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**Greater Fishponds Neighbourhood Partnership
(GFNP) Report**

Date: Thursday 14th March 2013

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Neighbourhood Partnership (NP) is asked to:

- 1- Approve draft NP vision statement & objectives (Abdulrazak Dahir)
- 2- Note progress update from the Neighbourhood Working Group (Abdulrazak Dahir)
- 3- Agree formal response to the NP citywide review consultation (Abdulrazak Dahir)
- 4- Note progress update from Environment subgroup (Denise James)
- 5- Decide which park to develop Tree Plan for in 2014/15 and which park to hold Community Tree Planting event (Denise James).
- 6- Note progress from Traffic and Transport subgroup (Abdulrazak Dahir)
- 7- Greater Fishponds Community Learning Plan (Abdulrazak Dahir)
- 8- City wide Celebrating Age Festival (Laurna Hayesman)
- 9- Mayors visit to Greater Fishponds NP (Abdulrazak Dahir)
- 10- Draft GFNP Engagement plan for 2013/14 (Denis Wise)
- 11- Fishponds Police Station: Enquiry Office opening hours review (Inspector Darren Warr)

Part 1: GFNP Vision and Objectives

- 1- Wednesday 30th January 2013, volunteers from the NP board member met to streamline the NP vision statement & objectives.
- 2- Their proposal was circulated for further comments. Final draft is shown in appendix 1. It is here by recommended for the NP board members to formally approve the proposed NP vision statement and objectives.

Part 2: Neighbourhood Working Group Update

- 3- As previously reported to the GFNP Board. Greater Fishponds is in the Neighbourhood Working Pilot area.
- 4- The Neighbourhood Working pilot has been running for 5 months. Officers from 11 different neighbourhood teams have been effectively working together and have been able to deliver a backlog of neighbourhood priorities in the pilot areas (4 NPs covering central and east Bristol). John Atkinson is the Neighbourhood Working Coordinator and is the key point of contact.
- 5- Early indications show that the Neighbourhood Working model is effective in taking actions against long standing issues. See appendix 2 for summary actions taken by the Neighbourhood Working Group in Greater Fishponds NP area.
- 6- The model is now going to be rolled out across the city from May 2013, and the intention is to include more officers and functions in the project, including highways, planning, licensing, PCSOs, and other key services and partners as the need arises.
- 7- Full evaluation report along with propose NP priorities for the Neighbourhood Working Group to work on will be presented at the June 2013 Neighbourhood Partnership meeting.

Part 3: NP Citywide Review

- 8- Neighbourhood Partnerships are currently being reviewed. The Mayor of Bristol is dedicated to giving local communities more influence over their neighbourhoods.
- 9- Three different ways have been set-up to engage the public with the NP review. General survey for all, citywide consultation meetings targeting NP members and consultations within each NP area.

- 10- In addition Wednesday 30th January some of the GFNP board members discussed the NP Consultation Review. Both the Environment and Traffic and Transport subgroups have also been consulted. Appendix 3 shows summary of their responses. The NP board members are hereby asked to agree a formal response to the citywide Neighbourhood Partnership Review consultation.

Part 4: Environment subgroup update

- 11- The Greater Fishponds Environment Sub Group met on Thursday 21st February 2013. The subgroup members discussed projects funded from the central capital stimulus funds, including Eastville Park railings and Begbrook Park bridge works, which are in the NP local Area Investment Plan.
- 12- The group agreed to approach the Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Partnership in order to jointly fund the Eastpark Play project. It was suggested to install mini goal posts in the flat area of the green space as a quick win, before the summer 2013.
- 13- The group discussed remaining £1,000 from the devolved Clean and green budget. It was agreed to spend this money on developing a support package for participants of a new initiative HEFs in Bloom (Hillfields, Eastville and Fromevale in Bloom). The support package will include, seeds, tools, painting, etc.
- 14- The group also agreed to link the HEFs in Bloom to the Bristol Green Capital bid, which may benefit local residents. See appendix 4 for more information about Bristol Switch and Save, which is part of the Bristol Green Capital bid initiatives.
- 15- The group also discussed the £5,000 Wellbeing Budget allocated to support local environmental priorities. The group agreed to spend the money to enhance the long awaited Lodge Causeway junction with Forest rd and Berkeley Rd. Any remaining funds to be allocated in installing three alleygating schemes in Eastpark area in order to combat drugs and sex litter.
- 16- The Sub Group received an update from the Area Environment Officer (AEO) on Ridgeway Playing Fields proposed play facilities. The biggest concern the group expressed is access issues to the park, which require further investigation, in relation to equalities impact.

