



Agenda Item No. 9

Greater Fishponds Neighbourhood Partnership Thursday 18th December 2014

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Title: Neighbourhood Partnership Plan (NP Plan) Report

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RECOMMENDATION: The Neighbourhood Partnership (NP) is asked to:-

1. Note Cabinet decision to remove ring fencing from devolved budgets.
2. Approve recommendation from Traffic and Transport subgroup priorities.
3. Approve recommendation from the Environment Subgroup.
4. Approve recommendation from the Co-ordinating Subgroup.

Part 1: Note Cabinet decision to remove ring fencing from devolved budgets.

1. Sept 2014 the Bristol City Council (BCC) Cabinet removed the ring fencing from previously devolved Local Traffic, Wellbeing and Clean & Green budgets to create an annual “Neighbourhood Budget”. This gives NPs greater flexibility and control over their resources.
2. In order to utilise and manage the Neighbourhood Budget, NPs are expected to prioritise their Neighbourhood Partnership Plans. The plans will also inform how BCC deploys its resources in the NP area.
3. At the September NP meeting, it was agreed to consolidate all the existing plans developed over the years and to work up draft NP Plan in close

collaboration with NP subgroups, with the view of presenting a draft plan at the December NP meeting.

4. The NP Plan consists of the Greater Fishponds NP Green Space Investment Plan priorities, Neighbourhood Working Group (NWG) Priorities, Neighbourhood Delivery Team (NDT) Priorities, Neighbourhood Action Plan priorities and elements of subgroup work plans.
5. The NP Plan contains ten main themes, as shown below:
 - i. Traffic and Transport
 - ii. Environment (**this will be reported on in March 2015**)
 - iii. Families, Young and Older People
 - iv. Community Safety
 - v. Community Development
 - vi. Community Buildings and Facilities
 - vii. Employment and Economic development
 - viii. Equalities, community cohesion and active citizenship
 - ix. Housing, Planning and Major Projects and
 - x. Community Engagement
6. During September and November 2014 draft NP Plan was presented at all the subgroup meetings held during this period, with the exception of the Wellbeing Subgroup. Copies of the plan (including priorities and changes suggested by the subgroups and NP members) will be available at the December NP meeting.

Part 2: Traffic and Transport subgroup priorities.

7. The Traffic and Transport subgroup met on Wednesday 19th Nov 2014 and prioritised the Traffic and Transport Section of the NP Plan.
8. The group's recommendation is presented in appendix 1. The NP is asked to approve the Traffic and Transport subgroup recommendation.

Part 3: Environment subgroup priorities.

9. The Environment subgroup met on Wednesday 26th November 2014. The group considered the Environment section of the NP Plan. The group did not complete prioritising their section of the NP Plan and it is still in "working" draft.
10. The group's recommendation will be presented at the NP meeting in March for approval.

Part 4: Co-ordinating subgroup priorities.

11. The Co-ordinating subgroup met on Monday 10th November 2014. The group considered remaining sections of the NP Plan.
12. Where applicable the group prioritised the themes and activities for Community Safety, Community Development, and Equalities and Community Cohesion and Active Citizenship.
13. The group's recommendation is presented in appendices 2. The NP is asked to approve the Co-ordinating Subgroup's recommendation.
14. The Co-ordinating subgroup did not prioritise the Community Engagement. It is hoped this will be done at the NP meeting in December 2014.

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EQIA)

15. This report is seeking decision to approve the St George NP Plan. This decision is not envisage having any adverse impacts to any equalities communities. Full EqIA will be required to accompany any projects proposal seeking support from the NP.
16. Indeed the NP Plan is seeking to redress lack of representation and engagement from the equalities communities and their abilities to influence decisions affecting them.

The Traffic and Transport Subgroup prioritised the themes and proposed activities of the Traffic and Transport Section. Their recommendations is summarised below.

Part 1: Themes

Theme	Priority order
Pedestrian Safety	1
Parking problems/restrictions	1
Maintenance of roads and pavements	2
Access to public transport	2

Part 2: Activities

Activity for Pedestrian Safety	Priority order
Reinstate the no left turn at Hockeys Lane	1
Forest Road Bridge in Hillfields Footway Widening	1
Forest Road North Footway Widening between Beechgrove and Staplehill	1
Improvements to pedestrian crossing at Whitefield Road	1
The provision of speed reduction measures on Poplar Road	1
To upgrade the existing traffic island on Speedwell Road	1
Feasibility to move dangerous bus stop by the junction of Straits Parade and Fishponds Rd.	1
Roundabout traffic flow improvement. Lane layout and traffic signals at M32 junction 2.	1
Changes to highway infrastructure necessitated by the development along Roegate House, Whitefield Avenue	1

