



AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

Greater Bedminster Community Partnership

26th March 2012

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Title: Devolved Service Update - Area Coordinator

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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 was completed in January 2012 after the frontage consultation took place at the end of October. This related to the surrounding shops and houses being consulted on the location of the crossing. We received 6 responses in total from the consultation and comments included a slight alteration to the loading bay.

The Councillors agreed the initial location of the crossing on the 28th July 2011 when the site visit took place with the Highways Officers.

A consultation on the location of the crossing to affected frontages on West Street also took place and the Way Out West (WOW) group have been involved right the way through.

In February 2012, members of the GBCP board, WOW representatives and the Neighbourhoods Team from BCC met up with the Corporate Affair Team from Tesco. The meeting was very productive and the aim was to see if we can work in partnership with Tesco to install the crossing, further enhance the area and to see what contribution, if any, Tesco were willing to add. The meeting was very positive and there will be a follow up meeting on the 26th March.

An instruction will now be given for a Statutory Notice to be advertised which details the location of the crossing – this is also know 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.

The Special Highway and Traffic meeting that took place on 12th March 2012 considered the 5 applications for spending the 2012 / 2013 minor traffic budget. The decision made by the Neighbourhood Committee is attached in the minutes.

2. Carriageway Surface Dressing

Budget: £45,475

Carriageway Surface Dressing					
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. 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 12th March 2012 GBCP meeting - a specialist Highways and Traffic meeting.

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.

To date the Clean & Green team have done a couple of clear ups. There has been a litter clear up and the brambles have been cut back by the railway embankment by Swiss Drive and Ashton Drive. This work was identified following a walkabout of the area in December.

The Clean & Green team have also cleared out litter and rubbish along South Liberty Lane. This was organised after local residents expressed their concerns about the look of the surrounding area.

There are further requests that the Clean & Green team will be carrying out over the next couple of months. These include railings to be painted on Ashton Drive by the Colliters Brook Bridge area and by the railway bridge.

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 |

At the January 23rd GBCP meeting, the Neighbourhood Committee decided to allocate £1,528 from the Community Chest to fund the MACA Community Garden Bid. This leaves £766.42 to be carried over into 2012/13.

2012 – 2013 Budget - £20,000 + £766.42 carry forward

The application process has now started for local groups to apply to the 2012/2013 Community Chest. The application deadline is the 12:00 Friday 30th March 2012 and an awards panel will be convened in April 2012. A copy of the application form can be found in Appendix B.

6. Section 106 (S106)

Budget:

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

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

At the meeting on 24th March 2011, the Greater Bedminster Community Partnership agreed to accept responsibility for decisions over local Section 106 (S106) spend. Appendix C includes an up to date status of the current S106 available within the GBCP area and Item 9 on the Agenda details the S106 prioritisation meeting that took place on 5th January 2012.

7. Dates for the Diary

Bedminster Neighbourhood Forums:

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:

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 25th June 2012, 7 – 9pm – Southbank

Tuesday 23rd October 2012, 7 – 9pm – Ashton Gate School

Monday 21st January 2013, 7 – 9pm – Ashton Vale School



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
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





Better Bedminster Community Chest

Application for Funding, 2012

- 1 Name of Organisation(s). (If an alliance, put lead organization first)

- 2 Address (include post code):

- 3 Phone: Fax:
e-mail: website:

- 4 Main contact for this application:

- 5 Address etc, if different from above:

- 6 What other organizations, if any, are you working with on this project?
Say if you are part of a bigger organization?

- 7 Is your organization (or the lead organization in an alliance) registered as
a member on the GBCP website?

YES

NO

8 Does your organization have a bank account? (If you are applying as part of an alliance, this is the organization that will hold the money)

YES

NO

9 Name of Bank Account:

10. Is your organization/alliance statutory, voluntary, private sector, or a mixture of these?

11. a) The full cost of our project is: £

b) How much do you want from the Better Bedminster Community Chest? £

11 Please set out on a separate sheet (preferably in type) an outline of why you want some money. What's your idea called? What do you expect will happen as a result of your project? Who will it happen to? How will we know that it's worked? Don't forget to explain how your proposal fits into the purposes of the partnership and its current priorities. Normally, we would not expect this to take more than two sides of A4, often less. You can submit photographs and maps, if this helps.

