



MY NEIGHBOURHOOD

Agenda Item No. 6

**Greater Fishponds Neighbourhood Partnership
Thursday 24th March 2016**

Report of: Subgroup Chairs, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator.

Title: NP Activities- Business Report

Recommendation:

- 1- **Welcome New Board Members:** Neighbourhood Partnership Board members to formally welcome George Sloan and Ben Cattle as young people representatives.
- 2- **Citywide NP Event:** Evaluation report by Hayley Ash.
- 3- **2016/17 Neighbourhood Budget:** The Neighbourhood Committee (NC) is asked to note amount of Neighbourhood Budget devolved and agree proposal to ringfence Wellbeing Grant and Environment Budget. The NC is also asked to devolve Clean & Green and MSA Budgets (Minor Signing and Aligning) to Officers.
- 4- **Wellbeing:** NC is asked to approve Wellbeing applications received since December 2015
- 5- **Traffic & Transport:** NC is asked to approve 2016/17 Local traffic scheme.
- 6- **Environment:** Consider Environment subgroup recommendations and the NC to approve Environment Budget proposals.
- 7- **Co-ordinating Subgroup:** NP members to note progress.
- 8- **Boundary review:** Note changes to ward boundaries due to recent boundary review.

Part 1: Welcome New Board Members:

- 1- Ben Cattle and George Sloan are young people who expressed interest in the Greater Fishponds NP work. They have been volunteering with Grove Rd Youth Club and Creative Youth Network, respectively. Both these organisations have a track working relationship with the NP.
- 2- The NP Board has vacancies for Young People representative. Following their trial they both expressed interest to formally become NP Board members and subsequently received induction from the NP Co-ordinator. The NP is hereby asked to approve Ben Cattle and George Sloan to take on become NP Board members.

Part 2: Citywide NP Event:

- 3- The 2nd Citywide NP Conference evaluation report is now published. See appendix 1 summary of the report. Key findings of the report are:
 - I. Both at the event and via the survey, there is a strong support that future Citywide NP events should take place in the mornings (9.30am – 1pm) and that half-term holidays should be avoided.
 - II. The survey results shows participants found most useful in parts of the event residents organised. Hence it is recommended that future events should ensure greater resident-led activities.
 - III. The resident working group that planned the citywide event put in many hours to organise it. This is not sustainable approach as it places too much of a great burden on too fewer people. In the future all NPs are expected to share the workload equally. It is therefore recommended that each NP identifies at least 2 reps to help plan and deliver elements of the next event.
 - IV. The first 2 Citywide NP Events were aimed at residents who are already involved in NP activity – The working group recommends that more outward approach be adopted for next year to attract residents with little or no current involvement or knowledge of NPs.

V. The working group also recommends incorporating some smaller events focusing on the Citywide NP Priorities

4- In view of the above recommendations, the NP is asked to discuss and provide responses to the following Key questions:

- I. What should our target audience be?
- II. What messages do we want to send?
- III. How and when should we do this?
- IV. Most importantly, what role will the GFNP play in organising future events? Please think about what messages/ activities/ help both on the day and in the planning phase NP can contribute - this kind of event will only be successful if all NPs take an active role in helping to plan and deliver it.

Part 3: 2016/17 Neighbourhood Budget

5- Full council meeting on Tuesday 16th Feb 2016 approved the 2016/17 City Council Budget. This means from 1st April 2016, the Greater Fishponds Neighbourhood Partnership will receive total devolved Neighbourhood Budget of £61,243 for 2016/17. This is in addition to CIL and Section 106 funds.

6- The table shown below shows proposal to manage the 2016/17 Neighbourhood Budget, which is based on previous years expenditure pattern and the Greater Fishponds Neighbourhood Partnership Plan. The NC is asked to approve this proposal.