Activity for Parking problems/restrictions	Priority order
Increase number of schools with TROs to reduce and enforce on problem parking	1
Enforce in appropriate parking during school runs, including parking on pavements	2
Install Charlton Rd area wide Parking restriction	3
School involvement around education of parents and pupils	4
Abingdon Rd Parking restriction scheme feasibility.	5
Dunkirk Rd Parking restriction feasibility	6

Activity for Maintenance of roads and pavements	Priority order
Resurface Brockworth Crescent, Frome Valley Rd, Begbrook Lane footways and	1
Respond resident & NF requests for minor lines and signs.	1
Resurface Welsford Rd/Avenue, Croft Avenue, Rowland Avenue	2
Surface dress Drummond Rd, Gordon Avenue and Park Rd.	2

Activity for Access to public transport	Priority order
bus stop improvements on Speedwell Road and Whitefield Road	1
Bus service for residents in Frenchay Park	

The Co-ordinating Subgroup prioritised the themes and proposed activities of the Families, Young and Older people theme. Their recommendations is summarised below.

Part 1: Themes

Theme	Priority order
Improve facilities and develop activities for the whole community in the NP area.	1

Part 2: Activities

1- Activity for Improve facilities and develop more activities for the whole community in the NP area.	Priority order
Produce A to Z community activities including fun days, luncheon clubs, and community based projects.	1
Help community groups seeking funding for community activities including fun days, luncheon clubs, and community based projects.	2
Developing mechanism for young people to engage with NP – including developing Youth forums.	3
Support organisations run by young people.	4
Develop more activities for young people in the neighbourhood, including, Sport Couching, Street games, etc.	5
Promote and improve accessibility for young people to access youth activity.	5
Improve and maintain sport pitches and their accessibility.	6

The Co-ordinating Subgroup prioritised the themes and some of the proposed activities of the Community safety theme. The group requested for the Police to consider prioritising activities for **Reduce Vice and related ASB** and **Reduce the supply and cultivation of drugs and increase detection rates**. Their recommendations is summarised below.

Part 1: Themes

Theme	Priority order
Reduce Vice and related ASB	1
Reduce the supply and cultivation of Drugs and increase detection rates	2
Reduce street drinking	3
Reduce incidents of Domestic Burglary and increase community resilience	4
Increase community resilience in the trading community	5

Part 2: Activities

1- Activity for Reduce Vice and related ASB	Priority order
Reduce impact of ASB on the local community. Develop a Partnership plan to ensure coordination of work across stakeholders.	
Proactive patrols and operations in hotspot location e.g East Park, Fishponds road	
Support improvement of the location used by skaters under the M32, to design out displacement of vice activities	

2- Activity for Reduce the supply and cultivation of drugs and increase detection rates	Priority order
Increase awareness of the Crimestoppers reporting system. Target schools and hotspot locations Hillfields and Oldbury court	
Report successes	

3- Activity for Reduce street drinking	Priority order
Targeted work in hotspot locations inc. Fishponds Park, Railway Path and Fishponds Road	1
2 Educational programs to be delivered in youth settings	2
Consult NP about new licence applications	2
Promote Streetwise project	3

4- Activity for Reduce incidents of Domestic Burglary Increase community resilience	Priority order
Proactive and reactive Burglary visits	1
Recruitment and retention of community champion volunteer	2

5- Activity for Increase community resilience in the trading community	Priority order
Increase involvement in traders groups	1

The Co-ordinating Subgroup prioritised the themes and proposed activities of the Community Development theme. Their recommendations is summarised below.

Part 1: Themes

Theme	Priority order
Supporting community/voluntary groups in the NP area.	1
Build community resilience and enable x community to engage effectively with local democracy and build social capital. (NP to be able to influence BCC decisions affecting the NP area)	2

Part 2: Activities

1- Activity for Supporting community/voluntary groups in the NP area.	Priority order
Mapping and creating directory of local community groups/activities. Set up a community sector network. Help Community group with grant/fundraising.	1
Support and empower local residents to set up Friends of Parks for all the Parks and Open spaces. Advising about policies and constitution matters. Target Begbrook and Ridgeway.	2
Support and empower local residents wanting to make their neighbourhoods a better place. Targeted locations include:- Meadowsweet/Trendlewood, M32 Skaters, Eastville Triangle.	2

2- Activity for Build community resilience and enable community to engage effectively with local democracy and build social capital. (NP to be able to influence BCC decisions affecting the NP area)	Priority order
Target underrepresented community members and develop suitable mechanism, which will enable them to have an input into the NP activities.	1
Develop the capacity of subgroups so they are reflective of the local community in terms of geography and equalities communities	2
NP to become statutory consultee, on Traffic management schemes	3

The Co-ordinating Subgroup prioritised the themes and proposed activities of the Community Buildings and Facilities theme. Their recommendations is summarised below.

