

AGENDA ITEM NO 5

Greater Fishponds Neighbourhood Partnership (GFNP) Report

Date: Thursday 27th September 2012

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Neighbourhood Partnership is asked to:

- 1- Approve Hillfields Community First Panel's request to join GFNP Board. (Abdulrazak Dahir)
- 2- Note Bristol NHS Representative to the GFNP Board. (Abdulrazak Dahir)
- 3- Note progress update from Environment subgroup (Denise James)
- 4- Select an option to allocate 2012/13 Wellbeing Budget underspend (Abdulrazak Dahir)
- 5- Approve Traffic and Transport subgroup recommendations (Councillor Lesley Alexander)
- 6- Note Neighbourhood Partnership Performance Management tool – (Abdulrazak Dahir)
- 7- Note progress from the Planning Subgroup (Mark Logan)

Part 1: Approve Hillfields Community First Panel's request to join GFNP Board

- 1- On Wednesday 18th July 2012, Mike Tuohy was elected to chair and represent the Hillfields Community First Panel. Mike is an active community member, who lives in Hillfields ward. He is a Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for Castle Tower Neighbourhood Watch group and is a founder member of the Bristol Neighbourhood Watch Network. Mike is also an active member of the Greater Fishponds Wellbeing Panel.

- 2- The Hillfields Community First Panel qualifies to become a member of the GFNP Board and it is hereby recommended that the Board members approve his nomination.
- 3- For more information about the Hillfields Community First please visit: <http://www.fishpondspeople.co.uk> Then select Funding for Hillfields Only tab.

Part 2: Bristol NHS representative

- 4- John Moore, who is Practice Nurse based in Charlotte Keel Health Centre and Easton Family Practice has been nominated to represent the NHS in the GFNP Board.
- 5- His nomination was discussed and approved at the Inner City and East Local Executive Group and with Public Health.

Part 3: Environment subgroup update

- 6- The GFNP Environmental Subgroup met on Thursday 6th September 2012. In the main, the group discussed and drafted the May Gurney Neighbourhood Waste Plan for the GFNP area. The Waste Plan lists 3 main priorities and specifies what May Gurney will do to address those priorities. For full report please refer to agenda item 8.
- 7- Also discussed was the devolved Clean and Green budget and the local applications made to the citywide Clean and Green funding pot. Applications were submitted for Little Hayes Nursery and Chester Park Infants School, they will be assessed in due course and the outcome fed back to the next environment sub group.
- 8- The next meeting is planned for Thursday 15th November, 7pm at Robinson House. The agenda will cover; completing the GFNP Area Investment Plan; planning a 'Bins on Streets' Campaign for the area and progressing the East Park estate children's playground project.

Part 4: Select an option to allocate 2012/13 Wellbeing Budget underspend

- 9- At the last GFNP meeting, Board members acknowledged that there is more pressure this year to spend the Wellbeing Budget. It was suggested a contingency plan be developed by December 2012 and put into place in order to avoid any unspent Wellbeing Budget clawed back into BCC central coffers.

- 10- At present the GFNP receives £30,000 per year to support local projects aiming to tackle NP action plan priorities. Table shown below shows how much of this money had been spent and carried forward since the 2010/11.

Wellbeing Budget since 2010/11

	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
CF from the year before	£29,942.02	£35,785.77	£35,261.01
Allocated	£30,000	£30,000	£30,000
Spent	£24,156.25	£32,244.76	
CF	£35,785.77	£35,261.01	

- 11- Inherently we have carried over large amounts of the Wellbeing Budget since 2010. This is chiefly because of the lack of community/voluntary infrastructure in the Neighbourhood Partnership area.
- 12- In addition two other sources of funding was also made available to the GFNP area, namely Wellbeing budget for Older Members of the Community (£4,500 from the BCC Health & Social Care) and more recently the Community First Neighbourhood Match Fund (£33,910 over 4 years period from central government via Community Development Foundation).
- 13- This year the Neighbourhood Partnership team set a target to reduce the amount of Wellbeing Budget we carry forward into next financial year 2013/14. From the start of the year the Neighbourhood Partnership team has been promoting the Wellbeing Budget via announcing at the Neighbourhood Forum meetings, sending out posters and re-inviting previous applicants. The results are looking promising, the table shown below shows the value of the number of applications received to date. Also included in this table is an estimate for the third quarter, which is based on average considering the value of applications received in the first two quarters.

