



AGENDA ITEM NO.8

Greater Bedminster Community Partnership

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Recommendations:

1. To note the contents of the report.

The total devolved budget for 2011/2012 for the Greater Bedminster Community Partnership including Section 106 developer contributions is **£592,191.52**. Below is a breakdown and update for each category.

1. Minor Traffic Schemes

Budget: £17,143 + £146.90 carry forward = £17,289.90

Following GBCP's devolved Highway decision for 2010 / 2011, £15,092.98 was spent on the new build-outs in North Street and £1,353.10 was spent on minor signing & lining in the area out of a budget of £1,500.00. Therefore, £146.90 will be carried over for minor signing & lining for 2011 / 2012.

At the special Highways meeting on 19th May 2011, the GBCP identified the need for a pedestrian crossing facility on West Street (near to the Airpoint development) as its local traffic scheme priority for 2011/2012.

The budget identified for the crossing is £15,000 and there have been a number of stages completed. Stage 1 was completed on 12th May 2011 whereby the QA board signed off the scheme to be considered. Stage 2 was completed on 19th August and this involved the approval of the scheme (crossing) from the Highways Officer responsible. Stage 3 will be the final sign off of the scheme once the frontage consultation takes place at the end of October. This relates to the surrounding shops and houses being consulted on the location of the crossing.

The Councillors agreed the initial location of the crossing on the 28th July 2011 when the

site visit took place with the Highways Officers.

The next steps involve the consultation on the location of the crossing to affected frontages on West Street – this **will be taking place at the end of October** and will run for 2/3 weeks. After this consultation, an instruction will be given for a Statutory Notice to be advertised which details the location of the crossing – this is also known as the wider public consultation. At the same time, an application for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) will be sought. Both these processes take around 6 months to complete.

Assuming that the process runs smoothly, then implementation of the crossing will be in May 2012.

2. Carriageway Surface Dressing

Budget: £45,475

| Carriageway Surface Dressing | | | | | |
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| Location | Ward | Details | Budget | Start on site | Scheme completed |
| Mead Street & Mead Rise | Southville | 2900 (m2) x 10 / 6 mm surface dressing | £6,380.00 | Cancelled | |
| Whitehouse Lane & Whitehouse street | Southville | 6400 (m2) x 10 / 6 mm surface dressing | £14,080.00 | 28 th July 2011 | 9 th August 2011 |
| Hengaston Street | Bedminster | 400 (m2) x 6mm surface dressing | £680.00 | 17 th May 2011 | 6 th June 2011 |
| Greenway Bush Lane | Southville | 3600 (m2) x 6mm surface dressing | £6,120.00 | 18 th May 2011 | 6 th June 2011 |
| Smyth Road (Duckmoor to Luckwell) | Southville | 2300 (m2) x 6mm surface dressing | £3,910.00 | 17 th May 2011 | 6 th June 2011 |
| Upton Road | Southville | 1200 (m2) x 6mm surface dressing | £2,040.00 | 18 th May 2011 | 6 th June 2011 |
| Trevenna Road | Bedminster | 450 (m2) x 6mm surface dressing | £765.00 | 17 th May 2011 | 6 th June 2011 |

3. Footway Resurfacing

Budget: £20,000 = £20,000

The original proposal for the budget to be spent on Ashton Vale Road was questioned and rejected at the meeting in March 2011. At the Greater Bedminster Community Partnership meeting in October 2011, a further four footways were considered for footway resurfacing – Duckmor Road; Foxcote Road; Sturdon Road; Breach Road.

The above four proposed footways were considered and the Neighbourhood Committee decided against supporting the resurfacing of these footways. The £20,000 will be added to the £20,000 that will be available for 2012/13 and there will be a meeting in February between the Councillors, Members of the Partnership and Highways Team to agree and decide the process for allocating the footway / resurfacing budget.

A decision for the Neighbourhood Committee on the devolved footway schemes will be

sought at the **March 2013** GBCP meeting, following a specialist Highways and Traffic meeting to be set up in **February 2013**.

4. Clean & Green

Budget - £1,500

The Area Environment Officer (julian.cox@bristol.gov.uk) will be managing the £1500 'Clean & Green' money which can be used to fund small environmental improvements, delivered by the Clean & Green team or through Community Payback. Additional sums may be available, too.