Part 1: Themes

Theme	Priority order
Providing development support and opportunities for Community/voluntary organisations running community centres and help them to apply CAT in the NP area.	1

Part 2: Activities

Activity for	Priority order
Providing development support and opportunities for Community/voluntary organisations running community centres and help them to apply CAT in the NP area.	
Help develop the capacity of Bristol 5 management board in order to bring the Harry Crook Community Centre back into community use.	1
Provide advice and support to Oldbury Court After School Club.	2
Provide advice and support to HYMG in order to successfully run the Hillfields Community Centre.	3
At least once a year monitor all BCC Community Centres in the NP area.	4
Provide advice and support to Oldbury Court Community Centre.	5

The Co-ordinating Subgroup prioritised the themes and considered related activities. Their recommendations is summarised below.

Part 1: Themes

Theme	Priority order
Engage local businesses to take part in the HEFs in Bloom.	1
Help businesses develop Town Centre BID	2

Part 2: Activities

1- Activity for engage local businesses to take part in the HEFs in Bloom.	Priority order
Support/encourage use of local retail centres and businesses to support local high streets.	1

2- Activity for Help businesses develop Town Centre BID	Priority order
Consult local businesses and define area/s. Upper Fishponds Rd/Lower Fishponds Rd/Lodge Causeway.	1

The Co-ordinating Subgroup prioritised the themes and proposed activities of the Equalities, Community Cohesion and Active Citizenship theme. Their recommendations is summarised below.

Part 1: Themes

Theme	Priority order
Helping and supporting existing community events and opening up existing community groups to open up for members from emerging communities.	1
Ensure that the NP reflects the community it represents.	2
Celebrate community volunteering	3

Part 2: Activities

1- Activity for Helping and supporting existing community events and opening up existing community groups to open up for members from emerging communities.	Priority order
Working with the Polish, Somali and other ethnic minority communities in Hillfields, Frome Vale, and Eastville to participate with the organising or participating of community events in their neighbourhood, including Fishfest, Hillfields 999 Community Fun Day.	1

2- Activity for Ensure that the NP reflects the community it represents.	Priority order
Help to recruit the hard to reach communities on to the NP activities.	1

3- Activity for Celebrate community volunteering.	Priority order
Support and help organise volunteer and service provider awards.	1

The Co-ordinating Subgroup prioritised the themes and proposed activities of Housing, Planning and Major Projects theme. Their recommendations is summarised below.

Part 1: Themes

Theme	Priority order
Publicise and promote new developments	1

Part 2: Activities

Activity for Publicise and promote new developments.	Priority order
Publicise and promote community consultation events organised for development sites, including: Blackberry Hill, Glenside Campus, St Mathias, Graphic Packaging and former Parnall's work site.	1
Contact Neighbourhood Planning Network to build local momentum.	2

The Co-ordinating Subgroup prioritised the Community Engagement theme. The attendees formed two groups when they were prioritising the NP Plan. Although they consistently agreed with each other on all the themes, they differed in the order of priority of the activities for this section. For this reason the activities section summarised below is not in any priority order. The NP will be asked to prioritise this section at the NP meeting.

Part 1: Themes

Theme	Priority order
Organise Community Engagement Opportunities	1
Increase publicity and awareness by utilising existing communication channels	2

Part 2: Activities

1- Activity for Organise Community Engagement Opportunities	Priority order
Organise 4 NP meetings per year	
Organise 2 Eastville, Frome Vale and Hillfields NF meetings per year	
Organise 2 subgroup meetings for Traffic and Transport	
Organise 4 Environment subgroup meetings	
Organise 4 Co-ordinating subgroup meetings	
Organise 4 Wellbeing Panel subgroup meetings	
Organise at least 3 walkabouts per year	

2- Activity for Increase publicity and awareness by utilising existing communication channels	Priority order
Map community notice boards and recruit volunteers to help maintain them.	
Develop e-forum discussion and provide monthly update to residents.	
Participate at least 3 community fun-days/fairs, e.g Fishfest, 999 Community Fun day.	
Help redesign and maintain the GFNP website.	
Promote the NP Plan by publishing and delivering summary copy to every household in the NP area.	
Attend activities organised by the hard to reach communities.	