Value of Wellbeing Application 2012/13

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3
Total value of applications	£11,640	£21,328.53*	£16,484.26**

Note:

* Not yet approved

** An estimate value based on average.

- 14- If the above target were achieved we would be spending over £49,000 within this financial year. However it also means that there will be projected £15,808.21 of underspend.
- 15- The types of applications supported by the NP process are predominantly combinations of capacity building; community events; arts and culture and support for young people.
- 16- The GFNP action plan priorities are:
- I. Any type of anti-social behaviour
 - II. Issues relating to prostitution, drugs and kerb crawlers.
 - III. General environment improvements and tackling littering and fly tipping.
 - IV. Traffic and transport, in particular, speeding and parking restrictions.
 - V. Lack of community facilities for adults.
 - VI. Promoting community cohesion and engagement
- 17- It is recommended any Wellbeing Budget underspend (Estimated £15,000 to £20,000) is used to support one of the following options:
- A- Carry forward to 2013/14, however risk loosing some or all Wellbeing Budget underspends.
 - B- Use any underspend to progress any of the Neighbourhood Partnership priorities mentioned above. Or
 - C- Use any underspend to progress, lack of community facilities or provision for all sectors of the community in the NP area.
- 18- This proposal was briefly discussed at the Neighbourhood Partnership agenda setting meeting. The Wellbeing Panel was also consulted. Given the recent developments and the current status of the Vassall Centre, Oldbury Court and Harry Crook, the consensus is for the GFNP Board to support Option C.

- 19- Depending which option the GFNP Board members approve, full detailed proposal will be presented at the next meeting 6 December 2012.

Part 5: Traffic and Transport subgroup proposal

- 20- The Traffic and Transport subgroup met on Wednesday 29th August 2012. The group considered applications submitted to the capital stimulus fund (Local Sustainable Transport Fund) by the subgroup members. (Appendix B)
- 21- Neighbourhood Partnerships across the city have been given an opportunity to bid for up to a maximum £100,000 contribution towards local sustainable transport schemes. A total pot of up to £2 million funding is available, £1m from the Invest in Bristol Package and a further £1m from the Local Sustainable Transport Fund.
- 22- Two rounds were announced, the deadline for the first round was Tuesday 31st July 2012, whilst the second round opens January 2013 and closes March 2013.
- 23- In total the group short listed 9 schemes from the Traffic and Transport workplan out of which 5 had been submitted with total value of up to £265,000. The Traffic and Transport subgroup members worked extremely hard preparing and submitting these applications in time. On Wednesday 31st October 2012, applicants will find out if their application has been successful or not. See appendix 1 for the full list of schemes.
- 24- The group also considered the current proposal for the route of the BRT (Bus Rapid Transit). It is unacceptable and needs to be changed. The proposed (North Fringe to Hengrove) route will impact on Stoke Lane and onto the M32 motorway via the construction of a new junction. This is unnecessarily expensive and detrimental to the green belt, the first class agricultural land, air pollution and will add to the current gridlock on the local roads
- 25- The route should be via the already in place bus lane on the ring road to junction 1 of the M32 and into the city that way. Whilst a park and ride on the Stapleton Allotments is not funded by the current application it is the Councils stated aim to build this facility and the current proposals include an extra wide bridge at vast expense over the motorway to accommodate one in the future. Any Park and Ride needs to be north of the ring road so that it takes traffic before it reaches Junction 1 which will reduce traffic through this junction. There is already an unused car park next to Parkway station and this should be used instead. A park and ride on the Motorway in Stapleton is too near the city centre and will not be used. The air pollution in this area already exceeds safe levels

and a new junction would only cause even more and this fertile land should continue to be used to grow food rather than be put under concrete.