Requests for using the Clean & Green fund can be made by:

- Any member of the public direct to Julian Cox
- Any member of the public contacting the Neighbourhood Development Officer (lorna.heaysman@bristol.gov.uk) or Area Co-ordinator (nick.christo@bristol.gov.uk)
- Local groups contacting local Councillors
- Councillors direct to Julian
- Through the Neighbourhood Forums

The Area Environment Officer will then meet the Clean & Green team to access the work to ensure it's within the scope of the Clean & Green team and determine how much and how many days the work will take to complete.

The Area Environment Officer will then email the Councillors to get the approval for the work to be carried out and then a date will be arranged with the team for the work to start.

Any work approved will be formally agreed at the following Greater Bedminster Community Partnership meeting through the Area Co-ordinator.

Appendix A details the cost and some ideas of what Clean & Green Monies can be spent on.

5. Community Chest

Budget - £20,000

We entered the current financial year (April 2011) with a bank balance of £23,319.35. All but £2,294.42 has been committed to various expenditures as below:

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| • Community Chest Awards | 12,936.67 |
| • Pride of Place (Sparkplugs) | 612.10 |
| • School Partnership | 2,128.00 |
| • Safer Bristol Fund | 270.74 |
| • Clean & Green Fund | 77.42 |
| • Walkability Project | 5,000.00 |
| • Uncommitted | 2,294.42 |

6. Section 106 (S106)

Budget:

- Parks - £218,007
- Transport - £269,919.62

Please see **Appendix B** for the full breakdown of S106 funding devolved to the Greater Bedminster Community Partnership.

At the meeting on 24th March, the Greater Bedminster Community Partnership agreed to accept responsibility for decisions over local Section 106 (S106) spend. Appendix B includes an up to date status of the current S106 available within the GBCP area and Item 7 on the Agenda details the S106 prioritisation meeting that took place on 5th January 2012.

7. Dates for the Diary

Bedminster Neighbourhood Forums:

Thursday 8th March 2012, 7 – 9pm – Marksby Road Library
Wednesday 13th June 2012, 7 – 9pm – Ashton Vale School
Wednesday 3rd October 2012, 7 – 9pm – Parson Street School
Wednesday 16th January 2013, 7 – 9pm – ACTA

Southville Neighbourhood Forums:

Wednesday 7th March 2012, 7 – 9pm – St Pauls Church
Thursday 14th June 2012, 7 – 9pm – St Francis Church
Saturday 6th October 2012, 11 – 3:30pm – Best of Bedminster Show, North St Green
Thursday 17th January 2013, 7 – 9pm – Southville Centre

Greater Bedminster Community Partnership:

Monday 26th March 2012, 7 – 9pm – Compass Point School
Monday 25th June 2012, 7 – 9pm – Southbank
Tuesday 23rd October 2012, 7 – 9pm – Ashton Gate School
Monday 21st January 2013, 7 – 9pm – Ashton Vale School

Appendices:

Appendix A : cost and ideas of what Clean & Green Monies can be spent on.

Appendix B full breakdown of S106 funding devolved to GBCP (please see Appendix A to the report for Item No.7)



MY NEIGHBOURHOOD

Love Where You Live Clean & Green Spend Suggestions

A devolved budget of £1500 has been allocated to each Neighbourhood Partnership (NP). Depending on how many wards in each NP, this equates to either £500 or £750 per ward. This is a golden opportunity for NP's to enhance their local community. Detailed below are just a number of suggestions, however NP's can put forward any proposal, which they will feel benefits and enhances their local community.

It is important to understand that any works funded through this budget, must not already be included in any other council maintenance contract, ie parks, housing. Unless the works are essential, all future projects should be sustainable, therefore ownership, security and future maintenance regime should be established prior to works being undertaken. The works required should enhance the local environment, involve the local community and where possible include partnership working with local businesses and other agency groups, as detailed below:-

- The works enhance a major gateway into the city or open space.
- The works will involve working with the local community, agencies and businesses to enhance their environment.
- The works do not cover any works that are already specified in any other contracts entered into by the council.

Nominations for works/projects can be submitted through public forum meetings, environmental sub groups, and NP walkabouts. The Ward Cllrs will then consider the nominations and make a decision on the spend.

Some examples of works/projects, which have been funded in the past are:-

Planting schemes on neglected land, void shrub or planting areas. This can consist of summer/winter bulb planting schemes, seasonal bedding, and planting of trees, whips and shrubs. Any planting or bulb planting locations would normally have to be agreed by the relevant Community Parks Manager (CPM). As it is likely that there may be maintenance costs which will have to be taken into consideration, with regards to shrub and bedding schemes. The relevant CPM's will be expected to liaise and support any initiatives proposed by the NP groups.