2016/17 Neighbourhood Budget Amount			£61,243
Type of Fund	Description	Amount ringfenced	Running amount

		£	
Clean and Green Budget	NC is asked to devolve this money to the Neighbourhood Officer for GFNP to carry out works needed between Neighbourhood Partnership meetings. Decision to spend the money will rest with the Neighbourhood Officer, however will consult the Environment subgroup and Neighbourhood Committee members.	£1,500	£59,743
Environment Fund	NC is asked to approve the ringfencing of £7,500 for environment improvements and to progress the NP Plan priorities. The environment subgroup will make recommendations in how to spend the money and NC to make final decisions.	£7,500	£52,243
Minor Signing and Aligning Budget	NC is asked to devolve up to £1,500 to Highways Senior Traffic Engineer to carryout works needed between Neighbourhood Partnership meetings. Decision to spend the money will rest with the Senior Traffic Engineer, however will provide regular update to the Traffic and Transport subgroup and Neighbourhood Committee members.	£1,500	£50,743
Wellbeing Grant	NC to agree the ringfencing of this money to support local community/voluntary organisations to progress NP Plan priorities. The Wellbeing subgroup members will assess grant applications and make recommendations to the NP. NC to make final decisions.	£25,000	£25,743
Remaining Neighbourhood Budget to allocate 2015/16			£25,743

Part 4: Wellbeing Grant:

7- Two Wellbeing subgroup meetings were organised. Only one person attended the later meeting, which was on Monday 7th March 2016. Other members sent their assessment forms electronically.

8- At present the total amount of Wellbeing Grant available for 2015/16 financial year is £6,533.03. This takes into account £1,200 previously awarded to Bristol 5, who subsequently refused it due to BCC awarding lease to Happy Dayz.

9- In total six Wellbeing applications were assessed by the panel with the total value of £12,799. One of the applications did not meet the Wellbeing criteria and another application was referred to the Environment Budget, managed by the Environment Subgroup. The group's recommendation is summarised in the table shown below "Funding Appraisal Top Sheet".

10- The NC is asked to approve recommendations from the Wellbeing Panel summarised in the table shown below.

Greater Fishponds NP Wellbeing Sub-group: Funding appraisal Top sheet 7/3/16				
Name of organisation	What's the funding for? Brief summary of project	Amount requested	Amount recommended	Conditions
The Care Forum	Ways to Wellbeing project is a social prescription project, which the NP previously funded. The project aims to support recruiting volunteers who's role is to improve participant's Wellbeing by offering practical assistance and emotional support. The funding will be used for volunteer advertisement, expenses and training.	£4,595	£4,000	Spending £550 on volunteer costs was deemed too high.
Barton Fields Trust	Barton Fields Community Fun Day is an annual free open community event organised in Hillfields. The event features 999 Fun Day, which provides important information to the public. The aim of the event is to bring the community together. The funding will pay for advertisement, PA system and other equipment.	£700	£700	The amount of £30 with nothing against was queried.
Hillfields Haween Group (HHG)	This application is to support Somali mothers and their children to access sports activities and public health workshops. The funding will largely be used to pay for venue hire and cost of workshops/trips.	£4,004	£690	Application not clear. Rent too high would support trip/workshop element for the stated amount of £690.
Brook Rd & Tyndale Avenue NWG	This project involves commemorating Gordon Welchman, who was born at the St Mary's vicarage 15 th June 1906 and became Bletchley Park codebreaker during World War II. The money will be used to pay for Blue Plaque provided by Wards Sign Makers.	£600	£600	

11- The following table sets out the principal benefits to Equalities groups and groups with protected characteristics as described in Section D of the application form. Protected characteristics the Equalities Act 2010 covers are age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

PROJECT	CONTRIBUTION TO EQUALITIES
The Care Forum	This project is targeting all sections of the community. It is targeting vulnerable community members who may be feeling depressed, loneliness and isolated. The project is focusing on single mothers, post-natal mothers, unwaged women, asylum-seekers or refugees, widows and frail elderly community members. It will also have a positive impact on young people who their families access the support. The project aims to take positive steps to recruit volunteers from Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) community in order to make it easier for people from BME community to access the support provided by the project. Most of the users are covered by the Equality Act 2010 as protected characteristics, including women, men some who are widowhood and/or disabled.
Barton Fields Trust	This is an open community fun day targeting all section of the community. Facilities for elderly community members will be made available, accessible toilets will be provided and a ramp to the field. Stalls cooking diverse foods will be made to ensure all section of the community is accommodated for.
Hillfields Haween Group (HHG)	This project is developed by BME community members, in particular women and their children, it aims to improve access to public health and young people activities. Women and young people are covered by the Equality Act 2010 as protected characteristics.
Brook Rd & Tyndale Avenue NWG	Women are involved in this project and takes into account needs of wider community, including elderly community members who their role will be acknowledged, BME and disabled community members.

