



AGENDA ITEM NO: 4(b)

**Greater Bedminster Community Partnership
Thursday 24 June 2015**

Report of: Andrew McLean

Title: Business Activities Report

Recommendation:

- 1. Neighbourhood Budget:** The Neighbourhood Committee (NC) is asked to ring fence Community Grants and devolved Clean and Green budgets to City Council Officers
- 2. Community Chest applications:** NC is asked to approve Community Chest applications received since April 2015
- 3. Community Partnership communications** – GBCP is asked to approve design and content for a new marketing leaflet
- 4. Community safety update** – GBCP is asked to note the Community Safety update report

1. Neighbourhood Budget

- The Full Council meeting on Tuesday 17 February 2015 approved the 2015/16 City Council Budget. This means from 1 April 2015, GBCP will receive a total devolved Neighbourhood Budget of £58,728.35 for 2015/16. This is in addition to CIL and Section 106 funds.
- The table below shows proposals to manage the 2015/16 Neighbourhood Budget, which is based on previous year's expenditure pattern and GBCP Plan. The NC is asked to approve this proposal.

2015/16 Neighbourhood Budget Amount			£58,728.35
Type of Fund	Description	Amount ring fenced £	Running amount
Clean and Green Budget	NC is asked to devolve this money to the Neighbourhood Officer for the NP to carry out works needed between Community Partnership meetings. Decisions to spend the money will rest with the Neighbourhood Officer however they will consult the Neighbourhood Committee members.	£2,480	£56,248.35
Community Chest Grant	NC to agree the ringfencing of this money to support local community/voluntary organisations to progress NP Plan priorities. The Community Chest awards panel members will assess grant applications and make recommendations to the NC to make the final decisions.	£21,964.35	£34,284
Remaining Neighbourhood Budget to allocate 2015/16 (formerly Highways budget)			£34,284

2. Community Chest Applications:

Balance of Community Chest funding

- GBCP allocated £20,040 of its 2014/15 Community Chest budget, if the NC approves above recommendation from 3 April 2015 £21,964.35 will be available for the 2015/16 financial year.
- From the available balance of £21,964.35 the Community Chest Awards panel met on 4 June and assessed sixteen applications totalling £33,567.54. See below the panel recommendations. The NC is asked to approve the Awards Panel recommendations.

Group	Application summary	Amount requested	Recommendation
ACTA Community Theatre	Making Time – aimed at people 55+ to prevent social isolation and loneliness	£2000	*
Bedminster Winter Lanterns	Winter Lanterns parade 2015	£2500	£2500
Dame Emily Park Project	Best of Bedminster Show and Nature Day	£1960	*
Hamilton Road Residents	Hamilton Road Noticeboard	£650	*
Home-Start Bristol	Training and experience which will build confidence, improve skills and enhance employment prospects	£635	*
Southville Community Development Association	BS3 Intergenerational Winter Sports project	£1950	*
Southville Community Development Association	Older People's activities (Tea Dance and Day Trips)	£1996	£1996
St John's Churchyard Community Association	Park Link – to encourage people to walk providing a green and traffic free route	£2400	*

The Big Friendly Choir	Promotion of intergenerational concerts	£1040	*
The Gores Marshalls	Repairs to Gores Marsh Park playground. Accessible play equipment and safety surface for disabled children	Repairs £2000 Equipment £8500	£2,500 And support given for S106/CIL funding
Unique Voice CIC	Pop up Play in the Park 2015	£2680	*
Wyldwood Arts CIC	Mother Nurture Art Therapy – a group for mothers experiencing post-natal depression	£1322.54	*
Ashton Vale Club for Young People	Raised Garden Project – raised garden beds for growing fruit and vegetables	£1234	£1234
Friends of South Street Park	Children’s school holiday play sessions	£780	£780
Let’s Make Art in the Community	Colouring in your Community – bringing children together from all different schools to design posters	£1200	*
Learning Partnership West	Twelve week programme for children to learn life skills – building fires, outdoor cookery and socialising around common activities.	£720	*
Total		£33567.54	£9,010