12 Set out on a separate sheet (preferably in type) a statement showing a proposed budget for your proposal. Tell us about other resources that you may have secured or are seeking. Remember, volunteers, free use of space, equipment etc all count as resources, as well as money.

Signed:

Date:

Please send everything to GBCP, Southville Centre, Beaufort Road, Bristol, BS3 1QG by noon on Friday 30th March 2012.

APPENDIX (9) C

Greater Bedminster Neighbourhood Partnership				
Devolved Section 106 monies held as at 31 January 2012				
Permission / Site / S106 Code	Contact Officer	Current Contribution Value	Date to be Spent / Committed by	Purpose of Contribution
Parks				
06/00923 / Myrtle Street, Bedminster / ZCD...604	Colleen Bevan (Parks Services Manager)	£7,181.91	No Limit	The provision of improvements to Parks and Open Spaces within one mile of Myrtle Street
08/02425 / East Street Baptist Church, East Street, Bedminster/ ZCD...798	Colleen Bevan (Parks Services Manager)	£6,434.87	No Limit	The provision of improvements to Parks and Open Spaces within one mile of the former East Street Baptist Church
06/05456 / 100 to 110 North Street, Bedminster / ZCD...892	Colleen Bevan (Parks Services Manager)	£21,535.14	No Limit	The provision of improvements to Parks and Open Spaces within one mile of 100 to 110 North Street
04/03999 / Former Mail Marketing Site, West Street, Bedminster / ZCD...705	Colleen Bevan (Parks Services Manager)	£169,168.99	1 Apr 13	The provision of open space in the vicinity of the former Mail Marketing Site
06/02765 / Former Plough Inn, 29 Bedminster Down Rd, Bedminster / ZCD...741	Colleen Bevan (Parks Services Manager)	£3,686.09	No Limit	The provision of improvements to Parks and Open Spaces within one mile of the former Plough Inn
10/05226 / 200 to 202 West Street, Bedminster / ZCD...978	Colleen Bevan (Parks Services Manager)	£3,300.00	No Limit	The provision of improvements to Parks and Open Spaces within one mile of 200 to 202 West Street
09/03824 / Land adjacent to Ashton Avenue Pumping Station, Clift House Road, Southville / ZCD...965	Colleen Bevan (Parks Services Manager)	£10,003.84	No Limit	The design and implementation of a tree planting and landscaping scheme in the immediate vicinity of the Pumping Station Land
05/01192 / 64 to 70 West Street, Bedminster / ZCD...981	Colleen Bevan (Parks Services Manager)	£6,179.91	5 Jul 14	The provision of children's play space and / or equipment within Bedminster Ward
06/04512 / Tregarth Road Prefab Site, Ashton Vale / ZCD...A11	Colleen Bevan (Parks Services Manager)	£25,294.65	4 Oct 16	The provision of improvements to Parks and Open Spaces within one mile of Tregarth Road
06/01644 / Former Megabowl Site, Brunel Way, Ashton / ZCD...A41	Colleen Bevan (Parks Services Manager)	£27,583.53	No Limit	The provision of improvements to Parks and Open Spaces within one mile of the former Megabowl Site
Transport				
04/03999 / Former Mail Marketing Site, West Street, Bedminster / ZCD...803	Geoff Mills (Public Transport Manager)	£21,237.24	16 Jan 14	The provision of a new bus shelter outside the development including the installation of a Real Time Passenger Information System
06/04513 / Ashton Vale Prefabs (Site 4) / ZCD...806	Geoff Mills (Public Transport Manager)	£43,384.06	20 Jan 14	Bus stop improvements at Langley Crescent for bus services 24 and 25 to include creating a lay-by and raised kerbs
06/04507 / Prefab Site, Ashton Drive and Langley Cres, Ashton Vale / ZCD...869	Geoff Mills (Public Transport Manager)	£21,535.38	13 Jan 15	The provision of improvements to Public Transport and the Highway Network to bus corridors serving the development
06/04653 / Prefab Site, Swiss Drive, Ashton Vale / ZCD...919	Geoff Mills (Public Transport Manager)	£19,951.30	29 Jun 15	The provision of improvements to Public Transport and the highway network on local bus corridors serving the area

