



AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

Greater Bedminster Community Partnership 27th January 2014

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Title: Devolved Service Update - Area Coordinator

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Recommendations:

1. To note the contents of the devolved budgets
2. To note the update on the NP review
3. To note and approve Round 2 of the Community Chest Recommendations
4. To note the Active Neighbourhood Travel Grant guidance (round 3)
5. To note Bristol City Council's Budget Consultation Update

The total devolved budget for 2013/2014 for the Greater Bedminster Community Partnership including Section 106 developer contributions is **£661,690.03**. Below is a breakdown and update for each category.

1. Local Traffic Schemes 2013/2014

Budget: £17,500

Local Traffic Schemes					
Location	Ward	Details	Budget	Start on Site	Scheme Completed
Partnership Wide		Minor signs & lines	£1,500	N/A	N/A

At the GBCP in March 2013, we received a report from the Highways Department asking for a pause in decision making with regards to the Local Traffic Schemes. This means that the GBCP will have double the budget (£35,000) to prioritise next year and it is anticipated that the process will start in March 2014.

The GBCP instead has asked that the S106 spend is prioritised and delivered throughout 2013 and with the spending priority taking place in Ashton Vale. A meeting took place in Ashton Vale which asked local residents for their opinions on a couple of options with regards to the bus stops improvements at Langley Crescent. These improvements and upgrades will be implemented during February 2014.

2. Clean & Green

Budget - £1,500 + £1,011 carry forward

Clean & Green					
Works Requested	Requested By	Ward	Resource Used	Cost	Balance remaining for Ward
Greening up South Bristol Christian Centre	Churchlands Resident Association	Bedminster	Blaise	£365	£386

Tools, Plants and signs	Patchwork Community Group	Southville	Blaise	£740	£1,060
Planting at North St Green	North St Traders	Southville	Blaise	£250	£810

The Area Environment Officer (deborah.white@bristol.gov.uk) will be managing the £1500 'Clean & Green' money which can be used to fund small environmental improvements, delivered by the Clean & Green team or through Community Payback. Additional sums may be available, too.

Requests for using the Clean & Green fund can be made by:

- Any member of the public direct to Deborah White
- Any member of the public contacting the Neighbourhood Development Officer (debbie.clough@bristol.gov.uk) or Area Co-ordinator (nick.christo@bristol.gov.uk)
- Local groups contacting local Councillors
- Councillors direct to Deborah

The Area Environment Officer will then meet the Clean & Green team to consider the work to ensure it's within the scope of the Clean & Green team and determine how much and how many days the work will take to complete.

The Area Environment Officer will then email the Councillors to get the approval for the work to be carried out and then a date will be arranged with the team for the work to start.

Any work approved will be formally agreed at the following Greater Bedminster Community Partnership meeting through the Area Co-ordinator.

3. Community Chest

Budget - £20,000 + £1,400 carry forward = £21,400

Residents and GBCP Board members met on 25th November 2013 to consider the applications for the 2nd round of the Community Chest and have recommended that the GBCP Board and Neighbourhood Committee approve these recommendations. Appendix A details these recommendations.

4. Section 106 (S106)

Budget:

- **Parks - £256,187.64**
- **Transport - £295,034.25**

5. Update on the Neighbourhood Partnership Review

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.

6. Active Neighbourhood Transport Grant - Round 3

Round opens 1st December 2013

Round closes 28th February 2014

(Please note that all projects must be implemented before April 2015).

We are pleased to offer a third round of grants funded through Bristol's Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) as part of its Active Neighbourhoods Programme.

Grants are available from as little as £500 up to a maximum contribution of £3,000 and

funding is limited.

Sustainable travel is important for individuals, communities and the wider environment. On a personal level, it can help us take short journeys on foot or by bike, increasing our activity levels to benefit our health as well as saving us money. For communities it can increase the numbers of people out on the street, making the streets feel safer and encouraging use of local shops and facilities. On a wider level, sustainable travel aims to provide attractive options for young people, commuters and older people alike, as well as improving air and noise quality in our city.

