



AGENDA ITEM NO 7

Greater Fishponds Neighbourhood Partnership Thursday 20th June 2013

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Title: Neighbourhood Working Priorities

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Greater Fishponds NP chooses 10 Neighbourhood working priorities from the priority table shown below.

1. Greater Fishponds area has benefited from being part of the Neighbourhood Working pilot area since October 2012, and a review of the results from the pilot is contained within Appendix A. The Neighbourhood Working Pilot officially finished at the end of March 2013 and the new way of working is being implemented across the city.
2. Highways, planning, licensing and trading standards officers have now joined the neighbourhood working initiative and are committed to delivering against neighbourhood working priorities. In addition to this, a core team of PCSOs are also being tasked against neighbourhood working priorities. Where the need arises, other services

and partners are being approached to join neighbourhood working to expand the skills and support available to tackle neighbourhood priorities.

3. As outlined in the report of 14th March 2013, Greater Fishponds NP are now asked to formally agree 10 key local priorities for the Neighbourhood Working team to work on. These may be an extension of priorities that have been tackled during the pilot or new priorities that have been identified recently.
4. The intention at the moment is for the NP to choose the priorities annually. Priorities may be broad with specific locations to be decided locally at forums or other local means. For example, a NP may choose dog fouling as a priority, and either choose the main locations to focus on, or ask the forums to choose the locations.
5. Progress can be reported in a way that suits the NP – this could be at NP meetings and/or at forums, subgroups and other local meetings, and progress reports will also be available online.

Greater Fishponds NP priorities

6. A shortlist of 30 priorities has been developed between February and May from an analysis of 18 data sources including Quality of Life Survey, Neighbourhood Forums, Neighbourhood Partnership and sub-groups. These have been consulted on locally at forums, subgroups, community facing events, websites, specific neighbourhood working ward based surveys and engagement during multi-agency operations. This consultation has produced a preferred list of 10 with extra weighting given to those priorities coming from the largest number of sources. The shortlist of 30 local priorities and the preferred 10 priorities are contained within the table below – the preferred 10 as described above are in bold

Priorities Table

Issue	Detail
1 Feeling of personal safety in NP area	Quality of Life Survey and the baseline Neighbourhood Working ward based survey both showed confidence in this area remains particularly low. Only 39% of people in Hillfields feel safe in their neighbourhood after dark. 36% of people across GFP NP area said personal safety is a problem compared to a Bristol average of 26% representing the 'least satisfies' NP area.
2 Graffiti	Graffiti, particularly serial tagging identified as a problem throughout GFP but particularly on the Railway Path. QOL & CSC shows high reporting in Eastville around M32 and Royate Hill area.
3 Burglary	Hot spots continue to emerge in Hillfields and Eastville despite general downward trend. Proportionately high in QOL stats for victims of crime over last 12 months which show GFP residents as highest response with 18% compared to city average of 14%
4 Drug Dealing	3 wards all showing significantly above average dissatisfaction with drug dealing over the GFP area at 57% compared to city average of 45%. Work ongoing to identify hotspots including Lodge Causeway
5 Parking on Pavements	This is a general problem with hot-spot location and times. Including school pick-ups and drop-offs and around mosques on Fridays in particular. Alcove Road, May Park School, Begbrook School all hotspots. Exacerbated by car dealers selling on street. NWT and Trading Standards working across pilot area re: this issue. Wheelchair users and push chairs unable to pass vehicles parked on pavement between Fromshaw Rd and Kynges Mill Close.
6 Littering	Linked with lack of satisfaction in May Gurney street cleansing. Low satisfaction across GFP NP area with 81% response saying street litter a problem. Hillfields biggest response with 84% reporting. Hotspot areas through NP area including, Oldbury Court, Fishponds Road & Blackberry Hill. Fast food litter prevalent on Straits Parade.

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7 Bag Dipping	Criminals targeting people shopping leaving their bags open on trolleys etc. Problem identified locally in Morrisons, Fishponds Road. Safer Bristol education work ongoing.
8 Motorcycles in Parks	Young people report feeling unsafe in Hillfields Park due to motorbikes particularly over the summer months.
9 ASB Street drinking	Below average satisfaction with drunk and rowdy behaviour across the NP area 7% higher than Bristol average particularly in Hillfields – 11% higher. Hotspots include Fishponds Park, Meg Thatcher’s open space and young people in green spaces in Hillfields and Oldbury Court Shops.
10 Noise Nuisance (domestic)	GFP had most respondents about noise from neighbours than any other NP area in Bristol on QOL 2012 at 48% compared to the city average of 38%. Particularly significant in Hillfields with 54% response – worst ward in Bristol. SUG suggests may be associated with recession and poor infrastructure.
11 Cycling on pavements	Problem across GFP no ward significantly complaining more than another. Needs added education and enforcement. Particular issue on Railway Path where pedestrians report feeling unsafe at access points – ongoing engagement work with NWT & SUSTRANS
12 Dog Fouling	QOL suggests relatively high satisfaction but identified as priority by Enforcement Team including dog wardens and SSE officers. NWT looking to replicate dog fouling ops from AELH and SG NP areas. Speedwell open space and Vassell’s Park identified as hotspots.
13 Vice	149 men attended Change Course last year. Police figures showing high rate of interventions and action across GFP mostly in traditional hotspots such as Fishponds Road and East Park. Positive feedback from East Park Makeover Project but some evidence of displacement, Reports and complaints often linked to ASB around kerb crawling and D&S litter.
14 Hockey Lane junction	No left-turn introduced against the wishes of the NP. Pedestrians complaining junction is now very dangerous as people still turn there despite new signage. Exacerbated by new Aldi store opening.