* To be considered at a future Community Chest panel

3. Neighbourhood Partnership communications

GBCP is asked to approve the general communications leaflet that will be used to promote the partnership. Please see appendix 4

4. Community Safety Update Performance - Bristol South May 2015

Offence/Offence Group Description	Recorded Crime				Fully Resolved Rate		
	YTD Current Year	YTD Last Year	% Chg	Chg	Current Year	Last Year	Chg (% pts)
Criminal Damage	286	291	-1.7%	-5	14.0%	18.6%	-4.6%
Dwelling Burglary	103	97	6.2%	6	4.9%	6.2%	-1.3%
Fraud & Forgery	5			5			
Non Dwelling Burglary	126	127	-0.8%	-1	2.4%	5.5%	-3.1%
Other Offences	50	24	108.3%	26	38.0%	66.7%	-28.7%
Racially or Religiously Aggravated Crimes	55	25	120.0%	30	25.5%	32.0%	-6.5%
Robbery	12	24	-50.0%	-12	25.0%	8.3%	+16.7%
Sexual Offences	43	35	22.9%	8	9.3%	65.7%	-56.4%
Shoplifting	291	274	6.2%	17	44.0%	42.0%	+2.0%
Theft from the Person	10	13	-23.1%	-3	10.0%	7.7%	+2.3%
Theft from Vehicle	156	168	-7.1%	-12	1.3%	6.0%	-4.7%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	41	40	2.5%	1	9.8%	2.5%	+7.3%
Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle	53	32	65.6%	21		6.3%	-6.3%
Violence Against the Person	706	488	44.7%	218	24.4%	43.0%	-18.7%
Total Crime	2,199	1,921	14.5%	278	21.3%	29.2%	-7.8%

Final Incident Group	Recorded Incidents			
	YTD Current Year	YTD Last Year	% Chg	Chg
ASB	1,621	1,300	+24.7%	+321

The above reflects levels of crime reported to Police across the entire Bristol South Local Policing area. We have seen an overall increase in dwelling burglary, but would note that this equates to an extra 6 offences over the two months YTD. There has been a significant increase in the recording of offences as racially or religiously aggravated, partly due to better confidence in reporting issues but also attributable to some concerning cases whereby victims have been targeted on numerous occasions. The other figure worthy of note is the sharp rise in incidents of violence against the person offences, up almost 45% across the Bristol South area. Analysis has been requested to give a better understanding of why this might be.

The second table details the number of “incidents” recorded by Police. It is important to bear in mind that several people might report the same incident, but each report would be counted in the above list. However, as a comparison year on year, it does seem to show an increase in reports of anti-social behaviour (ASB). I would caution against reading too much into this though, because we have not been able to maintain our rigorous analysis of every ASB log. This might mean that incidents are being wrongly recorded as ASB.

Individual figures for the neighbourhood partnership area, and per ward are shown on the pages that follow;

Partnership Area

Offense/Offense Group Description	Recorded Crime				Fully Resolved Rate		
	YTD Current Year	YTD Last Year	% Chg	Chg	Current Year	Last Year	Chg (% pts)
Criminal Damage	47	60	-21.7%	-13	6.4%	18.3%	-12.0%
Dwelling Burglary	20	22	-9.1%	-2		9.1%	-9.1%
Fraud & Forgery	1			1			
Non Dwelling Burglary	18	30	-40.0%	-12	5.6%	3.3%	+2.2%
Other Offences	5	7	-28.6%	-2		85.7%	-85.7%
Racially or Religiously Aggravated Crimes	11	6	83.3%	5	36.4%	50.0%	-13.6%
Robbery	3	4	-25.0%	-1	33.3%	25.0%	+8.3%
Sexual Offences	5	6	-16.7%	-1		50.0%	-50.0%
Shoplifting	120	89	34.8%	31	41.7%	44.9%	-3.3%
Theft from the Person	2	6	-66.7%	-4			
Theft from Vehicle	43	25	72.0%	18	2.3%	4.0%	-1.7%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	9	6	50.0%	3		16.7%	-16.7%
Theft or Unauthorized Taking of a Pedal Cycle	26	9	188.9%	17			
Violence Against the Person	136	107	27.1%	29	19.1%	46.7%	-27.6%
Total Crime	634	443	20.5%	81	18.1%	31.4%	-12.3%

