



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 before 10 were selected. Updates around these priorities are fed-back to the Partnership quarterly.
2. 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).

3. These priorities can be removed, added to or amended as the Partnership sees fit.
4. The table that follows summarises a brief report of recent action against these 10 priorities.

Priorities Summary Table

	Issue	Actions and work planned
1	Drug Dealing	Periodic leaflet drops publicising Crimestoppers reporting line on-going. Police have been targeting patrols in areas emerging through East Bristol Youth Provision Group including Hillfields Youth Centre and reports have decreased here regarding drug use. Recommend NP pass on any reports through Police 101 or Crimestoppers.
2	Littering	Follow up litter audit in April showed much reduced rate after clearance work and audit in February. Streetscene Enforcement are maintaining a focus on messy gardens with warning notices where necessary in conjunction with BCC Landlord Services. Fly-tipping and littering around Morrison's is being tackled with the store hiring a private security firm to conduct surveillance at the store over March to May and this evidence is now with Enforcement Officers who have started informal and formal action against the 31 offenders identified. Students in multiple occupation houses will be targeted in summer's 'Moving Out Campaign' which was very successful last year. Initial work completed around Trendlewood Estate with Streetscene Enforcement and Neighbourhoods Officers for targeted info. Recent focus on fly-tipping in Grove Road area. Recommend NP, NFs and Env Sub group pass on any other hot-spot areas for education / enforcement campaigns
3	Cycling on	Cycle surgeries are on-going with over 1000 cyclists now engaged across the city in high

	Pavements	commuter areas including Fishponds Road and the Railway Path. Continued focussed patrols by Police and PCSOs in problem areas giving Fixed Penalty Notices to people riding on pavements and riding without lights. Mobile tri-signs are now ordered to advise cyclists to ride responsibly and the consequences of not, in hot spot areas which can be moved from location to location as required. Recommend NP pass on any other hot spot areas to Police and Neighbourhood Working Coordinator.
4	Unsafe Crossing at Fishponds Rd / Manor Road	Reviewed at latest Traffic and Transport sub-group. Now with Highways. Recommend NP remove as priority for combined Neighbourhoods work.
5	Parking on Pavements	Following the Partnership wide audit in January enforcement action in early May focussed on Hillfields as the most problematic ward. 28 obstructive cars were counted compared to 90 on the initial audit which shows a significant improvement from initial education and engagement work. All 28 vehicles were issued with advisory notices. Follow on audit in July on target streets. Police and Parking services have also been focussing on parking problems around the mosque on Abingdon Road particularly on Fridays. Inconsiderate parking issues on Brook Road have also been reduced through engagement and better signage. Recommend NP give steer on which areas in Frome Vale and Eastville to focus on as a priority.
6	Street drinking ASB and littering	Next city-wide audit of street drinking on 05/06/14 results should be collated to bring for next NP meeting. No current hot-spots around the Partnership area identified but reports suggesting Eastville Park may be emerging as a priority. Fishponds Park and Fishponds Road have all been quiet over the last three months. Currently 27 Anti-social Behaviour Injunctions / Anti-social Behaviour Orders in place for street drinkers / beggars and 3 court cases pending. Recommend NP and NFs to feed back any emerging hot-spots.

7	Vice	Neighbourhoods staff continuing to provide high visibility environmental work to disrupt market around Eastville to support on-going Police operations there. Operation Bolero ended in May resulting in 75 kerb crawling offences and 19 loitering offences. Reporting from the Community increased and the Change Course for kerb-crawling offenders raised over £2000. Reporting levels will be monitored to see any increase from 17 over the length of the project.
8	Graffiti	Second Crimestoppers campaign was launched in March with new targets: AFTA(H), 2MUCH, VESAR and DRUGZ. Very good response from the public so far with arrests and three high profile court cases underway. Clearance work by Young People under a reparation agreement with the Youth Offending Team has continued over Spring and Summer. Wide scale clearance work along the Railway Path and around Hillfields Youth Centre has had significant improvements at both sites. Recommend NP and NF pass through any emerging sites for mapping and rapid clearance. Please promote indemnity forms.
9	Burglary	Police led burglary project is going very well with target hardening resources provided with £6.5k funding from Police and Crime Commissioner's funding now being installed with the help of volunteers. Neighbourhoods staff are helping Police to identify vulnerable homes through walkabouts and forums and the resources should be installed to around 500 homes. Trendlewood Estate is a focus of this work. Recommend NP refer any addresses potentially vulnerable.
10	Domestic Noise Nuisance	No hotpots currently identified across the partnership area. Agreement with Pollution Control Team that any areas mapped will be passed through for education / engagement action using the 11pm is late enough initiative.

Removed Priorities:

Priority:	Removed:	Now:
No Left turn at Hockey's Lane	September 2013	Issue is sitting with Traffic and Transport sub-group. Councillors working with Exec Member – Mark Bradshaw to work towards definitive decision on the junction and whether to reinstate or not. Neighbourhood Working has little or no influence on this decision
Poor Quality Parks and Play Equipment	September 2013	Priority sits with the Environmental sub-group to consult and progress improvements as more appropriate platform.

Unselected Priorities:

Priority	Vote (June AGM)	Priority	Vote (June AGM)	Priority	Vote (June AGM)
Railway Path	4	College Road 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