

AGENDA ITEM 9

Greater Brislington Neighbourhood Partnership

June 18th 2012



Title: Community Tree Planting Programme

Officer Presenting Report: Richard Gwyn, Area Environment Officer

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Recommendation:

The Committee is asked to either:

1. Approve a tree planting plan for **Victory Park**; or
2. Propose alternatives that officers can consider against the relevant criteria.

The Committee is further asked to:

3. Advise of those that would like to be involved in drawing up the tree planting scheme.
4. Confirm whether TreeBristol can deliver a Community Tree Planting Event on the nominated site between November 2012 and March 2013.
5. Offer suggestions for locations for additional tree planting in the Neighbourhood Partnership area.

What is TreeBristol?

TreeBristol is the city council's tree planting campaign. We planted over 1,000 specimen trees across the city last year and aim to plant a similar number this year. We have a budget but welcome contributions from local community groups and businesses, which would allow us to plant even more trees.

We are contacting each Neighbourhood Partnership to ask for:

1. Approval to develop a tree planting plan for one park in each area
2. Approval to organise one community tree planting event in each area
3. Suggestions for tree planting throughout each area

Tree Planting Plans 2012-2013

We select sites for tree planting schemes using the following criteria:

- scope for extensive tree planting of 10+ trees
- community interest
- a need to manage the removal and replacement of trees

and we ensure any new tree planting suits the historical or landscape context of the park.

We are proposing a single site this year to give us sufficient time to produce the planting plans and organise the community tree planting events.

For your Neighbourhood Partnership area we would like to propose **Victory Park**.

We suggest this site because there is a need for a coherent tree replacement programme that suits the character of the site. This is an opportunity to introduce extensive tree planting around the perimeter and along pathways with new tree species for greater seasonal interest.

Please note: In future years we will continue to select sites for new tree planting in your area. We also welcome suggestions from you for sites that meet the above criteria for us to develop.

Community Tree Planting Event

Victory Park is suitable for a community tree planting event. TreeBristol can organise this on your behalf, inviting members of the community, schools and corporate volunteers to come and plant the trees. TreeBristol events are great fun, very rewarding and everyone is welcome.

Additional Tree Planting this Winter 2012-2013

Besides the site selected for a tree planting plan and event we welcome applications for additional smaller scale tree planting projects. Applications will be assessed year round on a project by project basis. To be eligible for planting this winter (November 2012 to March 2013), applications must be submitted to TreeBristol by the end of September 2012.

To request a TreeBristol Community Tree Planting application form or if you have any questions contact:

- Your Area Environment Officer Richard Gwyn at Richard.Gwyn@bristol.gov.uk or 0117 922 1947;
- **Josie Sadler**, TreeBristol Officer at josie.sadler@bristol.gov.uk or 0117 3525638, or visit www.treebristol.com

