



Agenda Item No. 8

Neighbourhood Partnership Henbury and Southmead 9th December 2014

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Title: Wellbeing and Green Capital Funds 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 and recommendations not to fund or to defer (**Item 2**)
3. Notes the contributions which the projects recommended for funding make to fulfil the public sector equality duty (**Item 3**)

That the Neighbourhood Partnership:

4. Approves the Green Capital Wellbeing Assessment Panel's funding recommendations and the recommendations not to fund or to defer (**Item 3**)
5. Notes that a second allocation of a further £10,000 will come to the NP providing the original £10,000 is fully allocated by end March 2015 (**4.5**)
6. Notes the contributions which the projects recommended for funding make to fulfil the public sector equality duty (**Item 5**)
7. Notes the legal information which guides all decisions about Wellbeing and Green Capital grant funding (**Item 6**)
8. Notes for information the plans for allocation of the final remaining Community First funding in Henbury/Brentry and the potential for future support with community planning work indicated (**Item 7**)
9. That the NP approves the recommended deadline and assessment panel date for the second round of Green Capital funding (**Item 8**)

Wellbeing 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 November 2014

Henbury/Brentry Wellbeing Fund	
Wellbeing Funds to allocate 2014/15	£10,113
Wellbeing spend approved 11.03.14	£450
Wellbeing spend approved 14.07.14	£6,605
Wellbeing spend approved 22.09.14	£3,058
Fund remaining	£0

Southmead Wellbeing Fund	
Wellbeing Funds to allocate 2014/15	£9,973
Wellbeing spend approved 11.03.14	£1,740
Wellbeing spend approved 14.07.14	£5,133
Wellbeing spend approved 22.09.14	£2,000
Fund remaining	£1,100

Total Wellbeing Funds remaining to allocate	£1,100
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2 Southmead Wellbeing Fund recommendations:

- 2.1 The Southmead Steering Group Wellbeing Assessment Panel met on 26th November 2014. Declarations of interest were declared as appropriate.
- 2.2 The Panel received 7 applications requesting a total of **£4,525.80**.

2.3 Recommendation: That the Councillors in the Neighbourhood Committee support the recommendation of the Southmead Steering Group to allocate £1,100 from the 2014/2015 Wellbeing Fund allocation for the applications received as follows:

ORGANISATION	PURPOSE	CONDITIONS/ NOTES	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED
Southmead Young Mums	Healthy Snacks provision		£185
Southmead Development Trust	New scales to support Exercise of Referral	Encourage bids to other NPs which also benefit from this scheme in future	£335
Southmead Development Trust	Family Christmas Party	Partial funding - £500 sought. Require article in subsequent Mead	£200
Bristol Noise	Noise Weekend Fun afternoon	Partial funding to support Craft zone; face-painting; tipper truck and rubbish disposal - £885 sought	£380
Total Proposed Allocation			£1,100
2014/15 Funds remaining to allocate			£0
Applications not recommended for funding			
ORGANISATION	PURPOSE	AMOUNT REQUESTED	REASON
Southmead Hospital Charity	Paint and art supplies; kitchen equipment; skin care products; towels & bathrobes; aromatherapy supplies	£250	Panel felt the items requested could be sourced from commercial donations; bid was called 'Training Wellbeing Centre Volunteers' but focused on materials
Southmead Development Trust	Improvements to Grounds	£1,371	Did not meet minimum score to fund
Southmead Development Trust	Greenway Small Grants Fund	£1,000	Panel asked group to defer to 2015/16 and for SDT to talk with

ORGANISATION	PURPOSE	CONDITIONS/ NOTES	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED
			Southmead Steering Group about how the scheme would work
Notes	This application has yet to be assessed – a recommendation will be tabled at the NP meeting on 22 nd September		

3. The following table sets out the principal benefits to Equalities groups and groups with protected characteristics as described in Section 6 of this report:

PROJECT	CONTRIBUTION TO EQUALITIES
Southmead Young Mums – healthy snacks	Supports young women, including around domestic abuse and confidence building/befriending; beneficiaries are all young and children ; group is ethnically mixed and meets in accessible venue; many of participants are single parents – home visits delivered to help increase access to the service
Southmead Development Trust - scales	Obesity affects people from wide range of equalities groups
Southmead Development Trust – Christmas Party	Young people marketed by promoting in all primary schools; fully accessible venue; single parent families main focus for the event
Bristol Noise	Event aimed at young people; also older people are direct beneficiaries of the Noise weekend; lone parents and their children and other vulnerable people/projects which can benefit from support identified in advance

4. Henbury/Brentry and Southmead Green Capital Fund recommendations:

4.1 The Henbury and Neighbourhood Partnership has been awarded £10,000 from Bristol 2015, the company co-ordinating delivery of European Green Capital 2015, to fund local initiatives which deliver against the following priorities:

- Increasing people’s access to affordable, healthy, sustainable food.
- Enabling more people to access affordable energy.
- Inspiring and educating people about nature and how to care for it.
- Providing activities and initiatives that help people re-use, repair, and

share materials.