Final Incident Group	Recorded Incidents			
	YTD Current Year	YTD Last Year	% Chg	Chg
ASB	320	234	+36.8%	+86

Bedminster

Offense/Offense Group Description	Recorded Crime				Fully Resolved Rate		
	YTD Current Year	YTD Last Year	% Chg	Chg	Current Year	Last Year	Chg (% pts)
Criminal Damage	21	24	-12.5%	-3		29.2%	-29.2%
Dwelling Burglary	7	13	-46.2%	-6			
Fraud & Forgery	1			1			
Non Dwelling Burglary	4	13	-69.2%	-9	25.0%		+25.0%
Other Offenses	1	1	0.0%	0		100.0%	-100.0%
Racially or Religiously Aggravated Crimes	5			5	40.0%		+40.0%
Robbery	1	1	0.0%	0			
Sexual Offenses	2	1	100.0%	1		100.0%	-100.0%
Shoplifting	8	8	0.0%	0	62.5%	25.0%	+37.5%
Theft from the Person		1	-100.0%	-1			
Theft from Vehicle	14	14	0.0%	0	7.1%		+7.1%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	6	4	50.0%	2			
Theft or Unauthorized Taking of a Pedal Cycle	5	3	66.7%	2			
Violence Against the Person	49	45	8.9%	4	18.4%	46.7%	-28.3%
Total Crime	168	163	3.8%	8	14.6%	27.6%	-13.0%

Final Incident Group	Recorded Incidents			
	YTD Current Year	YTD Last Year	% Chg	Chg
A&B	121	94	+28.7%	+27

Southville

Offence/Offence Group Description	Recorded Crime				Fully Resolved Rate		
	YTD Current Year	YTD Last Year	% Chg	Chg	Current Year	Last Year	Chg (% pts)
Criminal Damage	26	36	-27.8%	-10	11.5%	11.1%	+0.4%
Dwelling Burglary	13	9	44.4%	4		22.2%	-22.2%
Fraud & Forgery							
Non Dwelling Burglary	14	17	-17.6%	-3		5.9%	-5.9%
Other Offences	4	6	-33.3%	-2		83.3%	-83.3%
Racially or Religiously Aggravated Crimes	6	6	0.0%	0	33.3%	50.0%	-16.7%
Robbery	2	3	-33.3%	-1	50.0%	33.3%	+16.7%
Sexual Offences	3	5	-40.0%	-2		40.0%	-40.0%
Shoplifting	112	81	38.3%	31	40.2%	46.9%	-6.7%
Theft from the Person	2	5	-60.0%	-3			
Theft from Vehicle	29	11	163.6%	18		9.1%	-9.1%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	3	2	50.0%	1		50.0%	-50.0%
Theft or Unauthorized Taking of a Pedal Cycle	21	6	250.0%	15			
Violence Against the Person	87	62	40.3%	25	19.5%	46.8%	-27.2%
Total Crime	376	290	29.3%	86	21.1%	33.4%	-12.4%

Final Incident Group	Recorded Incidents			
	YTD Current Year	YTD Last Year	% Chg	Chg
A&B	133	140	+42.1%	+53

Figures for drugs with a positive resolution (i.e. charged, summonsed, cautioned etc)

Cluster Name	Current Offence Group	This Year	Last Year	change on last year
Bedminster	Drug Offences	21	97	-78.4%
Brislington & St Annes	Drug Offences	18	65	-72.3%
Dundry View	Drug Offences	52	213	-75.6%
Hengrove & Stockwood	Drug Offences	19	63	-69.8%
Knowle & Filwood	Drug Offences	39	163	-76.1%

In short, crimes such as criminal damage and burglary are down (bucking the general trend for South Bristol) whilst offences such as theft from motor vehicle / theft from shop are significantly higher. What should be noted though is that the constabulary is adopting a more victim focussed approach to crime investigation, with much greater emphasis upon offences that present significant levels of “risk” to people. As such, offences such as theft from shops / motor vehicles are very unlikely to be significantly high on the list of policing priorities. This is regrettable, but sadly unavoidable.