- 26- The subgroup would like to recommend that the Neighbourhood Partnership reject the current BRT proposal.

Part 6: Note Neighbourhood Partnership Performance Management

- 27- Neighbourhood Partnerships across the city are given the opportunity to monitor and track their own performance.
- 28- From now on the Area Co-ordinator will provide Neighbourhood Partnership performance related report at least twice a year. An interim reports which will entail summary of the Neighbourhood Forum “You Said, We Did” and the Neighbourhood Partnership Engagement Plan will be provided, highlighting areas of concern. An end of the year reports, which will be presented at the AGM meeting, will follow this. See appendix C for sample of these reports.
- 29- In addition the Neighbourhood Partnership Action Tracker will be presented quarterly in every meeting. The purpose of this document is to ensure members are able to track all approved decisions and the outcome of agreed actions. For convenience this document will be attached to the minutes and should be reviewed on regularly bases. See appendix D.

Part 7: Planning subgroup update

- 30- The Planning subgroup met with representative from Skanska who outlined the plans for the expansion of the gym and creation of a new 6 lane swimming pool at the Bristol Brunel Academy site in Speedwell. Although it is too late in the process to have any input into the design, the group welcomed the commitment to recycle and reuse materials currently on site and meet BCC 20% carbon reduction target by using the current energy source at the school. The group welcomed the provision of a much needed swimming pool in the area.
- 31- The group also met with the Community Land Trust (CLT) regarding 325 Fishponds road. This is at the very early stages of gathering ideas. The group is looking forward to working with the CLT and other community groups in coming up with proposals to regenerate and preserve some of the heritage in this now derelict plot.
- 32- The next Planning subgroup meeting is Monday 1st October 2012.

Put together by

Abdulrazak Dahir on behalf on NP members.
Friday 14th September 2012

Greater Fishponds P Proposed Infrastructure Schemes						
NO	Ward	Location	Issue	Proposal works	Cost £	Lead person
1	Hillfields/ From Vale	Forest Rd	Unsafe footpaths	Consider the feasibility study produced for the Neighbourhood Partnership along with other related issues local residents raised in Forest Rd.	£20,000 for bridge footway widening £35,000 for legal and footway works from Radley Road to Staple Hill junction	Submitted by Mark Simpson & Cllr Hassell
2	Eastville	Park Rd	Bus stops do not conform to disable access	Raise bus stop	£13,000 to raise bus stop additional £15,000 to provide a shelter and all necessary equipment	Not submitted
3	Eastville	PRoW 240	Unsafe public right of way	Install handrail and lighting.	£35,000	Submitted by Cllr Steve Comer
4	Eastville	Thingwall Park	Speeding	Vehicle Activated Sign: Install VAS sign at Thingwall Park	£6,500 per installation	Not submitted
5	Eastville	Ridgeway/Fi shponds Rd	Vehicles at the corner of Ridgeway Rd and Fishponds rd obscuring visibility for vehicles coming out into Fishponds Rd.	Double yellow lines	£8,000 for legal and site work	Not submitted

NO	Ward	Location	Issue	Proposal works	Cost £	Lead person
6	Frome Vale	Hockeys Lane	Safe crossing required	Install formal zebra cross at Hockeys Lane.	£25,000 for legal and implementation work	Submitted by Cllr Alexander & Cllr Hanby
7	Frome Vale	Straits parade:	Straits parade Too narrow for large vehicles to and from Vassall Rd to the junction of Fishponds Rd.	Widen Straits parade from Vassall Rd to the junction of Fishponds Rd.	£75 to £100k due to redirecting services	Submitted by Cllr Alexander
8	Frome Vale	Station Rd	Too narrow for large vehicles to get through and contra cycle flow	Widen Station Rd	£50,000	Submitted by Cllr Alexander
9	Eastville	Fishponds Rd	Lack of parking facility during the peak when the new bus lane is in operation	Create parking bays to support local traders	£100k to £1m due to services	Not submitted