12- If the NC approve the Wellbeing subgroup's recommendation of £5,990 the NP will have £543.03 to carry forward into 2016/17. Hence 2016/17 Wellbeing Grant budget will be approximately £25,543.03, subject to NC approving Part 3, 6 and any underspends.

13- As part of the Wellbeing Subgroup members Mo Lewis, Kate Brooks and Sue Lovell assessed the Wellbeing applications. Richard Irwin's assessments were disregarded due to the forms he used.

Part 5: Traffic and Transport:

14- The Traffic and Transport subgroup met on Wednesday 2nd March 2016 the group received reports of previously funded feasibility scheme and general update of schemes Andrew Spicer (AS) Senior Traffic Engineer for East Bristol was working on.

15- AS explained he referred Abingdon Rd scheme to the Chester Park school expansion, saving the NP most of the Feasibility Study budget.

16- AS presented the Straits Parade/Fishponds Rd Bus Stop Feasibility Study. The reports considers three options, namely moving the bus stop opposite the police station, moving it before the pelican crossing and routing buses via the Straits Parade side rather than Fishponds Rd. He explained all three options were discarded due to combination of suitability, safety and operational impact on bus schedule.

17- Following lengthy discussion it was agreed for the group to recommend carrying out six month experiment trial, which entails routing all buses via Straits Parade bus stop. AS agreed to carryout internal consultation and feedback to the Traffic and Transport subgroup. The NP is hereby asked for their support, in this recommendation.

18- The third feasibility scheme the group considered is Dunkirk Rd/Drummond Rd. The group welcomed the proposal but felt it was too small. Given there is insignificant difference in cost for serving a TRO for one street and many, it was suggested to include other schemes from Traffic Choices website and Councillor's caseload in the area.

19- The Neighbourhood Committee is hereby asked to approve Traffic and Transport Subgroup recommendation to progress Dunkirk Rd Area Wide summarised below.

2016/17 Local Traffic scheme: Neighbourhood Budget CF £39,584.82 + £25,743 (SA) =	£65,327.82
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NP Plan Priority:	Activity/Description of works	Amount £	Running Balance £
Traffic & Transport Feasibility P3: Dunkirk Rd Parking restriction.	This is an area wide TRO for the Dunkirk Rd and surrounding area. The Senior Traffic Engineer for East Bristol will provide map showing the size of the proposed area. The quote provided is based on similar schemes and may change subject to consultation and the number of objections received.	£10,000	£55,327.82
Remaining Neighbourhood Budget			£55,327.82

- 20- The group received report from a local resident in Hillfields, which highlighted speeding issues and number of crash incidents in Berkeley Rd and Whitefield Rd. The evidence the resident gathered was given to AS.
- 21- The group were notified of number of traffic related issues reported on the Traffic Choices website and potentially how long it could take to deliver them all. Generally the group welcomed the idea of DIY streets and agreed to consider it at the next Traffic and Transport subgroup meeting.
- 22- In the meantime AS agreed to consider what actions he could take to improve Berkeley Rd reported incidents and Radley Rd.

Part 6: Environment

- 23- The Environment Subgroup met on Wednesday 9th March 2016.
- 24- The group discussed the Parks Bylaws, see agenda item 5 for group recommendations. The remaining part of the meeting the group discussed 2016/17 environment enhancements and budget.
- 25- The group wants to see this year's flower meadows extended to include Hillfields. The flower meadows and bulb planting will be supported from the devolved Clean and Green budget, once it is approved.

26- The Neighbourhood Committee is hereby asked to approve Environment Subgroup recommendation as summarised below.