Part 5: Neighbourhood Partnership Tree Plan

- 17- The Environment subgroup discussed Tree Plan for the Neighbourhood Partnership Area.

- 18- TreeBristol are offering one Tree Plan and one Community Tree Planting Event for each Neighbourhood Partnership every year. Appendix 5 shows options presented to the Environment subgroup by TreeBristol.
- 19- The Neighbourhood Partnership is asked to decide which park to develop Tree Plan for in 2014/15 and which park to hold Community Tree Planting event.

Part 6: Traffic and Transport subgroup update

- 20- The Traffic and Transport subgroup met on Wednesday 13th February 2013. The group were informed that there is going to be a pause for taking on new Local Traffic schemes in 2013/14. (For more information see agenda item 9)
- 21- Concerns were expressed at the meeting about bus stop designs for Whitefield Rd and whether BCC has now adopted new policy to rollout sticking out bus stops. The group is now seeking clarification from Highways department.

Part 7: Greater Fishponds Community Learning Plan

- 22- Greater Fishponds is among one of four Neighbourhood Pilot areas in Bristol to develop Community Learning Plan.
- 23- Community Learning is locally delivered informal learning. The initiative is aimed at adults and provides them opportunities to help improve their lives. In Bristol the Learning Communities Team runs community based courses and are developing the Community Learning Plan with the help of the Neighbourhood Partnership team.
- 24- 49 local residents participated in an online survey set-up to inform the GFNP Community Learning Plan and 13 local residents attended a Community Learning Event organised on Wednesday 13th February. Key courses identified at the Community Learning Event includes; Assertiveness; Sewing courses; Basic skills for disabled learners; Money management; Swimming and English.
- 25- Draft Community Learning Plan based on what people have said along with key agencies leading on each strand will be presented at the June 2013 Neighbourhood Partnership meeting for approval.

Part 8: Celebrating Age

- 26- Bristol's Celebrating Age Festival, which starts this summer, is looking for residents aged 55 or over to take part - with grants of up to £200 available to stage an event.
- 27- This year's festival which runs from June 24 to July 7 will be themed Brilliant in Bristol: Many Communities, Many Cultures, One City, to reflect the talent and the diversity of older people across the city.
- 28- Events will be taking place in all communities during the two weeks as well as a main Celebration Event at City Hall on Saturday June 29.
- 29- The Celebrating Age Committee is looking for people and groups with a range of talents to get involved - from singing, dancing or writing to craft making, gardening or baking. The intention is to have at least one event in every Neighbourhood Partnership area as part of the festival, and these events will be publicised in an event brochure across the city.
- 30- The festival is also looking for people who would like to promote their activity or sell their products at the Celebration Event on Saturday June 29 to apply for a free stall.
- 31- To apply for a grant to stage an event contact local Neighbourhood Partnerships for an application form or call Lorna Heaysman at Bristol City Council on 0117 903 6441, email lorna.heaysman@bristol.gov.uk . We would also like to hear from you if you are holding an event that does not require funding, but would like this event to be part of the festival.
- 32- Stallholders should apply to Claire Kennelly on 0117 927 6614, email claire@rem-events.com.
- 33- Closing dates for grant forms, details about your event for publishing or stallholder application returns is April 17, 2013.

Part 9: Mayor's Visit to Greater Fishponds

- 34- George Ferguson has agreed to meet with local councillors and visit Greater Fishponds NP on Thursday 9th May 2013. His visit will start 1pm and is expected to finish 6pm. The NP Team is putting together an itinerary for the visit. If you have any suggestions please forward them to the Area Co-ordinator.

Part 10: Draft GFNP Community Engagement Plan

- 35- The Greater Fishponds Neighbourhood Partnership Engagement Plan is set annually from June to May. The NP team produced its draft Community Engagement Plan for 2013/14 ahead of the June 2013 Neighbourhood Partnership meeting in order to consult as widely as possible. Please refer to appendix 6 for the 2013/14 draft Community Engagement Plan and forward any comments or suggestions you have to the Neighbourhood Development Officer Denis Wise denis.wise@bristol.gov.uk

Part 11: Fishponds Police Station

- 36- There is a citywide review of the Police Enquiry Offices in Bristol. The purpose of this review is to ensure that the opening times and locations are right for the local communities.
- 37- The local Police team are seeking the views of the Neighbourhood Partnership board in relation to this review.

Put together by
Abdulrazak Dahir on behalf on NP members.
Tuesday 26th March 2013



GFNP Vision statement

Our vision is to make Greater Fishponds an area that is clean, green, safe, healthy and prosperous.