APPENDIX B

Greater Fishponds Neighbourhood Partnership

Title: Parks Capital Stimulus fund - match funding report

Officer Presenting Report: Denise James, Area Environment Officer

Contact Telephone Number: 0117 9224726

RECOMMENDATION

The Neighbourhood Committee is asked to agree the match funding requirements contained in table 1 in order to secure capital stimulus money allocated to parks investment projects within the Greater Fishponds Neighbourhood Partnership area.

Background

1. On the 26 January 2012, Cabinet approved the allocation of £50m of resources to the 'Investing in Bristol's Future' package. This included the allocation of £3.5 million capital stimulus for the improvement of Parks and Green spaces throughout the city. The capital is to be obtained through Prudential Borrowing and was subsequently approved at the Full Council budget meeting on 28 February 2012.
2. The aspiration for the 3.5m capital investment is to deliver a programme of parks and green space improvements across the city in line with priorities agreed by Neighbourhood Committees within their parks investment plans, and to maximise the capital investment in these improvement projects.
3. Local ward councillors were invited to submit projects to the Parks department to help to inform the capital investment. The projects were assessed on a number of criteria taking into consideration both local and strategic priorities for parks and green spaces.
4. In order to make the capital investment stretch as far as possible, other sources of match funding including available section 106 and potential income from land sale were taken into consideration during the assessment process.
5. On 4th July 2012 Cabinet approved a total of 47 projects across the city for funding from the capital stimulus fund. For some projects a requirement for Neighbourhood Committees to allocate match funding was specified. The cabinet report

recommended match funding via commitment of capital from future land sales or via devolved section 106 budgets.

Context

6. No more than 50% of the overall cost of any project has been requested from Section 106 match funding. Each Neighbourhood Committee has access to enough unallocated, devolved s106 money to meet the match funding requirements. Calculations have been made on a Neighbourhood Partnership area basis.
7. In order to facilitate allocation of capital from future land sales, advanced funding has been made available by the council which will be set against future land sales of green spaces that Neighbourhood Committees have identified as surplus. Neighbourhood Committees are asked to agree this allocation, and to agree that the advanced funding will be repaid when capital receipts from land sales are realised.
8. If the Neighbourhood Committee chooses not to allocate devolved s106 money as match funding, an alternative source of match funding needs to be confirmed by the next Neighbourhood Partnership meeting 6th December 2012.
9. Failure to meet the match funding requirements specified for each project will result in the capital stimulus allocation for projects being withdrawn.
10. The total capital stimulus funding allocated to projects is not negotiable and projects must be delivered within the agreed budget.

Proposal

11. The information in table 1 below sets out the capital investment projects within Greater Fishponds, which have been prioritised and approved by Cabinet for funding. The amount and source of match funding that Neighbourhood Committees are requested to commit is also contained within the table.

Table 1: capital investment projects approved by Cabinet within Greater Fishponds Neighbourhood Partnership.

Project	Amount Re- quested (Total project cost)	Amount fund- ed from the Capital Stimu- lus pot	Match funding request from Neighbourhood Committee	Match funding details
Begbrook Green	£21,862	£10,931	£10,931	Devolved sec- tion 106
Eastville Park Infrastructure	£55,000	£55,000	0	None required

12. Details of the individual attributable Section 106 contributions will be available to the Committee.

Next Steps

13. The projects will be delivered by the Environment and Leisure projects team and a timetable for delivery is currently being programmed. The completion date for all projects is April 2014.
14. Relevant stakeholders, including Councillors and local parks and interest groups will be contacted in due course to work on project delivery.