2015/16 Environment Budget available 2015/16 CF £241 + £7,500 (SA)			£7,741
NP Plan Priority:	Activity/Description of works	Amount £	Running Balance £
Environment Ref: P1 Activity 5 The NP is Clean, Tidy and Well Maintained.	Fishponds Shopping district: 6 X Planters, 6 x Hanging baskets, 2 X half baskets mounted on public toilet wall.	£1,740	£6,001
	Lodge Causeway Shopping: 7 Hanging baskets, 6 X cup and saucer planters and 4 railing planters.	£1,940	£4,061
	Lower Fishponds Rd area: 6 Hanging baskets	£1,080	£2,981
	East Park Estate: Promote HEFS in Bloom and recruit participants and general enhancement	£981	£2,000
Remaining Environment Budget			£2,000

Part 7: Co-ordinating subgroup

27- The Co-ordinating subgroup met on Thursday 4th February 2016. The group were sorry to hear about Tony Locke's hospital admission and wished him speedy recovery. In Tony's absence David Mock agreed to chair the NP meeting scheduled Thursday 24th March.

28- The focus of the meeting was to review the NP Plan and to concentrate the sections with no subgroups, namely Families, Young and Older People; Employment, Training and Economic Development; Community Cohesion & Development; and Community Buildings & Facilities. In preparation the group were given copies of the 2015 NP Area profile along with NP Plan with all the updates.

29- The NP Plan review process will take at least couple of meetings and so it was envisaged to have it completed by the next subgroup meeting in time to have the review presented at the AGM meeting in July 2016.

30- Finally the group considered the Action Tracker and coming NP meeting agenda.

Part 8: Boundary Review

- 31- Following extensive consultation, which started July 2014 the Local Government Boundary Commission's proposal will come into effect from Thursday 5th May 2016. Hence the elections will be based on the new boundary changes.
- 32- In comparison to some of the Neighbourhood Partnerships across the city, these changes will have minimal impact to the Greater Fishponds Neighbourhood Partnership.
- 33- Overall the Neighbourhood Partnership boundary remains the same as they were before, however there is slight little changes made to all three wards, Eastville will gain some areas from Hillfields Ward shifting the boundary from Crofts End to Duncombe Lane, Hillfields will become smaller and Frome Vale gains small area from Eastville shifting the boundary from Blackberry Hill to the Elm Tree Farm cricket ground. Please find attached appendix 2, 3 and 4 for copies of the new ward boundaries.

Appendix 1

2nd City Wide Neighbourhood Partnership Event 24th October 2015

Report and evaluation

This second event took place at the MSHEd, and attracted 80+ people from across all NP areas. The event included a session on how to get your message across on the radio and live radio coverage on the day by Ujima and BCFM when delegates were able to talk about the event and their NP work which had potential reach of over 30,000 people. Podcast can be heard on the NP website

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/neighbourhood-partnerships/neighbourhood-partnerships-toolkit>. Between November and December 7 Neighbourhood Partnerships also went on air on the one love breakfast show.

Evaluation:

Event

Of those who attended 16 people completed the survey monkey evaluation that was sent to all participants. 80% said that the event was good. However, 66% said that they would favour future events to be morning events (only 33% favoured full day and 7% afternoon events)

85% of respondents suggested that the venue worked very well

Workshops

- 85% of respondents felt that the Street Scene and Environmental Activists workshop was informative or very informative
- 57% of respondents felt that the Community Planning workshop was useful or very useful. This is surprising as everyone that I spoke to really found this workshop helpful and several have approached the presenters to request more information/guidance on this subject.
- 25% of respondents felt that the communications workshop was informative.
- 67% of respondents felt that the green capital workshop was very informative
- 78% of respondents felt that the Neighbourhood Partnerships Resources workshop was informative or very informative
- 100% of respondents felt that the walking strategies workshop was informative or very informative
- 100% of respondents felt that the youth involvement workshop was very informative.

Equalities

At the point of booking people were asked equalities questions, **1.5%** were 16-24, **18%** were aged 25 – 49, **38.5%** were aged 50 – 64, **29%** were 65-75 and **13%** said they were over 75.