To achieve our vision, we will strive to:

- Make the area free from litter, graffiti, flytipping and posting.
- Make the area free from crime, anti-social behaviour and prostitution.
- Maintain our roads and pavements so that it is safe for everyone to walk and drive safely.
- Make our environment a healthy and pleasant place to live, with community facilities for people of all ages to enjoy.
- Give young people the opportunities to develop and have wide range of experiences to prosper in life.
- Make Greater Fishponds an area, which is planned, developed and designed with due regards to the wishes of the local residents.
- Encourage and promote community engagement.

Neighbourhood Working Update March 2013 – Greater Fishponds

In summary, actions and results in the Greater Fishponds area have included:

3 educational/enforcement operations
6 main priorities tackled
250 households visited
95 neighbourhood surveys completed
149 men attended Change Course over 2012

6 main neighbourhood priorities (detailed results):

1- Parking enforcement Begbrook Lane (Frome Vale)

- Programme agreed for capture car to enforce TRO once in place at least twice per week
- CEOs to enforce at peak school start and finish times with an opportunity to incorporate a day of action to emphasise the new TRO.
- Report of visits to Begbrook Lane will be provided for Neighbourhood Forum / Neighbourhood Partnership of number of CEO visits / enforcement notices after first month of TRO in place.

2- Prostitution, drug and sex litter in East Park (Eastville)

- Variety of environmental clean-up work on the estate with Community Payback
- Liaison with May Gurney around more coordinated response including scheduled deep cleans of car parks and alleyways.
- Vice reporting a slight increase on Fishponds Road adjacent to estate.
- Investigation into gating cleared lanes - match funding agreed through Change programme.
- Mini- charter completed and out to all residents celebrating work done and encouraging reporting to appropriate contacts.
- Work done to secure Freeland buildings

3- ASB and littering on cycle track (Hillfields)

- Cycle track ASB and littering audit took place on 20/12/12.
- All issues reported during the audit
- Evidence found of sex work displacement to Railway Path by Fishponds industrial areas – this has been mapped with police for action
- Fly tipping sites investigated and action being taken (more details to follow)
- 30 residents interviewed, main concern was graffiti – most prolific tags have been identified and police are investigating
- Also issue with cyclists and speed of cycling – cycling engagement day of action being planned
- Lighting audit completed, all lights are now working.

4- Community cohesion (Hillfields)

- Events being planned over early Spring for cohesion activities including Dog Fouling op and Community Sports day.
- Look for community cohesion opportunities / activities from next Neighbourhood Forum
- Landlord services are currently identifying opportunities for work on estates

5- Street Drinking (Fishponds Park)

- Streetwise team planned in location in routine patrol plan
- Neighbourhood Working (NW) to review complaints as weather gets warmer through NDT and run programme of targeted Streetwise patrols and days of action
- CCTV briefed to monitor the location for any increase in street drinking, particularly over weekends.
- NW will publicise, widely, any prolific street-drinkers where formal court action is taken.

6- Environmental Improvements at junction of Lodge Causeway / Forest Road

- Area Environment Officer now has costs and plan for painting railings and installing planters as per environment subgroup request.
- NW consulting with local businesses for input on plans and sponsorship
- Works to be complete by April 2013.

Choosing priorities for 2013-14 and customer charter

At the NP meeting on 27th September 2012 the Neighbourhood Partnership resolved to work with the council on choosing neighbourhood working priorities and also to develop a customer charter which sets out what the NP can expect from neighbourhood council services.

Choosing priorities – proposal to choose priorities for 2013-14 at June NP meeting

It is proposed that the NP chooses its Neighbourhood Working priorities at June's NP meeting. The following process has been put together by officers in order to collect information and to involve as many residents as possible in choosing the priorities:

- Feb 2013 – officers collect information about neighbourhood issues from the NP, forums, community groups, direct requests to council, information from surveys, information gathered at events covering a wide range of neighbourhood issues.
- Mar – May 2013 – produce a list of the 20 main priorities in the Greater Fishponds area and bring it to forums, subgroups, events and other local engagement for people to comment on and tell us which are most important.
- May 2013 – hold a priority setting event / meeting / working group if the NP wants one to formulate a prioritised list of 10 main issues to recommend to the NP in June

- June 2013 – NP to choose priorities.

Customer Charter

When work started on the customer charter, there was not much enthusiasm for it as a large document covering lots of different issues. People instead told us that they would prefer detailed information about key local issues. In Greater Fishponds, the first customer charter / information document produced has been the East Park Makeover booklet which contained information about the key issues in East Park. Officers will continue to work with the NP to put together relevant local information. John Atkinson, Neighbourhood Working Coordinator, would welcome feedback on this matter.