Consultation

Internal

As part of the 4th July Cabinet Report consultation with key internal stakeholders including parks operations and ward members was undertaken to identify priority projects.

Individual members have been consulted on ward and Neighbourhood Partnership priorities via the application and bid submission process outlined in the 4th July Cabinet report.

External

Extensive public consultation was undertaken by the Area Green Space Plan team from June - October 2010, including the prioritisation of improvements to individual spaces. These results were presented to Neighbourhood Committees as part of their decision making process for the land sales initiative.

Each Neighbourhood Partnership area has been undertaking a programme of prioritisation of parks and green space priorities and formalising these in parks area investment plans. These have been reviewed as part of the prioritisation work.

Equalities Impact Assessment

- i. Initial screening forms have been completed as part of the 4th July Cabinet report. Equalities impact assessments will be undertaken as part of the project delivery for each project.

Legal and Resource Implications

Financial

Revenue

As per the cabinet report, it is assumed that revenue implications of the proposed expenditure are expected to be minimal in the short term and then absorbed into existing budgets in the long term.

Capital

A total of £3.5m of capital expenditure was approved by cabinet on 4th July (including £3m on the list of Parks improvement schemes as detailed in Appendix B to the cabinet report), of which £65,931 was allocated to Greater Fishponds. Of this £65,931, £10,931 stands to be lost if relevant match funding is not agreed (on a project by project basis as shown in table 1).

Financial advice given by: Rob Hamilton, Finance Manager

Legal Implications.

There are no legal issues arising from this report.

Land Bristol City Council owns all sites

Personnel N/A

Appendices: N/A

ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Background Papers:

2010 Cabinet report

https://www.bristol.gov.uk/committee/2010/ua/agenda/1216_1600_ua000.html

2012 Cabinet report

https://www.bristol.gov.uk/committee/2012/ua/agenda/0126_1800_ua000.html



You Said, We Did

Greater Fishponds Summary

Friday 14 September 2012

Total Problems by Ward			Total Number of Problems				Reported By					
Eastville	37	22%	165		In Progress		Resident		144	87%		
Hillfields	74	45%	32		Resolved		Business		0	0%		
Frome Vale	54	33%	11		No Action		Ward Councillor		7	4%		
			3		Not Possible		Local Authority Officer		8	5%		
			2		Issue Raised		Other Paid Person		4	2%		
			0									
Method of Reporting			Category of Problem				Residents Kept Informed?					
Phone	1	1%	Total		In Progress		Resolved					
Email	7	4%	Safety & Enforcement		1		100%		0		0%	
Face to Face	34	21%	Policing		4		44%		0		0%	
Community Outreach	24	15%	Environment		11		18%		3		5%	
Neighbourhood Forum	99	60%	Housing		0		0%		0		0%	
NDT	0	0%	Highways/Traffic		8		33%		3		13%	
Via Local Authority	0	0%	CYPS		0		0%		0		0%	
Via Vol. Sector	0	0%	Planning		0		0%		0		0%	
Via Other Third Party	0	0%	ECC		1		0%		1		100%	
			Health and Social Care		0		0%		0		0%	
Average Days to Resolve			Resident Satisfaction				Residents Kept Informed?					
Eastville	76		Yes		4		2%		Yes		4	2%
Hillfields			No		3		2%		No		1	1%
Frome Vale			Don't Know		2		1%		Don't Know		3	2%
			Has Improved		0		0%					
Eastville												
Resident Satisfaction			Category of Problem				Totals					
Yes	2	5%	Safety & Enforcement		1		3%		In Progress		28	76%
No	0	0%	Policing		4		11%		Resolved		3	8%
Don't Know	1	3%	Environment		15		41%		No Action		0	0%
Has Improved	0	0%	Housing		0		0%		Not Possible		0	0%
			Highways/Traffic		10		27%		Issue Raised		0	0%
			CYPS		0		0%					
			Planning		0		0%					
			ECC		0		0%					
			Health and Social Care		0		0%					
Residents Kept Informed?												
Yes	0	0%										
No	0	0%										
Don't Know	3	8%										
Hillfields												
Resident Satisfaction			Category of Problem				Totals					
Yes	2	3%	Safety & Enforcement		0		0%		In Progress		3	4%
No	3	4%	Policing		2		3%		Resolved		8	11%
Don't Know	1	1%	Environment		34		46%		No Action		3	4%
Has Improved	0	0%	Housing		0		0%		Not Possible		2	3%
			Highways/Traffic		11		15%		Issue Raised		0	0%
			CYPS		0		0%					
			Planning		0		0%					
			ECC		1		1%					
			Health and Social Care		0		0%					
Residents Kept Informed?												
Yes	4	5%										
No	1	1%										
Don't Know	0	0%										
Frome Vale												
Residents Satisfaction			Category of Problem				Totals					
Yes	0	0%	Safety & Enforcement		0		0%		In Progress		1	2%
No	0	0%	Policing		3		6%		Resolved		0	0%
Don't Know	0	0%	Environment		13		24%		No Action		0	0%
Has Improved	0	0%	Housing		0		0%		Not Possible		0	0%
			Highways/Traffic		3		6%		Issue Raised		0	0%
			CYPS		1		2%					
			Planning		0		0%					
			ECC		0		0%					
Residents Kept Informed?												
Yes	0	0%										
No	0	0%										

