



AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

Greater Fishponds Neighbourhood Partnership

Report of: John Atkinson Neighbourhood Working Coordinator

Title: Neighbourhood Working Update

Officer presenting report: John Atkinson

RECOMMENDATION:

That the GFP NP considers action against the 10 Neighbourhood Priorities so far and feeds back.

1. Greater Fishponds Neighbourhood Partnership were presented with a list of 33 local issues around community safety, environment and wider neighbourhood issues in their March 2013 meeting cycle. Over the following three months consultation was sought at Neighbourhood Forums, NP sub groups and other community events regarding these priorities.
2. Greater Fishponds Neighbourhood Partnership voted for their top 9 priorities in their June AGM. These were worked against over the next three months and a report was submitted, to the partnership, of progress as of September 2013. At this meeting the Partnership decided to deselect 'Hockeys Lane Junction' (priority number 2) as being more suitable to progress through the Traffic and Transport sub-group and 'Poor Quality Parks and Play

Equipment' (priority number 4) as being more suitable to progress through the Environmental sub-group, from the priorities list. These were replaced with 'Graffiti', 'Burglary' and 'Domestic Noise Nuisance'.

3. It is anticipated, across the Neighbourhood Working Programme, that there may be occasions where applications for Wellbeing Funding could be used to support some work against the priorities. Examples of this could be funding extra youth activity during hot-spot times and dates for anti-social behaviour, (eg 'Spooky Week') or where certain projects need extra publicity, (eg Dog Fouling Posters, Parking on Pavements leaflets).
4. The table that follows summarises a brief report of action so far against these 9 priorities.

Priorities Summary Table

	Issue	Actions and work planned
1	Drug Dealing	Allegations of young people dealing and running drugs on Oldbury Court estate being addressed by targeted enforcement by Neighbourhood Policing Team, education in Met Academy and BBA and targeted Outreach through monthly East Bristol Youth Provision meetings. Police patrols stepped up in and around Eastville Park, particularly around the pavilion. Community Safety Officer doing monthly data analysis of May Gurney figures for cleansing but no hot-spots emerging from this. Cannabis use and dealing is prevalent on Hillfields Estate. Police are stepping up patrols and Bristol Drugs Project are doing proactive drop-in sessions with Police and Creative Youth Network at Hub provision at Hillfields Youth Centre. Neighbourhood Working completed targeted leaflet drops across Hillfields Estate encouraging reporting through Crimestoppers. Recommend NP pass on any reports through Police 101 or Crimestoppers.

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2	Littering	Increased Police and Council patrols along Fishponds stretch of the Railway Path. Litter audit and pick planned for 17 th December along whole stretch. Parks increasing waste disposal along track. Citywide, 'Which side of the fence are you on...?' campaign beginning on 16 th December in the City Centre and will be rolled out to outlying localities in the new year alongside focused enforcement in hotspot areas using newly cross authorised Neighbourhood Working Officers to issue Fixed Penalty Notices (Operation Speaker). Deep cleanse of Fremantle Gardens / Boswell Street area was completed in October and feedback from residents were good and regular checks have shown maintained improved streetscene. Littering engagement work with schools happened over October and November in secondary schools with further engagement planned over January and February in primary schools. Litter around student housing in Trendlewood Estate was targeted in the city-wide 'Moving –in Campaign in partnership with UB and UWE in late-September. Reparation work is on-going with Youth Offending Team which will be expanded in the new year alongside restorative work with students from both universities who are subject to disciplinary action. Recommend NP, NFs and Env Sub group pass on any hot-spot areas and suggestions for focus locality of Which side... campaign
3	Cycling on Pavements	PCSOs carrying out focused patrols to issue warnings and Fixed Penalty Notices. 56 FPNs given across Greater Fishponds area over the last two months with 2 emerging hot-spots – Fishponds Road and Lodge Causeway. Linking in with Citywide education and advice campaign to also include focus on bicycle theft. New cycle light initiative piloted in East Bristol where people cycling without lights are issued a ticket but the fine is refunded if they present at the Police station with a receipt for bicycle lights. Police across the city are focusing on enforcing non-cyclists using advanced stop boxes to encourage more cycling on the road. Recommend NP pass on any other hot spot areas to Police and Neighbourhood Working Coordinator.
4	Unsafe Crossing at Fishponds Rd /	Work with Access Bristol team and Highways. Railings unsuitable for crossing due to planning and design restrictions. Audit completed at crossing by Neighbourhood Working

