



Agenda Item No. 8

Neighbourhood Partnership Henbury and Southmead 14th July 2014

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Title: Wellbeing Fund Report (Southmead and Henbury/Brentry)

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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Neighbourhood Committee:

1. notes the current Wellbeing financial statement /budget in **Item 1**
2. Approves the Southmead Wellbeing Assessment Panel funding recommendations, noting that a recommendation to fund may be tabled at the meeting (**2.3**)
3. Approves the Recommendations from the Henbury/Brentry Wellbeing Assessment Panel set out in Item 3 (**3.3**)
4. Notes the contributions which the projects recommended for funding make to fulfil the public sector equality duty set out in Item 8 (**4**)
5. Notes the update on proposals to improve/develop the Wellbeing Fund coming from both Henbury/Brentry and Southmead and the impact of BCC re-structuring and streamlining on the scope for setting up 'bespoke' Wellbeing processes locally and approves the Recommendation to explore an alternative solution (**Item 5**)
6. Notes the legal information which guides all decisions about Wellbeing grant funding (**Item 6**)
7. Notes for information the decisions made about the 2014/145 Community First funding in (**Item 7**)
8. Notes the proposed deadlines for the next round of Wellbeing and Community First Funding (**item 8**)

Context

From April 2010 the Council allocated the Wellbeing budget to the Neighbourhood Partnership. All final decisions on spend will need to be brought to and agreed by councillors at Neighbourhood Partnership meetings. In the case of this Neighbourhood Partnership the Southmead Steering Group has set up a sub group (including ward councillors) to appraise all Southmead grant applications and Henbury & Brentry Community Council NP elected resident members and ward councillors appraise all Henbury/Brentry applications and bring recommendations to these meetings for final decision. Only then can any money be released.

1 Financial Situation

For the financial year 2014/2015 this Neighbourhood Partnership has been allocated a total of £20,000 as a Wellbeing budget. The Partnership have agreed to allocate this as follows: £10,000 each to support work in Southmead and Henbury wards (adjusted below to reflect a Henbury/Brentry carry-over of a small under-allocation of £113 and Southmead a small over-allocation of £27 from 2013/14)

Financial summary as at 30th June 2014

Henbury/Brentry Wellbeing Fund	
Wellbeing Funds to allocate 2014/15	£10,113
Wellbeing spend approved 11.03.14	£450
Fund remaining	£9,663

Southmead Wellbeing Fund	
Wellbeing Funds to allocate 2014/15	£9,973
Wellbeing spend approved 11.03.14	£1,740
Fund remaining	£8,233

Total Wellbeing Funds remaining to allocate	£17,896
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2 Southmead Wellbeing Fund recommendations:

- 2.1 The Southmead Steering Group Wellbeing Assessment Panel met on 25th June 2014 to assess applications for Wellbeing Funding to deliver work to benefit Southmead residents. Declarations of interest were declared as appropriate.
- 2.2 The Panel received 8 applications requesting a total of **£13,080.19**.
- 2.3 **Recommendation: That the Councillors in the Neighbourhood Committee support the recommendation of the Southmead**

Steering Group to allocate £4,313 from the 2013/2014 Wellbeing Fund allocation for the applications received as follows:

DATE OF ASSESSMENT	ORGANISATION	PURPOSE	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED
25/06/2014	Southmead Development Trust	Junior Gymnastics Club	£558
25/06/2014	Southmead Community Plan Steering Group	Completing the Southmead Community Plan	£2,100
Notes	Up to £4,200 requested. Panel felt that this enabled the Group to raise outstanding funding from other sources		
25/06/2014	Southmead Project	Trauma Project Group Support Pilot Scheme	£500
Notes	£3,000 requested – Panel felt unable to fund full amount due to demand on fund; want to check how many Southmead residents will benefit		
25/06/2014	Southmead Community Sports Under 21	Support for Start Up Season	£500
Notes	£952.19 requested – Panel want to support league registration and set up equipment		
25/06/2014	WISH	Greenway Summer swimming and trips Play Scheme	£350
25/06/2014	BS10 Parks & Planning	Promoting planning info/consultation with residents	£305
Total Proposed Allocation			£4,313
2014/15 Funds remaining to allocate			£3,920

Applications not recommended for funding			
DATE OF ASSESSMENT	ORGANISATION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	REASON
25/06/2014	Unique Voice- Pop-up play in the park	£1,215	Henbury/Brentry declined to fund and application indicated they were unable to go ahead if they didn't receive full funding requested
	Application was scored as eligible for funding; Applicant has since amended their budget to £850 to deliver in Southmead only. Panel is reconsidering and may table a recommendation at the NP meeting		
25/06/2014	Southmead Rugby Club: Children & young People's Summer Activities – kit purchase	£2,500	Did not score sufficient to be eligible: Panel felt kit purchase wasn't good value for money as it was given away at end of activity.