Greater Fishponds Neighbourhood Partnership ACTION TRACKER 2012-2013

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APPENDIX D1



	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		Community Engagement Plan: It was agreed that the dates and venues for Eastville Neighbourhood Forum meetings would be agreed within two weeks, and report back to the next meeting of the Partnership	N/A	Y	Y	Y	Area Co-ordinator & Tony Locke	NP members	17/07/12	N	27/09/12	
2		Community Engagement Plan: It was agreed to hold separate Neighbourhood Forum meeting aiming to target young people at the Bristol Metropolitan	N/A	Y	Y	Y	Area Co-ordinator	NP members				
3		Wellbeing Budget: It was agreed to monitor the number of applications the panel receives before December 2012 and to develop contingency plan to allocated any unspent funds to support Neighbourhood Partnership priorities.	N/A	N	Y	Y	Area Co-ordinator	NP members	27/09/12	Y	27/09/12	
4		Approved Wellbeing Budget applications with total value of £9,481. Deferred one application with the value ??	£9,481	Y	Y	Y	Area Co-ordinator	Community Groups				
5		City Wide Clean & Green: Seek clarification as to why there is a need to prioritise on wards bases and not on	N/A	N	Y	Y	Area Co-ordinator	NP members				

Greater Fishponds Neighbourhood Partnership ACTION TRACKER 2012-2013

APPENDIX D2



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6	Super Output Areas, NC to approve proposed tree planting for Eastville Park	N/A	No	Y	Y	Area Environment Officer					
7	NC approved further £7,278.22 to Frenchay Area Parking Restriction from devolved Local Traffic budget	Yes	£7,278	Y	Y	Area Managers (Highways)	Highways team				
8	NC approved £3,144.11 from Section 106 to pay for the cost of TRO.	Yes	£3,144.11	Y	Y	Area Managers (Highways)	Highways team				
9	NC approved further £4,000 from Devolved Local Traffic budget	Yes	£4,000	Y	Y	Area Managers (Highways)	Highways team				
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Summary

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	TOTAL 1 st April – 31 st March 2013
Number of actions					
Amount of funding committed					
Number of actions completed within time					
Number of outcomes reported to NP					
Number of actions generated by Cllrs					
Number of actions generated by other NP members					
Number of actions generated by the public					
Number of actions relating to devolved budget decisions					
Number of actions relating to NP action plan					
Number of actions relating to equalities duty					

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.

