wells Road, to encourage short journeys to local shops on foot and by bike
- Events to encourage people to be more active and use the car less.

If you need support to make an application please contact:

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8. Note Update on Neighbourhood Working

The Neighbourhood Working Coordinator for south Bristol has been appointed.

Caroline Hollies and Emily Smith (who will job share) will work with the 5 south Bristol Neighbourhood Partnerships to help them identify 10 challenging and longstanding problems each that the partnerships have had difficulty in addressing, and do focused work with a number of different agencies to resolve them. They will regularly report back to partnerships on their progress.

The Neighbourhood Working Coordinator will task BCC funded Police Community Support Officers so that they can be brought together to support Neighbourhood Working Priorities.

9. Note National Democracy Week Event Invitation 15 October

You are invited to attend an event to celebrate National Democracy Week which will be held 6-8pm Tuesday 15 October 2013 in the Conference Hall, City Hall.

This event will feature well regarded speakers on Participatory Democracy and Active Citizenship, and showcase some of the good work of Neighbourhood Partnerships.

More information will be circulated prior to the event.

10. Note Knowle West Regeneration Framework Update

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

Filwood Park

Approximately 150 new homes are expected to be delivered on the curtilages of Filwood Park. Outline planning consent is in place, and 5 potential developers have been shortlisted to develop this site. Housing delivery is unlikely to commence before 2014. Improvements to the public park have commenced.

Filwood Green Business Park

Access works now completed. Tenders for construction contract now received. Construction works due to commence on site this year. A 'Business Manager' (Iwona Tempowski) has been appointed to oversee

delivery of local enterprise support provision (helping local people/entrepreneurs establish and grow businesses), and to attract employers.

Filwood Broadway

We are still seeking a supermarket developer/operator for 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. Two public meetings to discuss the proposals are planned for 10 September at 14:30 and 18:00 BST at the Jubilee Hall, Wedmore Vale, Bristol. Proposals for the site also include health provision and homes.

Kingswear & Torpoint

A planning application has been lodged with the planning authority for the development of 71 homes on the site together with improvements to local open space, including play provision. Once the planning application has been registered, stakeholders will be notified and given details of how they

Land to the rear of 45-75 Novers Park Road

Curo (formerly Somer Housing Group) have now bought the site to the rear of Novers Park Road in Filwood and have let a building contract to Halsall Construction for a new scheme of 15 houses for Affordable Rent.


Filwood, Knowle and Windmill Hill Neighbourhood Partnership ACTION TRACKER 2013-2014

This action tracker is part of the performance management framework for Neighbourhood Partnerships. Its purpose is to monitor actions agreed at the NP - they are completed and the outcome is reported back to the NP in the agreed or reasonable time.

	Date of NP	Action	Amount of money committed £	Is this action a devolved budget / service decision?	Does the action progress the NP action plan?	Does the action progress the Equality Duty?	To be completed by (person and date)	Who generated the action? Cllrs/other NP members/public	Date completed	Completed within the agreed timescale Yes/no?	Outcome Reported to NP	Date reported to NP
1.	11/06/13	Peter Wood to send the AC a template to be used for future press releases.		No	Yes	Yes	Pete Wood 24/09/13	Cllrs			Template produced	24.09.13
2.	11/06/13	GD to present an update report to the NP meeting following completion of the consultation.		No	Yes	Yes	Gillian Douglas 24/09/13	Cllrs			Consultation incomplete.	24.09.13
3.	11/06/13	The AC to create a Wellbeing fund decision making protocol.		Yes	Yes	Yes	Kurt James 24/09/13	Cllrs	28/08/13	Yes	Protocol produced	24.09.13
4.	11/06/13	Wellbeing funds agreed.	£10,516.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	11/06/13	NP/Cllrs	11/06/13	Yes	11/06/13	24.09.13

Summary

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	TOTAL 1 April – 31 March 2013
Number of actions	4				
Amount of funding committed	£10,516.00				
Number of actions completed within time	4				
Number of outcomes reported to NP	4				
Number of actions generated by Cllrs	4				
Number of actions generated by other NP members	1				
Number of actions generated by the public	0				
Number of actions relating to devolved budget decisions	2				
Number of actions relating to NP action plan	4				
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Using the action tracker

1. Once the notes of the NP meeting are agreed the DS will add all agreed actions to the action tracker. *(we need to decide if things like the devolved traffic schemes are an action each or one action)*
2. The action tracker will be sent to the relevant officers/person responsible for the action so they are aware the action is being monitored.
3. It will be presented to the NP twice a year – at the AGM (actions for the year) and in the autumn.