3. Henbury and Brentry Wellbeing Fund recommendations

3.1 The Henbury and Brentry Wellbeing Assessment Panel met on 24th June 2014 to assess applications for Wellbeing Funding to deliver work to benefit Henbury and Brentry residents. Declarations of interest were declared as appropriate

3.2 The Panel received 7 applications requesting a total of **£11,320**.

3.3 Recommendation: That the Councillors in the Neighbourhood Committee support the recommendations of the Henbury and Brentry Wellbeing Assessment Panel to allocate £6,605 from the 2013/2014 Wellbeing Fund allocation for Henbury/Brentry as follows:

DATE OF ASSESSMENT	ORGANISATION	PURPOSE	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED
24/06/2014	Henbury & Brentry CC	H&B Newsletter production	£1,300
Notes	£1,300 requested		
24/06/2014	Blaise Community Garden	Disabled access and organic toilet installation	Referred to Community First for funding (£2,500)
24/06/2014	HAPPY	Transport for Summer playscheme	Funded through Community First (£1,000)
24/06/2014	Henbury & Brentry CC	Tormarton Crescent Allotment Restoration	£2,500
	£2,500 requested		
24/06/2014	169th Brentry Scout Hut	Improving storage capacity	£2,500
	£2,500 requested		
24/06/2014	BS10 Parks & Planning Group	Planning information and consultation promotion to residents	£305
	£305 requested		
Total Proposed Allocation			£6,605
2013/14 Funds remaining unallocated			£3,058

Applications not recommended for funding			
DATE OF ASSESSMENT	ORGANISATION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	REASON
24/06/2014	Unique Voice-Pop-up play in the park	£1,215	Scored below eligible threshold for funding. Location of proposed work not focused on H/B young people.

4. The following table sets out the principal benefits to Equalities groups and groups with protected characteristics as described in Section 5 of this report:

PROJECT	CONTRIBUTION TO EQUALITIES
Junior Gymnastics	Young people are chief beneficiaries (6-13); BME young people use the Greenway facilities; parents/guardians

PROJECT	CONTRIBUTION TO EQUALITIES
Club	socialise when bringing their young people to the club and will get reduced rate gym access
Completing the Southmead Community Plan	Community Plan has reached out to all groups in Southmead through door-to-door contact and specific work to access groups (polish translation copy; outreach to BME-majority churches; young people)
Southmead Trauma Support Project and Pilot Scheme	Women-only group in first phase of pilot; links with BME services; accessible venue for pilot; some outreach to LGB communities; ex-offenders and drug/alcohol users likely to be high proportion of service beneficiaries
Southmead Community Sports Under 21 Start Up Season	Specific service to benefit young people 18-21
Greenway Play Scheme	Young people; benefits working single parents, often mothers, by making childcare affordable
BS10 Promoting planning info/consultation with residents	Group have equalities policy and aim to consider impact of planning on different sections of local community and reach out to make planning information more accessible to women; young people; older people; disabled people; BME people
H&B Newsletter production	Delivery to all households makes newsletter accessible to different sections of the community and publicises events, services.
Tormarton Crescent Allotment Restoration	'This project is non-discriminatory and would benefit all sections of our society with an interest in growing their own food'
169th Brentry Scouts - Improving storage capacity	Young people

5. Future development ideas for Wellbeing Fund: update

5.1 A number of refinements of the Wellbeing Fund have been proposed by both Henbury/Brentry and Southmead Wellbeing Panels. In particular Southmead wanted to develop a simpler application for bids under £300.

5.2 A Working Group to develop these proposals was agreed at the March NP meeting

5.3 As a result of the internal re-structure of the Neighbourhood Partnership teams within BCC a number of processes and functions of Neighbourhood Partnerships across the city are being streamlined and standardised to deliver with fewer resources. One of these is the Wellbeing Fund

5.4 The consequence of this re-organisation is that the only way of setting up a simplified 'under-£300' funding scheme would be for a local organisation to submit a regular Wellbeing application to run such a scheme and it would be their responsibility to co-ordinate, publicise, assess, administer and monitor it and report back on outcomes..

5.5 In the light of the above the Neighbourhood Partnership Co-ordinator can't take forward the working group to deliver the aspirations which had been previously agreed.

Recommendation: That the Southmead aspirations should be explored with Southmead residents to see if a solution which meets local needs can be reached.

6. Legal Information

When councillors decide how the wellbeing fund is spent they should have due regard to the public sector equality duty that applies to all public bodies. This duty is contained in the Equality Act 2010 and came in to force on 6 April 2011. It replaces previous equality duties under the Sex Discrimination, Race Relations and Disability Discrimination Acts.

The duty means that councillors are required to have due regard to the need to :

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited under the Act
- Promote equality of opportunity between different groups
- Foster good relations between people from different groups

The duty covers the following protected characteristics:

- Disability
- Sexual orientation
- Age
- Gender reassignment
- Religion and belief
- Sex
- Race
- Pregnancy and maternity

It also applies to marriage and civil partnership, but only in respect of the requirement to eliminate discrimination and harassment.

7. Henbury/Brentry Community First (for information only)

7.1 The Henbury Community First Panel also met on 24th June and considered 3 applications seeking a total of **£6,000**

7.2 The 2014/15 Community First Allocation is: **£11,309**. See the table below for information on grants approved

7.3 The website on which Community First is advertised and updates are posted and application forms can be accessed is:

<http://henburybrentrycommunity.org.uk/wordpress/?cat=32>

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24/06/2014	Blaise Community Garden	Disabled access and organic toilet installation	£2,500
24/06/2014	HAPPY	Transport for Summer playscheme	£1,000
24/06/2014	169 Brentry Scout Group	Construction of Disabled Patio	£2,500
Totals			£6,000
2014/15 Fund remaining			£5,309

7.4 This is the last year of the Community First Fund. All applications must be submitted by end December 2014 and all project spend must be completed by end February 2105

7.5 In the light of this the Henbury/Brentry Community First Panel agreed to hold an additional funding round for the end of September 2014.

8. Next Wellbeing and Community First Funding application deadlines

The next deadline will be: **Friday 22nd August 2014**

For Community First in Henbury/Brentry: **Friday 26th September 2014**