If you would like a full version of the report including slides/papers and notes from the individual workshops please contact Hayley.ash@bristol.gov.uk

Recommendations of the evaluation:

- 1.** Both at the event and via the survey it has been strongly **recommended** that future Citywide NP events should take place in the mornings (9.30am – 1pm) if possible and that half term holidays should be avoided
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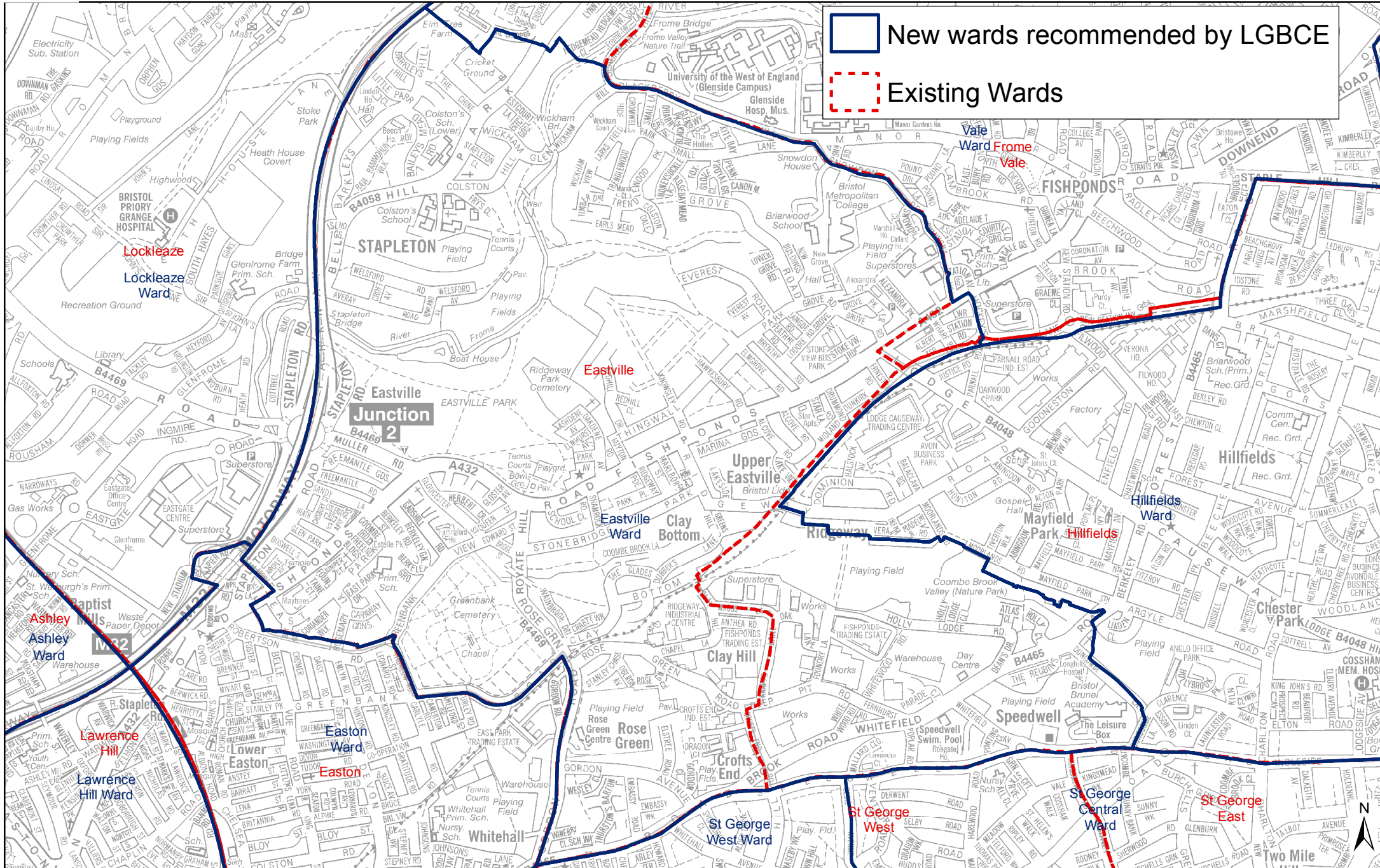
