



## AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

### Henbury and Southmead Neighbourhood Partnership Tuesday 9th December 2014

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#### Recommendations

1. To note the delivery of November Neighbourhood Forum events and the tabling of issues raised at the NP meeting **(Item 1)**
2. To note the work undertaken around Grounds Maintenance and the delay to the Grounds Maintenance priority setting **(Item 2)**
3. To note the work proposed to create a 2015-2018 NP Action plan **(Item 3)**
4. To note the completion of the Dunmail Design & Planning Brief and the presentation which the BS10 Parks & Planning Group will deliver to the NP meeting **(Item 4)**
5. To note upcoming public meetings being arranged with First Bus to explore potential service developments to address the gaps left by the withdrawal of the no. 20 bus service **(item 5)**
6. To agree a date for the NP Equalities Training **(Item 6)**
7. To note the progress made and date of the first City-wide Conference and to agree NP members to participate in planning it. **(Item 7)**
8. To note the consultation period now running on recommendations of the Boundary Review and how to comment and that a North public meeting will hopefully be set up to enable people to consider any changes to ward boundaries proposed. **(Item 8)**
9. To choose a month for a Mayoral visit to the NP area **(Item 9)**
10. To note the intended delivery of a Green Capital arts project in our NP area and to distribute publicity to engage local groups/residents **(Item 10)**

## **1. Neighbourhood Forums feedback**

1.1 The Neighbourhood Forums took place on 18<sup>th</sup> November in Henbury/Brentry and 20<sup>th</sup> November in Southmead.

1.2 The issues raised at these Forums will be tabled at the 9th November meeting.

## **2. Influencing Parks Maintenance Contract in Henbury/Brentry and Southmead**

2.1 At the 14<sup>th</sup> July meeting the NP was invited to work with the City Council Parks service to influence how Grounds Maintenance is delivered in the neighbourhood.

2.2 A meeting was set up on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August to find out more about this issue and Green Capital and to generate ideas for how the NP make both these opportunities available to the neighbourhood.

2.3 The Neighbourhood Officer has distributed a questionnaire asking residents to identify the key issues for them in how Parks/Green spaces are maintained. Return of these has been low.

2.4 Environment and Leisure issued the following statement on 14th November:

“Brief update on Grounds Maintenance service:

We had hoped we would be in a position by now to work with you to influence the grounds maintenance service for 2015. But getting our staff team up to strength since we restructured has taken longer than we anticipated. So we are not yet ready to have the conversation with you. We need to focus on bringing the contract inside the council and once we have done that we would like to come back to you in March 15 to agree how you can influence the new service moving forward. We're sorry that the timing hasn't worked out but we will make sure we keep and build on all the great input you have given us so far.

– Tracey Morgan, Service Director Environment & Leisure”

## **3. Henbury/Brentry and Southmead Action Plan Development**

3.1 The Neighbourhood Partnership Review update paper asks the NP to create a Neighbourhood plan setting out what the NP wants to achieve over the three years from April 2015 to March 2018.

3.2. As part of this process all Neighbourhood Partnership Co-ordinators have created a 'first-step' document which has pulled together the various existing NP priorities, current activities and project work.

3.4 Henbury/Brentry and Southmead are in a good position to review and update our priorities because Southmead is currently creating its Community Plan and Henbury/Brentry will hold its bi-annual Community Conference on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2015**. This will include a young people's event to focus on their priorities

3.5 The Area Co-ordinator is setting up dates to meeting with the sub-Group of NP members agreed at the September NP meeting to explore options and produce a draft NP Plan which brings together all this work into a single plan to present to the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2015 NP meeting

#### **4. Dunmail School site development Consultation**

4.1 The Design & Planning Brief for the development of the former Dunmail School site in Southmead is now finalised, after consultation through the BS10 Parks and Planning Group.

4.2 It has been taken to the Southmead Forum and A3 and A4 copies have now been placed in Southmead Library The Southmead May Forum agreed that local people's views should shape the Design Brief which the City Council is developing to invite developers to bid to build the housing.

4.3 The BS10 Parks and Planning is doing a presentation on the development at the 9<sup>th</sup> December NP meeting.

#### **5. Loss of No. 20 Bus Service: Action to explore how to address the service gaps**

5.1 First Bus made the decision to withdraw the no. 20 bus service in its

entirety at the end of August 2015.

5.2 BCC Passenger Services have taken action by amending the 508 service so that it extends from Charlton Road down into Arneside to supply Brentry/Charlton Mead residents with access to Arneside, the central Southmead services and links to the other bus services which serve Greystoke

5.3 This still leaves a gap in services for residents along the bottom of Greystoke Avenue accessing Arneside and Westbury village, where they access key service unavailable locally, such as banking. This is having a particular impact on elderly and disabled people who do not have private transport

5.4 First Bus attended the September Southmead Forum and offered to meet with local people to explore the sort of journeys and destinations which they needed to make and then to use this information to explore if they could tailor a substitute service which could be commercially viable.

5.5 Two dates have been set for these public meetings:

**Wednesday 10th December 6.30pm – 8.30pm**

**Monday 15th December 10.30am – 12noon**

Venues are being explored and publicity prepared.

5.6 Any help distributing publicity would be very useful!

## **6. NP Equalities Training**

6.1 The Partnership is asked to select a date in the weeks beginning w/b 12th Jan or 19th Jan 2015 for a two hour Equalities session.