- Helping people discover more sustainable transport (eg walking, cycling or public transport).

4.2 A Green Capital Assessment Panel met on 25th November 2014 to assess applications for the NP Green Capital Funding to deliver work to benefit Henbury and Brentry residents. The Panel consisted of 3 Henbury/Brentry NP resident members; 2 Southmead resident members and Mark Weston, Henbury Councillor. Declarations of interest were declared as appropriate

4.3 The Panel received 6 applications requesting a total of **£14,498**.

4.4 Recommendation: That the Neighbourhood Partnership supports the recommendations of the Green Capital Assessment Panel to allocate £4,610 from the 2014/2015 Green Capital Fund as follows:

ORGANISATION	PURPOSE	CONDITIONS/ NOTES	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED
Badock's Wood Primary School - Southmead	Get Growing at Badock's Wood	NP Co-ordinator checking plans for watering and harvesting during school holidays	£1,800
Henbury & Brentry Community Council	Tormarton Crescent Allotment Restoration	Want to see more community groups having access to growing at allotments -	£2,500
Note	Still requires £2,500 to meet the £10,000 to restore the allotment space		
Southmead Community Association	Grow Your Own Starter Packs		£310
Total Proposed Allocation			£4,610
2014/15 Funds remaining unallocated			£5,390

Applications not recommended for funding			
ORGANISATION	PURPOSE	AMOUNT REQUESTED	REASON
Southmead Development Trust	Energy Improvements at Greenway Centre	£4,888	Did not meet minimum score – unclear how it delivered against GC priorities or how sum requested was arrived at
Southmead Rugby Club	Rugby kits	£3,200	Did not deliver against GC priorities. NP Co-ordinator exploring alternative ways to support the goals of the bid
Soil Association	The Big Picnic	£1,800	Deferred to second round – ask applicant for more information about how the proposal will be delivered

4.5 A second round of Green Capital will be launched. Henbury and Southmead will receive an additional £10,000 Green Capital funding to support local work **as long as the original £10,000 is fully allocated by end March 2015**

4.6 All NP members are asked to assist with publicising the second round of Green Capital funding.

5. The following table sets out the principal benefits to Equalities groups and groups with protected characteristics as described in Section 6 of this report:

PROJECT	CONTRIBUTION TO EQUALITIES
Badock's Wood Primary School - Southmead	Parents invited to contribute to sessions; focus of project is children; Grandparents invited to contribute; 'school inclusive and representative of all groups'; bringing parents/carers together to share skills and cookery clubs will 'foster good relations between people from different groups'
Henbury & Brentry Community Council	Allotments project 'is non-discriminatory and would benefit all sections of our society with an interest in growing their own food'
Southmead Community Association	'all groups can apply for a starter pack'

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 2014/15 Community First Allocation is: **£11,309**. Henbury and Brentry was also successful in applying for an additional **£1,500**, making the total allocation for 2014/15 **£12,809**.

7.2 A total of **£5,900** was allocated in July 2014, and **£2,771** in September, leaving a total of **£4,138** to allocate by **end December 2014**

7.3 The final Panel meeting will take place in early December to assess applications received and to allocate the remaining funding.

7.4 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>

7.5 This is the last year of the Community First Fund. However, The Community Development Foundation, which has run the programme, has offered the following:

“As a Community First panel member, I wanted you to be amongst the first to hear about support that the Government is planning to provide to communities like yours from March 2015.

It is designed to help your community to take greater control, plan for the future and have a real say on how local services are run.

Looking at the proposals, we see this as a natural extension of the Community First plans that you have already developed, providing you with a unique opportunity to fully develop these plans and make a real difference to your community. There would be direct funding and support available to help you progress these plans but please note that this new support would not give community groups grant money to spend.”

7.6 The NP Co-ordinator has put in an expression of interest in this potential support for the Henbury ward as a potentially helpful contribution to strengthening community development.

7.7 We'll report back to the NP as more information about the nature of this support and whether Henbury ward is able to draw it down as it emerges

8. Next Green Capital Funding application deadline

Recommendation: That the next application deadline is:

Friday 20th February

with an Assessment Panel for:

4th March 2015