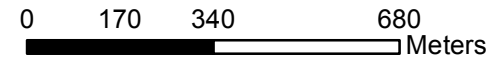
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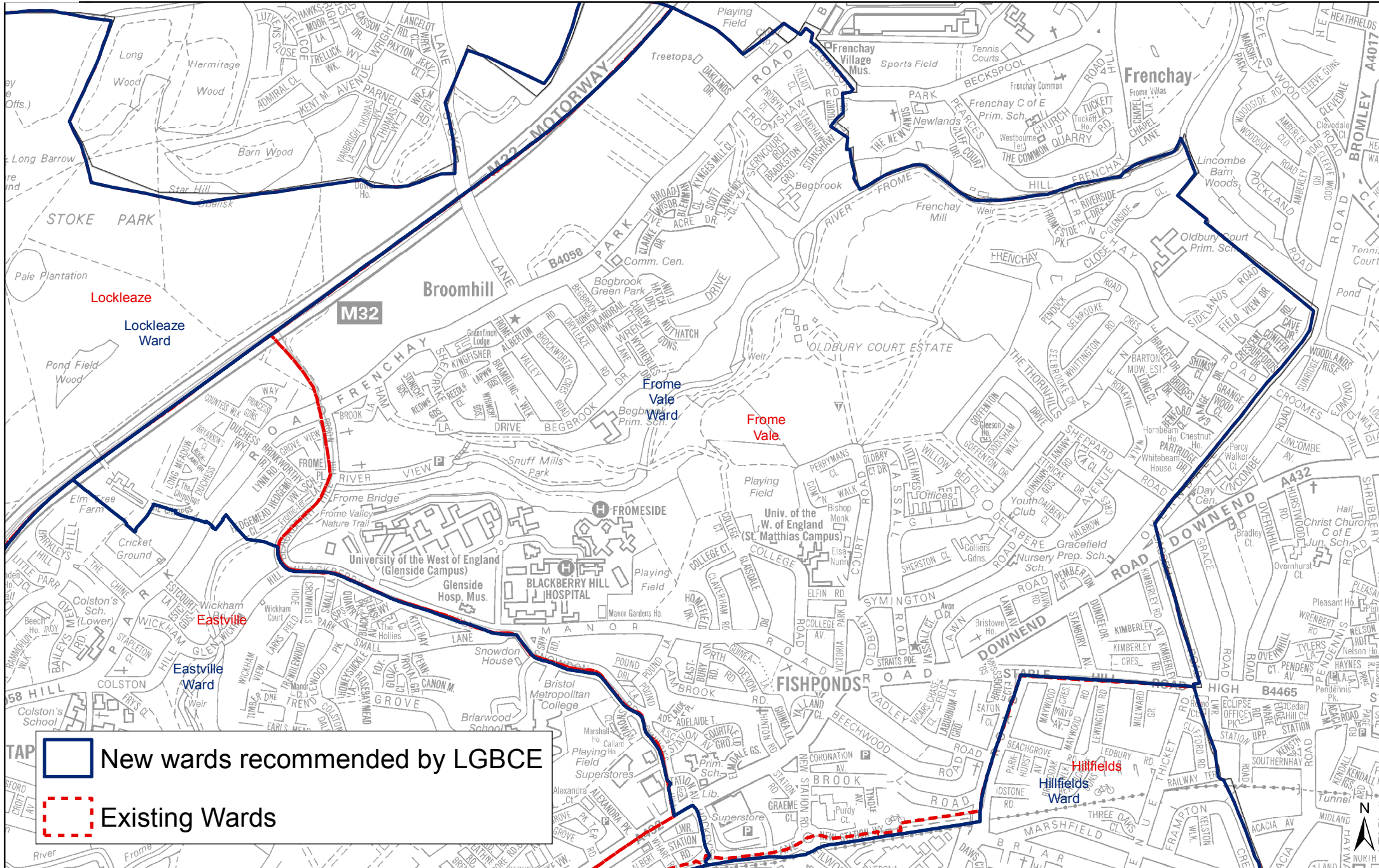
Your Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator will lead a discussion and get ideas and offers of support at the meeting



Eastville Ward



Frome Vale Ward





Hillfields Ward

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- New wards recommended by LGBCE
- Existing Wards