Neighbourhood team news

There are some further changes to the neighbourhood team to make you aware of. Pc Erica Hagen has been recruited to provide extra resilience to the Greater Bedminster team. Erica has a number of years’ experience as a frontline officer, and unusually is also a reserve officer for the mounted section. You may well therefore sometimes see her patrolling her beat on horseback!

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Neighbourhood Partnerships are local decision-making structures that consult on and agree community priorities and deliver positive impacts in their areas. The agreed priorities are set out in each area's Neighbourhood Partnership Plan.

There are 14 Neighbourhood Partnerships in Bristol made up of either two or three electoral wards. The membership of each partnership includes residents, organisations and the local Councillors from the wards within the Partnership area.

Each Partnership allocates significant resources to benefit their local community. Improvements they have made include new playgrounds, sports facilities, provision for older and younger residents, as well as making grants to support many local voluntary groups.

Most Partnerships hold regular open meetings called Neighbourhood Forums, where anyone from the neighbourhood can come and raise ideas and concerns about local services and community issues.

Subgroups focus on key topics like Parks and Transport. They develop ideas and their recommendations for action are then put forward to the Partnership.

To find out more about the NP you live in and how you can get involved, go to:

www.bristol.gov.uk/page/council-and-democracy/neighbourhood-partnerships



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Greater Bedminster Neighbourhood Partnership

Our Neighbourhood Partnership Plan 2015 – 2017



The Greater Bedminster Community Partnership area values:

1. Civic pride, protecting our public realm and making it better;
2. Respect and compassion;
3. Aspiration, energy, enthusiasm and creativity;
4. Personal responsibility and accountability;
5. Community development, involvement and 'grass-roots' action;
6. Future generations and will therefore seek to protect their long term interests.

As a Community Partnership we have developed a Plan that has eight key objectives. These are:



- **Improving the green/ environment infrastructure**
 - Delivering the Parks Investment Plan
 - Keeping the streets clean and tidy
 - Development of youth facilities
 - Reducing dog fouling
- **Activities to encourage people to walk, cycle or use public transport**
 - Improving walking and cycling routes
 - To support people with restricted mobility
 - Tackle the problems of increased cars and lorries in the area
 - Development of a community led Transport and Mobility Plan
- **To reduce crime and the fear of crime**
 - Police and partners working together successfully to deal with crime and anti-social behaviour
 - Change the perception of crime in line with actual crime levels
- Local developments to meet

- the needs of local people
 - All developments to deliver tangible benefits for local people
 - Improved engagement in planning pre-application process
- **Improving the life for older/ younger people and families**
 - Work with partners to fully support the 'Our Place' project to tackle social isolation in over 65's and continue to develop an Age Friendly Neighbourhood.
 - Achieving high quality of life indicators for young people and children in the area
- **Improving the economic health of our retail streets and neighbourhoods**
 - Increase local business resilience
 - Increase job readiness of the unemployed
- **A welcoming, inclusive and diverse Community Partnership for all who live, work and play in the Partnership area**
 - A Community Partnership that reflects the community it



- represents
 - Work to ensure accessible services and facilities across the area
 - Encourage active residents who can influence local decision-making
 - Supporting existing community events and groups to reflect people from all equality groups and emerging communities
 - Celebrating community volunteering
- **High quality community buildings to meet the needs of local communities**
 - Maintain and Improve community buildings / facilities (standard, numbers and availability)
 - Take advantage of community asset transfer opportunities, right to bid etc.