6.2 The actual training will take place for an hour and a half with the remaining 30 minutes to enable to NP members to reflect on how they want to create a 'Vision Statement' which can accompany the emerging Neighbourhood Plan.

**Recommendation: that the NP selects a day/date/time in January 2015 for its Equalities Training session**

## **7. City-wide NP Conference: 7th February 2015**

7.1 Hayley Ash, Neighbourhood Area Manager, North, has produced the

following update:

On the 15th October the Citywide Event Working group, discussed and agreed the following:

The Citywide NP event will:

- take place on Saturday 7th February 10am – until 4pm (lunch will be provided)
- be limited to people involved in NPs and NP working groups, with approximately 150 spaces offered on a first come first service basis
- be held at Circomedia, St Pauls Church, Portland Square
- Be strategic in nature and will be made up of several workshops/discussion forums, such as planning, CIL, communications and marketing NPs , transport planning, sharing best practice.
- participants will be able to take part in several different discussions/workshops throughout the day and the Mayor has been invited to take part in part of the day.

### **Working Group**

The working group will be meeting several times before Christmas to firm up the agenda and finalise the activities, and your representative on the working group will be communicating with you to keep you in the loop at all times. Avonmouth and Kingsweston and Henbury Brentry and Southmead have not put anyone forward as yet so could you please:

1. agree up to 2 people to take part in the Planning
2. suggest any additional agenda items that would be of interest to your NPs
3. let your NPC know what best practice you would want to share at the event

If you are interested in attending the event on the 7th please pencil in the date, and your Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator will be sending you the link to book your ticket in mid-December.

**Recommendation: that the NP agrees one or two members to take part in the Planning Group for this event**

## **8. Bristol Boundary Review**

8.1 The Boundary Commission is about to make its recommendations for new Ward Boundaries in Bristol.

8.2 This Review is likely to result in changed ward boundaries and/or different allocation of councillor representation to existing wards in Avonmouth and Kingsweston

8.3 The consultation period on these proposals is: 9th December 2014 to

16th February 2015

8.4 The Bristol page on the Boundary Commission website is located here: <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/south-west/bristol/bristol>

8.5 The City Council has an aspiration to set up some public meetings, including one in the North. These will be confirmed if the Boundary Commission is able to support them.

## **9. NP Mayor's Visit to Henbury/Brentry and Southmead: selection of a date**

9.1 The Mayor, George Ferguson, visited the NP area on 5th September on his own initiative

9.2 All NPs are now being offered a Mayoral visit in the coming year

9.3 Henbury & Southmead NP can select dates from the following range:

2015

June; July; August; September; October; November; December

2016

January; February; March

9.4 The NP might also want to identify some key issues and projects/groups etc that they want to include in a conversation with the Mayor

**Recommendation: that the NP selects a date or month for a Mayoral visit**

## **10. Bristol Green Capital Neighbourhood Arts Programme**



# **GET INVOLVED!**

Bristol Green Capital Neighbourhood Arts Programme

- During 2015, arts projects will spring up all over Bristol, right from the tip of Avonmouth to the toe of Dundry View.
- They'll be driven by communities and created with professional artists and makers to inspire Bristol to become a healthier, happier city.
- Could we look creatively at energy, resources, transport, food or nature in your area?
- If you have an issue, an idea, or would just like to be involved in making a project happen in your community, then we want to hear from you.

Please fill out this form to stay in the loop: <http://ow.ly/DDjZr>

### **What will a neighbourhood arts project look like?**

Well, we all know Bristol's neighbourhoods are different, so the projects will take on various shapes and guises according to where we work, how we work and who we work with.

### **What's the plan?**

- The first step is talking to people - finding out what might work best for different areas. Who's not yet interested in 'green'? How can we look creatively at our local and environmental concerns?
- Then, we want to identify an issue relating to Green Capital's main themes of transport, energy, food, resources or nature within a group or a place in each area.
- Next an artist/maker brief will be advertised, and Bristol -based creatives will be chosen to work around those theme or issues.
- Finally, we'll launch the projects and celebrate the event!

### **What are the timescales?**

- Because of the amount of arts projects we'll be running, they'll be staggered over the year.
- We've been talking to people and organisations in all areas of Bristol, but the neighbourhood areas we're going to start with are:
  - Ashley, Easton & Lawrence Hill
  - Bishopston, Cotham & Redland
  - Cabot, Clifton & Clifton East
  - Dundry View
  - Greater Bedminster
  - Greater Fishponds

Then, in March/April time, we'll be looking to finalise ideas for:

- Avonmouth & Kingsweston
- Filwood, Knowle & Windmill Hill
- Greater Brislington
- Henbury & Southmead
- Henleaze, Stoke Bishop & Westbury-on-Trym
- Horfield & Lockleaze
- St George
- Stockwood, Hengrove & Whitchurch

### **How will we decide on issues and projects?**

- We're hoping communities will let us know what issues are pressing, but we have some priority considerations based on themes, areas Bristol City Council have recognised as less interested in green, and what's important in neighbourhood plans.

### **How can I find out more or get involved?**

- Let us know what you want, tell us what you think or just keep informed in the process: email [nap@bristol2015.co.uk](mailto:nap@bristol2015.co.uk)
- or call 0117 379 0115 and speak to Emma or Marietta.