What are the main aims of the grant?

Schemes need to be locally led and support the LSTF objectives by:

- 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

Who can apply?

Applications must be submitted by a constituted group, this could be a local resident groups, traders associations, voluntary and community groups, statutory organisations, or Neighbourhood Partnerships.

We are looking for bottom up, community led, projects, whereby project ideas come from local communities. We encourage applications that will address travel related issues within a particular local community, or a local shopping area, or by a particular group of people, with specific needs.

Examples of what could be funded:

Grants awarded in round 1 and 2:

- 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
- Bristol Bike Project is running a project for young people between 11 and 17 to learn basic and advanced bicycle mechanics. They will apply this learnt knowledge as they restore and rebuild a safe and fully functioning bike for themselves.
- GoodGym Bristol is a new exciting community project whose aim is to use the energy that is normally wasted in gyms to benefit the community as a whole. They organise regular group runs and cycles to community projects during which they stop and help local community organisations.
- Hotwells and Clifton Community Association have renovated the City 'gateway' site of Cumberland Piazza, identifying key cycle routes, constructing information panels, creating webpages to complement each information panel, and put on an event

increase the utilisation of existing cycle and pedestrian routes in the area by local people, commuters and visitors.

Two Community Interest Companies have been funded to develop projects to benefit the whole city:

- Roll for the Soul recently opened the Bristol Community Bike Café and Cycle Hub in Quay Street; and
- Playing Out will be able to reach more communities with their after-school street play project.

Other ideas could include:

- Events to encourage people to be more active and use the car less;
- Local groups working together to address particular barriers to active travel issues in their area;
- Grants can support a one-off initiative, or be used as 'seed' money to pilot a longer-term project; and
- Installation of a handrail on a steep hill to aid walking for older people.

These are examples of initiatives that have been previously funded, or could potentially gain future funding. However, be original and creative with your own ideas. Think about the issues in your local area and what is needed to solve them.

Examples of what will not be funded

We will not be funding any infrastructure projects in this round of funding e.g. laying cycle/foot paths, pedestrian crossings, junction alterations, road widening etc. We will however consider applications for safe routes to schools projects.

Extra funding or match-funding

The grant could also be used as a contribution towards more expensive schemes, if additional sources of money are available (for example a devolved neighbourhood transport grant, other national or local grant funding).

Contact us - for support with your application

If you require advice or support with developing your idea, consulting locally or completing the form, please contact our Community Active Travel Officers:

Ben Bowskill - Community Active Travel Officer
Mobile 07768422700 Office 0117 903 6745
Email Ben.bowskill@bristol.gov.uk

If you require any further information about the grants or application process, please contact Janine McCretton on 0117 903 6745, Gill Calloway on 0117 903 6707 email Janine.mccretton@bristol.gov.uk or Gill.calloway@bristol.gov.uk

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.



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

Better Bedminster Community Chest (25 Nov 2013)

		£	£
1.Silver Cyclists	Life Cycle UK	800	800
2.The Big Friendly Choir TBFC		950-1200	950
3.Hebron Burial Ground	Caraboo Neighbourhood BS3	918	918
4.Park Improvements	Luckwell Improvement Project	1200	600
5.Equipment etc	Greville Smyth C Bowls Club	1090	1090
6.Four Tea Dances	SCDA	500-2001	2000
7.Community Event	SouthBank Club, Dean Lane.	1990	nil
Total requested/awarded:		£9199	£6358
Total currently available:			£8362.35
Total to be carried forward:			£2004.35

Members of the Awards Panel: Ben Barker (non-voting), Kath Harris, Simon Hankins, Jo Hargreaves, Rosie Tomlinson, Ade Murphy, Clemence Watt, Donald Branch, Roy Gallop, Lesley Collins, Stef Brammar, Jean Maloney (11 voting).