



AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

Greater Fishponds Area Neighbourhood Partnership Thursday 26th June 2014

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Title: Local Traffic Budget, Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding requests.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1- That the Neighbourhood Committee agrees to cease the continuation of the Section 106 Quick Win requests.
- 2- That the Neighbourhood Committee approves the release of £14,446.76 of Section 106 to contribute to the new Children's Play Ground in Eastville Park and £1,470 for new Community Notice Board near the Hideaway café area.
- 3- That the Neighbourhood Committee approves the spend £34,673.61 of previously reported returned sum from Bristol City Council (BCC) to East Park Open Space for Children Play Ground.
- 4- That the Neighbourhood Committee approves the release of £22,180.14 of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).
- 5- That the Neighbourhood Committee approves the release of £12,646.25 of 2014/15 Local Traffic Budget to contribute to the Children Play Ground in East Park Open Space and further £3,156.99 is released to off-set amounts overspend on Park Rd Zebra Crossing and Frenchay Area Review Schemes.

Part 1: Section 106 Quick Win

1. The Greater Fishponds Neighbourhood Partnership (NP) agreed the Parks Investment Plan at the Neighbourhood Partnership meeting held on 8th December 2011.
2. The NC approved to set aside £50,000 of Section 106 money in order to encourage local residents forming Friends of Parks/Green Spaces. The aim was to quickly process project requests for the amounts up to £2,500 for each park/green space in the NP area. In total £16,378.94 were invested in enhancing nine parks/green spaces. Appendix 1, table 1 show a list of parks/green spaces, which benefited from this process and what the money was spent on.
3. Whilst the Section 106 Quick Win scheme was successful in getting local community groups access funds quickly in order to enhance their Park/Green spaces, majority have now received their portion of the funds allocated to them. Hence it is hereby recommended for the NC to approve proposal to stop the Section 106 Quick Win scheme.

Part 2: Section 106 Release.

4. At present in total there is £71,872.23 of Section 106 funds available, including any Quick win underspend. See agenda item 6 for detail breakdown of devolved budgets.
5. In line with the Greater Fishponds Parks Investment Plan priorities, the Environment Subgroup previously prioritised developing Children Play Ground (CPG) in East Park. Despite this the project never got off the ground, due to combination of different factors including not enough funds were made available, lack of staff to fundraise and capacity of BCC project management team.
6. It was reported at an informal board meeting held on Monday 12th May 2014, that there was no Section 106 funds currently available to pay for new CPG in East Park. However the group supported an alternative plan to raise approximately £75,000 to progress this scheme. Appendix 1, table 2 shows the proposed source of funds making up this figure.
7. The Neighbourhood Committee is asked to note that the delivery of prioritised schemes will depend on officer capacity. The NP will be kept informed of progress and timescales through the Devolved Services report.

8. In support to allocate £75,000 to finance new CPG the Neighbourhood Committee is asked to approve the release of £14,446.76 of Section 106 to contribute to the new Children's Play Ground in Eastville Park and £1,470 for new Community Notice Board near the Hideaway café area. This will in effect aid securing funds to invest in East Park Open Space.

Part 3: Greater Fishponds NP Section 106 funding applied to St. George Park.

9. September 2012 the Greater Fishponds NP agreed to invest £43,569.70 of its devolved Section 106 funding to enhance the St George Park. It was agreed by Parks that an equivalent sum of capital funding would be returned to the Greater Fishponds NP and this happened at the end of last financial year (March 2014). The NC approved proposals to spend this money in number of different improvements in Eastville Park.
10. The Neighbourhood Committee is asked to amend this decision and is asked to approve spending £34,673.61 of the £43,569.70 returned sum to East Park Open Space for the development of the CPG.

Part 4: Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

11. CIL is central government legislation, which enables local authorities to charge infrastructure levy from majority of planning permissions for new developments. BCC devolved these charges to 14 Neighbourhood Partnerships across the city. At present Greater Fishponds NP gets 15% of each CIL receipt and currently has £25,209 of CIL.
12. It is hereby proposed that the Neighbourhood Committee approves the release of £22,180.14 of CIL to support the development of new CPG in East Park Open Space.

Part 5: Unspent Local Traffic Budget funding request

13. From June 2014, Neighbourhood Partnerships are given extra flexibility with their devolved budgets. See agenda item 10.
14. At an informal board meeting held on Monday 12th May 2014, it was agreed to prioritise the East Park CPG. However the group were cautious about making further changes until further guidance and clarification is provided.

15. The 2014/15 Local Traffic budget is £46,646.25 of which there is £21,646.25 of unspent/uncommitted Local Traffic Budget. See agenda item 6 for detail breakdown of devolved budget.
16. Therefore it is hereby proposed that the Neighbourhood Committee approves the release of £12,646.25 of 2014/15 Local Traffic Budget to contribute to the Children Play Ground in East Park Open Space and further £3,156.99 is released to off-set overspend on amounts overspend on Park Rd Zebra Crossing and Frenchay Area Review Schemes.

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

17. This report is seeking to secure funding required to develop Children Play Ground, in East Park Open Space. It is too early to undertake an Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) for this proposal. Whilst we do not envisaged any adverse impacts to any equalities community from this investment decisions. A full EqIA involving consultation with equalities communities as well as Neighbourhood Committee members and will be carried out once the proposal becomes clearer.

Table 1

Quick Wins: £50,000 approved 22/03/2012				
List of Parks/Green Spaces awarded Quick Win Funds				
Site	Description	Status	Amount released £	Amount spent
Fishponds Park	Additional litter bin near Children Play Area	Completed	£988.00	£988.00
Lodge Hill Space	The provision of two new benches	Completed	£2,442.32	£ 2,442.32
East Park Space	Provision of bench and a litter bin	Completed	£2,492.00	£2,492.00
Eastville Park	Power supply	Completed	£2,665.50	£2,665.50
Ridgeway Fields	Notice board and Seat	Completed	£2,456.21	£2,456.21
Argyle Road	1 X seat	Completed	£1,050.00	£1,050.00
Fishponds Park	Provision of power supply	Completed	£1,183.00	£1,183.00
Hillfields Park	1 X Picnic bench	Completed	£1,937.14	£1,937.14
Snuff Mills	Improvements to the rockery	Completed	£1,164.77	£1,164.77
Total			£16,378.94	£16,378.94

Table 2

Source of propose funds to support new Children Play Ground in East Park Open Space	Amount	
Un attached section 106 Budget	£34,673.61	
Available Highways underspend	£12,646.25	
Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill contribution	£5,500.00	
Local CIL available	£22,180.14	
Total Budget Available		£75,000.00