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	Manor Road	in mid-August. Little issue identified over audit. Highways consulting on any objections to painting kerbs to make more visible to partially sighted people and those with limited mobility. Now with Highways. Recommend NP remove as priority and select another priority from the table at the end of this document.
5	Parking on Pavements	Hot spots mapped and Police / Parking Services enforcement focus on UWE parking, including Trendlewood Estate and side roads off Fishponds Road including Alcove Road, Hinton Road and Guinea Lane. Vicarage Road residents have been campaigning for double yellow lines. Community Safety Officer completed consultation with residents but proposed Traffic Regulation Order looks unsustainable due to financial pressures on TRO funding. Engagement and Enforcement 'week-gap' operation due to start on 21/01/14. Recommend NP feedback any other localities for focus under engagement and enforcement operation.
6	Street drinking ASB and littering	Reports showing incidents in hot-spots associated with entrenched street drinkers – Fishponds Park, St Mary's graveyard, Fishponds Road benches (Outside Morrisons) All Neighbourhood Working Officers supporting Streetwise Project with information for targeted patrols and picking up engagement work with problem premises to free up resources. Emerging hot-spot under Forest Road crossing on Railway path being tackled through increased Police patrols and planned cleansing works. Local Police Beat Manager leading on emerging hot spot of more young people street drinking around Meadowvale and the wider Speedwell area which is spilling onto GFNP patch. Regular patrols in Fishponds Park, benches outside Morrisons and further up Staple Hill Road. Increased patrols on Stapleton Road and Lower Fishponds Road in Eastville targeting drinkers for section 27 dispersal orders. Recommend NP and NFs to feed back any emerging hot-spots.
7	Vice	No increased reports on East Park. Numbers of reports have steadily reduced since a spike in July 2013. Neighbourhood Inspectors have met with other stakeholders to look at more rigid procedures going forward including tighter court restrictions and requirements

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		on sex workers and their customers. Deep cleanse around Boswell Street and surrounding streets seems to have had some preventative effect with less work and less waste being reported in the location.
8	Graffiti	<p>Hot spot mapping underway with Railway Path, Hockeys Lane and Fishponds Road all showing relatively high levels of graffiti and tagging. A joint campaign with Crimestoppers began in October targeting 4 prolific city-wide 'taggers': 'Neave', 'Nose', 'TOUCHED' and 'DBK'. Successful joint working with Police over the last few months has led to successful and comprehensive prosecutions against: 'LIC', 'EDGER', 'DIRT BTC' and action against '&THEN' is underway. Neighbourhood Working now have a service level agreement with the Youth Offending Team for a Reparation Project where the young people come out and work with us in cleaning graffiti, litter picking and other environmental clear-up works. There have been five young people involved in this over the last two months with a total of 60 hours reparation work as part of court orders and out of court disposals. Graffiti audit and clearance work along Fishponds and Easton stretch of Railway Path planned for 17/12/13. Recommend NP and NF pass through any emerging sites for mapping and rapid clearance.</p>
9	Burglary	<p>Joint burglary prevention engagement days underway with 350 people spoken to at Morrisons on first day. PCSOs and Community Safety Officer doing another day of action at Morrisons on 07/12/13. Application is approved for grant from Police and Crime Commission for equipment to help secure vulnerable properties and hot spots across the East sector. Burglary victims, three properties each side and six houses directly opposite will be offered a full security referral. Vulnerable properties will be offered immobilise, door stickers, door jammers, door chimes and alarms. Also offering remote controls for around 500 homes. Safer Bristol will be running their Burglary Christmas Card campaign this year with advice about securing properties. New Police Cadets are likely being used for Neighbourhood visual security audits with a variety of Neighbourhood staff used then to engage with identified vulnerable properties in the new year</p>

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10	Domestic Noise Nuisance	NW still at hot-spot mapping phase with Noise Pollution. Initial hot spots include Ledbury Road flats and isolated hot-spots across Hillfields and Oldbury Court. 11pm is late enough... campaign planned for engagement phase in January 2014 across Hillfields in more targeted way than initial campaign across Easton and Lawrence Hill. Protocol now being designed for 'direct challenge' visits to provide early intervention with noise nuisance perpetrators between Neighbourhood Working, PCSOs and Pollution Control. Noise nuisance focus on UWE students during Moving-in campaign and linking reparation work in with noise nuisance student perpetrators. Recommend NP and NFs supply any other problem areas before campaign in January.

Unselected Priorities:

Priority	Vote (June AGM)	Priority	Vote (June AGM)	Priority	Vote (June AGM)
Railway Path	4	College Run Rat Run	3	Traffic Light Timing & Synchronisation	2
Feeling of Safety	4	Gloucester St Traffic – Parking and One-way	2	Dog Fouling	1
Theft of and from Motor Vehicles	4	East Park Dangerous Parking	2	Lodge Causeway Environmental work	1
Station Road Signage and safety	3	Speeding Cars	2	Street Lighting	1
Motorbikes in Parks	1	Bag Dipping	1	Illicit Tobacco Sales	1