Greater Bedminster Neighbourhood Partnership				
Devolved Section 106 monies held as at 31 January 2012				
Permission / Site / S106 Code	Contact Officer	Current Contribution Value	Date to be Spent / Committed by	Purpose of Contribution
98/03650 / Sainsburys, Winterstoke Road, Ashton / ZCD...215	Terry Bullock (Traffic Manager)	£14,236.87	20 Sep 07	The improvement of transport conditions on the public highway in the vicinity of Sainsburys, works to include improvement to public transport and walking and cycling in the area.
06/04513 / Ashton Vale Prefabs (Site 4) / ZCD...805	Terry Bullock (Traffic Manager)	£10,846.01	20 Jan 14	The provision of security and street lighting improvements for the development
06/04513 / Ashton Vale Prefabs (Site 4) / ZCD...807	Terry Bullock (Traffic Manager)	£10,846.01	20 Jan 14	The provision of dropped kerb and tactile paving at the junctions of Risdale Road/Langley Crescent, Risdale Road/Ashton Drive, Risdale Road/ Risdale Road and Tregarth Road/ Tregarth Road
98/02234 / Trafalgar House, Winterstoke Road, Ashton / ZCD...077	Terry Bullock (Traffic Manager)	£2,839.57	No Limit	The provision of transport measures in the vicinity of Trafalgar House
98/02307 / South Liberty Lane, Ashton / ZCD...145	Terry Bullock (Traffic Manager)	£12,736.86	No Limit	Traffic measures designed to solve the problem of 'through traffic' using residential roads in the vicinity of the property.
06/03372 / 128 North Street, Bedminster / ZCD... 474	Geoff Mills (Public Transport Manager)	£4,570.08	No Limit	The provision of public transport improvements in the North Street area of Bedminster / Southville
05/01047 / Robinsons Building, East Street, Bedminster / ZCD...538	Terry Bullock (Traffic Manager)	£1,128.54	16 May 12	The provision of a yellow box at the junction of St. John's Street and East Street.
05/01047 / Robinson Building, East Street, Bedminster / ZCD...909	Terry Bullock (Traffic Manager)	£11,346.67	8 Jun 15	A contribution towards improvements to and signage of cycle routes to serve the area in the vicinity of the Robinson Building
04/02916 / Merrywood Road, Southville / ZCD...536	Terry Bullock (Traffic Manager)	£1,169.75	No Limit	Towards the cost of upgrading the crossing points at the junction of Merrywood Road and North Street to facilitate the safe and convenient movement of pedestrians
95/01815 / Former Winterstoke Road Bus Station, Ashton / ZCD...108	Terry Bullock (Traffic Manager)	£23,522.45	No Limit	Transportation measures to improve conditions in the area of impact of the Development
06/01644 / Megabowl, Brunel Way, Ashton / ZCD...628	Terry Bullock (Traffic Manager)	£84,435.58	No Limit	Upgrading the proposed signals at the junction of the Ashton Gate Underpass to Brunel Way to provide a surface level pedestrian crossing
06/04512 / Tregarth Road Prefab Site, Ashton Vale / ZCD...A14	Terry Bullock (Traffic Manager)	£7,359.14	4 Oct 16	The provision of kerb buildouts at the junction of Risdale Road and South Liberty Lane, and dropped kerbs and tactile paving at the junction of
06/04512 / Tregarth Road Prefab Site, Ashton Vale / ZCD...A13	Geoff Mills (Public Transport Manager)	£22,643.51	4 Oct 16	The provision of improvements to Public Transport and the Highway Network to bus corridors serving the development
Other				
05/01047 / Robinson Building, East Street, Bedminster / ZCD...908	Peter Anderson (Crime Reduction Manager)	£2,269.33	8 Jun 15	A contribution towards the CCTV project operated by Safer Bristol in the vicinity of the Robinson Building