



AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

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

Report of: NP Plan lead persons.

Title: NP Plan Update Report

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NUA = No Update Available

1. NP Plan Theme: Environment

Activity/Description	Cost to date £	Update
1.1 Priority 1: The NP area is clean, tidy and well maintained.		
<p>Activity 4: Enforcement in hotspot location Fishponds Road and Lodge Causeway (Eastville Park, Old Station Rd)</p>		<p>2nd December operation delivered recycling advice & fly-tip reporting cards to all properties in the Lower Eastville area. 24 properties with waste in gardens identified and received follow up visits by Enforcement officer. Warnings were issued with 1 property receiving a Community Protection Notice.</p> <p>Working with Neighbourhood Officer & Waste Area Co-ordinator looking at Grove Road junction with Fishponds Road. This location was also flagged during recent walkabout visit, see below.</p>
<p>Activity 8: Reduce on street litter and fly tipping: Empower the local community to take control in local community space. Eg hotspot locations: Railway path, East Park and Boswell Street and area in the Lower Eastville between M32 and fishponds road.</p>		<p>On Tuesday 16th February 2016 a walkabout was organised in Lower Eastville area. The purpose of the walkabout was to conduct visual inspection and take a multiagency approach in identifying and substantiating complex issues, which accumulated over number of years and manifests in different forms within the area.</p> <p>During the visual audit walkabout residents explained that this area has been neglected over many years. Recently there have been lots of flat conversions, new tenants, untidy front gardens and general decline of the neighbourhood.</p> <p>Residents were generally positive about the unofficial skate park and wanted to see the self-help group supported and to better manage open public places. In summary some of the issues observed during the walkabout visit include signs of prostitution and sex litter, prolific flytipping, irresponsible landlords and new tenants particularly above the shops along Fishponds Rd, who were unaware of how to dispose of their</p>

		<p>rubbish.</p> <p>Problem Solving Plan will be developed for the area in order to take multi-agency approach in tackling issues identified during the walkabout.</p>
<p>Activity 1: Monitor and proactively clear daily/weekly visit hotspot locations East Park, Hillfields and Oldbury Court flats.</p>		<p>On Thursday 10th March 2016, the long awaited final allygates were installed in East Park Estate. Each household backing on to the lane received a key to gain access. It is hoped that this will reduce impact of prostitution and sex litter in Eastpark estate.</p>

2. NP Plan Theme: Traffic and Transport.

Activity/Description	Cost to date £	Update
2.1 Feasibility:		
Project 1: Move Straits Parade bus stop.	£4,000	Completed: Report presented to the Traffic and Transport subgroup. See agenda 6 for subgroup recommendation. Waiting final figures. Full report of available from NP Co-ordinator.
Project 2: Abingdon Rd Parking Restriction. March 2014 NC approved £4,000 for developing designs.	£4,000	Ongoing, referred to the Chester Park school expansion to address the parking restriction request.
Project 3: Dunkirk Rd Parking Restriction. March 2014 NC approved to progress this after the two schemes above.	£4,000	Completed: Report presented to the subgroup and was recommended for 2016/17 scheme agenda item 6. Waiting for final cost association to feasibility study. Full report of available from NP Co-ordinator.
Project 3 & 4: Improvements to pedestrian crossing at Whitefield Road, including Avenue and Poplar Road, speed reducing measures, one way restrictions. Section 106 funded.	£16,497.62 + £16,497.62	Completed. Waiting for final figures.

- 3 **NP Plan Theme:** Families, Younger and Older People: No further update was available at the time of publishing this report.
- 4 **NP Plan Theme:** Crime and Community Safety: No further update was available at the time of publishing this report.
- 5 **NP Plan Theme:** Community Cohesion & Development: No further update was available at the time of publishing this report.
- 6 **NP Plan Theme:** Community Buildings.

Activity/Description	Cost to date £	Update
6.1 Priority 1: Providing Development support and opportunities for community/voluntary organisations running community centres and help them to apply CAT in the NP area.		
Activity 1: Help develop the capacity of Bristol 5 management board in order to bring the Harry Crook Community Centre back into community use.		<p>Bristol City Council awarded the Harry Crook Centre lease to Happy Dayz preschool. Bristol 5, who were acting as interim guardians of the building, were disappointed with this arrangement. Happy Dayz made a commitment to retain community access, especially when the building is not being used and so purchased new tables/chairs.</p> <p>The Downend Amateur Boxing Club from Oldbury court relocated to Harry Crook and seems very successful already. They had many more young people joining the club than they anticipated.</p> <p>There is a website for anyone wishing to find out more: www.harrycrookcentre.co.uk</p>
Activity 3: Provide advice and support to HYMG in order to successfully run the Hillfields		The council initiated the Community Asset Transfer process and invited expressions of interest from VCS organisations to

Community Centre.		manage Hillfields Youth /Community Centre. A panel comprising community, youth and council officers were pleased to select HYMG to go forward to the next stage and submit a business plan for the management of the facility. In accordance with the council's CAT policy, the business plan is currently being evaluated in order to determine its viability. It is envisaged the outcome and feedback will be provided to the group by end of March 2016.
Activity 5: Provide advice and support to Oldbury Court Community Centre.		<p>The Downend Amateur Boxing Club who expressed interest in Oldbury Court Community centre were unable to secure funding to sustain the project. Hence they relocated to Harry Crook community centre.</p> <p>It is with regret to report that the former Oldbury Court Community Centre is in the process of being advertised for sale.</p> <p>Any future purchaser who wants to convert it into a different use will still need to satisfy Planning. The current building is likely to be demolished.</p>

- 7 **NP Plan Theme:** Employment, Training and Economic Development: No further update was available at the time of publishing this report.
- 8 **NP Plan Theme:** Housing, Planning and Major Projects: No further update was available at the time of publishing this report.
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