Clearance of rear lanes, this can include removal of fly-tip and litter, cutting back of overgrowth, graffiti removal. These works can also be carried out as part of clearance works prior to installation of alley gate systems. We would normally expect the residents to consent to any cutting back of overgrowth, which is not the responsibility of the local authority. It should also be pointed out that there will be restrictions as to what can or cannot be cut back during the bird nesting season, which usually takes place from mid February – mid August.

Hanging basket schemes are becoming increasingly popular throughout the city. So far Neighbourhood Partnerships areas have benefited from over a 100 hanging baskets throughout the city for the Summer 2011 scheme. All plants are grown locally at the Council's nursery located at Blaise. The baskets can be installed on council lamp columns or in some on wall brackets above shops and offices. NP's can also look at enhancing their local communities with planters and other forms of floral displays. Clean & Green and the Blaise Nursery teams will work closely with NP's to assist them choice of designs etc.

Wipe out graffiti bag removal kits can be purchased specifically for volunteer groups, as well as youth groups. All products are environmentally friendly (citrus based), so graffiti can be safely removed without harming the local environment. Products can be selected to meet the needs of the groups and are designed to remove small-scale graffiti. Any logo or branding such as "Friends of Group" or NP group can be incorporated into the design of the bag. Costs of kits vary between £15 & £30.

Chewing gum/stain removal from small shop front precincts. This type of cleansing is not contained within the existing streets cleansing contract. It is both costly and time consuming, and requires specific equipment and skilled operatives to carry out the works. It is also difficult to remove during normal working hours, due to heavy footfall. NP's can apply for funding for the council's approved external contractor, whereby the gum litter will be removed outside of normal working hours, normally during late evening/early morning.

Community Payback Teams A typical clean up could involve litter picking, fly-tip removal, cutting back of overgrowth and graffiti removal. Volunteers can if they wish use the services of the Community Payback Team. These are made up of offenders who have been given reparation orders to carry out works that will enhance local neighbourhoods. Teams are available to work during the week, as well as weekends. They can work alongside volunteer groups or tasks can be set for them to work as a separate group. The teams normally consist of between 4 – 9 offenders, £50 will buy you one session. You can opt for single or multiple sessions.

Community fun days & events – Clean & Green can offer support and advice with regards to litter campaigns and road show events. Campaigns can be designed to address NP's specific requirements. NP's can also through Clean & Green draw on the expertise of our colleagues in waste, parks and enforcement teams with regards to combined operations throughout the city.

Community clean up equipment – various equipment such as litter pickers, tools etc is available to loan out to NP's free of charge. Clean & Green will also remove any rubbish from agreed locations.

Clean & Green dedicated cleansing teams. NP's have access to the dedicated cleansing teams, which consist of the two-man team (driver, operative with small vehicle and also one-man handyperson team consisting of small vehicle fully equipped with small pressure washer to remove small-scale graffiti. These teams are available during the week and can carry out tasks at the request of the NP's. They can work on their own or alongside community groups. Any works carried out during the week, will not incur a charge to the NP's Weekend working is available, but will incur a weekend overtime charge, which is approximately £140 dependant of hours worked.

Community Tools – NP's can choose to put together a community tool kit, consisting of shovels, forks, brooms, loppers etc, which the local community can access when required.

Basically any environmental enhancement projects can be facilitated through the Clean & Green project. There is also further funding available from the devolved £29k pot. However, NP's will only be able to bid for this funding when they have spent their £1500 NP allocation.

The Clean & Green Project Officer will liaise with all relevant officers and ensure that they give support, and guidance in order that the projects can be delivered as to the NP expectations and within any timescales set by the NP's.

Typical costs

| Service | Costs | Additional Info |
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| Bulbs | Approx £50 per 1000 – smaller quantities available upon request. | Can be planted by volunteer groups or Community Payback. |
| Community Payback Sessions | £50 per 67-hour session – Block sessions can be bought to use throughout your NP area. | Supervised group of up to 9 offenders. Will work any day except Wednesday & Fridays. |
| Hanging Baskets | £180 per lamp column. £40 basket only. | Can be mounted on council lamp columns. Wall baskets can be mounted subject to permission from property owner. |
| Graffiti Removal Kits | £15-£30 per kit. | Select your products to suit your community's needs. |
| Clean & Green 2 man team | Mon – Fri – no charge | Weekend working available – costs subject to hours required |