Citywide Neighbourhood Partnership Review GFNP summary response

Volunteer board members (meeting held Wednesday 30th January 2013).

1. Need more funds devolved from core central budgets (bigger share of the cake)
2. When consulted the views of the NP and NC should be given more weight.
3. NPs should be able to challenge and influence BCC policies/decision.
4. NP meetings should be formalised. Board members should be issued name badges and meeting arrangements should distinguish who the board members are from the public.
5. Communication/engagement needs improving. Improvements include:
 - The website do not work, need more interactive with accurate updated information.
 - Local community hub is needed (start with community notice board at Robinson House)
 - Enrol volunteering programme.
 - Encourage more workshops and resident involvement at NF meetings.
 - Have at least one NF meeting per ward during the daytime in order to target different community groups.

Environment subgroup's response (Meeting held Thursday 21st February 2013):

1. Need more devolved money from capital central budget in relation to parks and environment.
2. Better communication between NP boundaries.
3. NP website needs improving.
4. NF not effective, possibly change 1/2 during the day and make it more targeted.
5. Make library default page the GFNP website.
6. Share NP achievements at NF meetings.
7. Include in the NF posters presentations at the forthcoming NF meetings.

Traffic and Transport subgroup (meeting held Wednesday 13th February 2013)

1. The council to seek or apply for traffic enforcement powers from the police.
2. Traffic Officers to attend subgroup discussions to help generate local solutions.
3. Clarify to what extent consultation is permitted, in the design of scheme stage, present options at subgroup meetings. Where possible initial ideas should be circulated to avoid officers wasting time.
4. Trust local residents views and suggestions to problem solve. Resident solutions are disregarded irrespective, eg Hockey's Lane.



Together for a better energy deal.

Message from the Mayor

Bristol Switch & Save - join others to save on energy bills

Gas and electricity bills take a large slice from most household budgets, but even so, many of us don't shop around for a better deal. Householders often feel that it is over-complicated or too much of a hassle to research, compare and switch suppliers.

Getting together as Bristol residents to negotiate a better energy deal is the simple idea behind Bristol Switch & Save - a scheme I recently launched with Councillor Gus Hoyt, my Cabinet colleague.

This new not-for-profit scheme aims to get the best energy tariff available for householders and small businesses who join. The scheme will also offer the option of a green energy supplier and encourage the use of the Bristol Pound.

Anyone interested in this scheme needs to join in by 22 March and the aim is to sign up at least 5,000 householders. The more people who join - the greater the scheme's bargaining power will be.

I encourage you strongly to consider joining and to tell people you know or work with about this opportunity. The scheme is also a clear way to support vulnerable people and households to pay less for their energy. If you're working with low-income households please do spread the word and support people to join in.

The scheme is run by the Centre for Sustainable Energy, Bristol City Council, Bristol Credit Union and Bristol Pound. You can find out more on the [Bristol Switch & Save website](#).

George Ferguson
Mayor of Bristol



TREE PLANS

NP05 Greater Fishponds (Eastville, Hillfields & Frome Vale)

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.

For your Neighbourhood Partnership area last year we produced a Tree Plan for **Eastville Park** and will be holding a Community Tree Planting Event involving local residents and Radisson Blu in March 2013.

At your Neighbourhood Partnership meeting on 14th March we would like you to:

- **Recommend which park you would like to develop a Tree Plan for in your Neighbourhood Partnership**
- **Recommend whether to hold a Community Tree Planting Event in the park chosen above or in Eastville Park**

TREE PLANS 2013-2014

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

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

The Tree Plans apply principles set out in the Bristol City Council Tree Design Guide and will be widely consulted on.

We have put forward some suggestions (see below) and have been canvassing Park Groups for suggestions.

Park	Demand for tree planting	Tree planting locations	Ward
East Park Housing	Would enhance the open space	40?	Eastville
Meadowsweet Open Space	Aspiration from local residents, who have raised concerns regarding lack of trees & loss of some trees being removed over the years, in particular Meadowsweet Housing.	30?	Eastville
Begbrook Green Park	Aspiration from Councillors and local residents, could enhance the old orchard if sufficient local support	20?	Frome Vale
Oldbury Court	Potential for trees on boundaries	50?	Frome Vale

As there are sufficient planting locations at Eastville Park to hold another Community Tree Planting Event, can you please also recommend whether you would like to hold your Community Tree Planting Event at Eastville Park or the venue you recommend this year.