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15 Illegal tobacco products	Some smaller shops alleged to be selling duty free or counterfeit cigarettes and tobacco products across GFP area.
16 Allotment Fires	Neighbourhood Forum raising problems of plot holders burning domestic waste and burning out of permitted season. Thingwall Park cited as example.
17 Railway Path	Reported hotspot for ASB, dog fouling graffiti and fly tipping. Previous robbery hotpost. May benefit from multi-agency project work across themes?
18 Speeding cars	Along Fishponds Road, Along Stapleton Road, through East Park and through Greenbank Cemetery, Forest Road and Gloucester Street.
19 Street lighting	NP identify lacking in certain areas. NFs suggest lighting on highways and in parks often not working and confusion about reporting and maintenance. Youth Forum identified not enough lighting in parks and lanes with Eastville Park a particular priority.
20 Poor quality parks and play equipment	QOL Suggests satisfaction is relatively high with GFP as NP area 69% satisfied with provision compared with Bristol average of 67%. Youth Forum identify not enough appropriate equipment for older children and parents reporting lack of equipment in Eastville Park including removal of swings. Begbrook Park cited by children and parents in need of improvements
21 Environmental improvements at junction of Lodge Causeway and Berkeley Road and Eastville Roundabout	Ongoing improvements underway led by AEO. Further engagement with businesses and consultation.
22 Theft of motor vehicle / theft from motor vehicle.	More prevalent on Eastville and Hillfields. Mapping underway by Police and Safer Bristol. Prevention / education and enforcement needed.
23 Traffic Impact from major housing developments	Perceived lack of planning around infrastructure when new Housing Developments are approved and built.
24 Delays and associated traffic problems due to implementation of GBBN scheme	Delays down Fishponds Road and knock on effects and displacement to surrounding area.

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25	Station Rd	Widening and improvements to cycle contravention signage
26	New Station Rd	Cycles conflicting with pedestrians. The problem is the road narrows at Brook Rd Junction
27	Railings at refuge island at junction of Fishponds rd and Manor Rd junction	Declared unsafe by the Blind Association.
28	Synchronisation of the signal lights	The lights along Fishponds Rd do not work together properly
29	College Road	Used as a rat run at peak times. Tail backs from Junction of Fishponds Road and Manor Road are blocking College Road
30	Gloucester Street	One contravention and people coming out to turn left onto Fishponds Road. Vehicles turning into Gloucester St straight from Muller Road endangering oncoming traffic.
31	Flytipping	Env Sub group identified significant fly-tipping around the recycling station at Morrisons particularly bad on weekends. Streetscene Enforcement have targeted the area but still happening.
32	Dangerous cables	Virgin installed cable television but wires hanging dangerously into the street near junction of Coombe Road and Fishponds Road.
33	Dangerous Parking East Park	Tenants in Caraway Gardens signed a petition for yellow lines at the junction with Rosemary Lane. Many tenants report having near misses crossing here.

Appendix A

GFP priorities tested in pilot:

Issue:	Ward:	Actions:
1 Prostitution and Drug and Sex Litter on East Park.	Eastville	DJ leading on environmental clean-up work on the estate with Community Payback and liaising with Steve Rogers around more coordinated response from May Gurney including scheduled deep cleans of car parks and alleyways. Vice reporting a slight increase on Fishponds Road adjacent to estate. DJ and NB ongoing discussions with Tina Newman around gating cleared lanes. TN agreed to match fund through Change programme. Mini-charter completed and out to all residents. Very well received. Leaflets on One 25 van. Successful engagement day and Mayor visit 22 nd and 23 rd May 2013. Ongoing targeted vice work and focus on littering and dog fouling.
2 Lack of community cohesion / feeling of belonging.	Hillfields	Multi-agency audits and walkabouts reporting through all environmental issues including overgrown PROWs, dog fouling and graffiti. Mini-charter developed and should be published June 2013. Engagement day with drop-in surgeries – extra info about Home Choice, Noise Pollution and Youth Provision.
3 Fly-tipping, litter and ASB on Railway Path	Hillfields	Audit completed in early January 2013. 2 Fly-tipping sites evidenced and actioned, graffiti recorded and reported, cyclists and walkers interviewed. NWT working with SUSTRANS and Cycling City to have day of engagement with users educating about safety and shared use with resource giveaway. Some evidence of displacement of sex work to area and dog fouling remains a problem

Issue:	Ward:	Actions:
4 Lack of Parking Enforcement on Begbrook Lane	Frome Vale	Traffic Regulation Order has been applied for and should be in place January 2013. Wayne Dewfall at Parking Enforcement has agreed to programme capture car to enforce TRO once in place and direct CEOs to enforce at peak school start and finish times. Wayne Dewfall to provide report of visits to Begbrook Lane to AD for Neighbourhood Forum / Neighbourhood Partnership of number of CEO visits / enforcement notices after first month of TRO in place.
5 Street drinking in Fishponds Park	Frome Vale	Regular Streetwise patrols increasing as weather gets warmer. AWP / Streetwise considering wider roll out of IMPACT approach to street drinkers city wide now evaluation complete.
6 Rogue Traders	Frome Vale & Hillfields	Two weeks of sustained action across area targeting older people for advice and resources. Coordinated by Police and Community Safety Officer. Sustained through engagement at Forums.