If you have any questions contact us at treebristol@bristol.gov.uk or 0117 92 24417, or visit www.treebristol.com for more information



DRAFT v 2		Greater Fishponds Neighbourhood Partnership (GFNP) Community Engagement Plan 2013-4					
Type of Engagement	Actions	Lead/Support	Dates				Target (Red / Amber / Green)
Neighbourhood Partnership	Hold 4 Neighbourhood Partnership Meetings, per annum.	Area Co-ordinator	26/9/13	19/12/13	20/3/14	26/6/14	G
Neighbourhood Forums	Hold 4 Neighbourhood Forum Meetings per ward, per annum.	Area Co-ordinator and Area Inspector. Supported by the Neighbourhood Development Officers.	Eastville 31/7.13	Eastville 13/11/13	Eastville 19.2.14	Eastville 21/5/14	G
			Frome Vale 8.8.13	Frome Vale 21.11.13	Frome Vale 6/2/14	Frome Vale 15.5.14	G
			Hillfields 14/8/13	Hillfields 6.11.13 (daytime)	Hillfields 12/2/14	Hillfields 7/5/14 (daytime)	G
GFNP Subgroups	Hold minimum 4 meetings per annum for each subgroup. In total there are 4 subgroups.	Area Co-ordinator, Kate Jerrold, Mark Logan, David Mock, Area Environment Officer, NDO	Env.S 21/8/13	Env.S 4/12/13	Env.S 5/3/14	Env.S 28.5.14	G
			Plan.S: To meet first Monday of every month 7pm				G
			T & T 28/8/13	T & T 27/11/13	T & T 26.2.14	T & T 4/6/14	G
			Well.S 19/8/13	Well.S 18/11/13	Well.S 17/2/14	Well.S 2/6/14	G

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Well.S = Wellbeing Subgroup

Plan.S = Planning Subgroup
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Type of Engagement	Actions	Lead/Support	Dates				Target (Red / Amber / Green)
	2 x drop-in sessions Robinson House	Neighbourhood Development Officer		24th May		8th Nov	G
Communication & Raising Awareness	2 x Library drop-in sessions	NDO	On going	14th June		6th Dec	G
	Regularly update NP website	Area Co-ordinator N.D.O.	On going	On going	On going	On going	G
	Regularly update community website and other	Richard Irwin	On going	On going	On going	On going	G
	Distribute 200 - 250 flyers in targeted areas before NF meetings	Neighbourhood Development Officers	On going				G
	Wellbeing funded projects to display accredited logo	Area Co-ordinator	On going				G
	NP stalls in local Community events	Neighbourhood Development Officers	Police Safety event Morrisons 13/3/13	Barton Fields 8/7/13	Fishfest 14/9/13		G

	2 x NP stalls at Morrisons	Neighbourhood Development Officer		tbc		tbc	A
	Develop GFNP annual brochure and deliver copy to every household within the NP area	Area Co-Coordinator, Richard Irwin and Katie Haydon					A
Type of Engagement	Actions	Lead/Support	Dates				Target (Red / Amber / Green)
Continue ... Communication & Raising Awareness	Identify number of community notice boards in the NP areas and use to display NP publicity	Police					A
	Hillfields Community Trust	NDO	Ongoing				G
	Hillfields Young Mums Group	NDO	Ongoing				G
	Friends of Hillfields Park	NDO	Ongoing				G
	East Park Resident Association	NDO	Ongoing				G
	Colston Estate Neighbourhood Watch	NDO	Ongoing				G
	Qur'an Academy	NDO	Ongoing				A
	SMAG	NDO	Ongoing				A

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	Friendship group	NDO					A
	In the Pink	NDO					A
	Activate	NDO	Ongoing				G
Type of Engagement	Actions	Lead/Support	Dates				Target (Red / Amber / Green)
Capacity building	Help to develop the capacity of at least 2 community groups	NDO	1)Hillfields Somali 2)Friends of Begbrook Park				A
Other Partner Agencies' meetings, activities and events	Organise at least 2 walkabouts with police, local councillors, and BCC departments for each NF	Neighbourhood Development Officer	Hillfields 10/4 Frome Vale 16/4	Hillfields 21/6 Frome Vale 28/6	hillfields 25/9 Frome Vale 3/10	hillfields 30/11 Frome Vale 7/12	G
Other Partner Agencies' meetings, activities and events	Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators (Beat Watch)	NDO	On going				G
	Suggestion Box, in Hillfields Library	NDO	on going				G
	1 x Oldbury Ct Primary School parents evening	NDO	TBC				A
	1 x Minerva Academy parents evening	NDO	tbc				A
	1 x Chester Park Parents evening	NDO	tbc				A
	Follow up Youth Forum at Bristol Met	NDOs	tbc				A