



AGENDA ITEM NO. 14

Report of: Hengrove and Stockwood Neighbourhood Partnership

Title: Neighbourhood Partnership Annual Achievements Report

Introduction

This report is a summary of some of the achievements of the Hengrove and Stockwood Neighbourhood Partnership in 2011-12. The achievements are examples of how the partnership can deliver improvements to the area through its Action Plan / Priorities. This report highlights the work of a variety of different partnership members who have worked together, including local residents, community groups, Councillors and other partners.

Older People

Action Plan Aim addressed: We would like better transport and more activities for older people.

Resources used: Local resident volunteers, community and voluntary organisations, BCC officers, Well Being Funds

Summary of projects and benefit for the NP and local residents:

- Linkage and Health Walks have introduced the Hengrove older persons' walking group in September using funding from the Neighbourhood Partnership, and the group is also operating in Stockwood and some parts of Whitchurch Park ward.
- Carpentry and walking group projects have been delivered with a very strong programme around health walks in the area.
- Wellbeing funding supported older people in the area through groups such as the Senior Moments group at Stockwood Library, computer courses at Whitchurch Library, and the Tea Dance at Stockwood Free Church.

Equalities aims addressed: Tackling social and health inequalities and exclusion of older people



Community facilities and activities/ Local food growing project



Action Plan Aims addressed: We would like more and better community buildings and facilities and more local activities (and information) available for all ages/ We would like to grow and use more locally grown food.

Resources used: Local residents and community organisations, with BCC officers support and funding from the Well Being and Section 106 funding have supported a range of projects for local benefit during 20011/12.

Summary of projects and benefit for the NP and local residents:

1. The Severn Project, Oatlands Avenue to build the polytunnels and growing plots, a café, farm shop and teaching room and the project will also introduce a vegetable box scheme. The project is a social reintegration project. The Neighbourhood Partnership supported the planning bid and has contributed to the funding of the build through the Wellbeing fund.
- Nearly £32,000 has been invested in community buildings in Stockwood from the Neighbourhood Partnership's devolved s106 budgets. A new kitchen has been fitted in Stockwood Free Church, pews replaced with chairs in Christ the Servant church to make it a more flexible community space, and the scout hut will be updated and the outside space extended.
 - Hengrove Community Centre was allocated £3,000 from the Wellbeing fund to install a disabled toilet and improve accessibility to the building, this was matched by Council budgets. The works are now complete with increased accessibility for the building.

Equalities aims addressed: Tackling social and economic exclusion. Providing increased accessible facilities within the area.

Younger people and youth services



Action Plan Aim addressed: “There is a lack of provision for young people across the area and we would like more activities and sustainable youth provision in the area”

Resources used: Local residents and community organisations, with BCC officers support and funding from the Well Being and Section 106

Summary of projects and benefit for the NP and local residents:

- The BMX track in Stockwood has been completed and was formally opened on 10th September 2011. The track has been extremely well used so far and is something that Stockwood and young people are very proud of.
- Well being money for various project support youth activities in Hengrove.
- Wellbeing money was granted to the BS14 club in Stockwood for additional youth activities that included holiday schemes, sports coaching sessions and arts and dance sessions for teenagers in Stockwood.
- Neighbourhood Partnership granted some money to CSV Environment, who carried out 5 play days for families in Stockwood over the summer, and around 100 people attended.

Equalities aims addressed: Promoting the opportunity for young people to become involved in the work of the NP

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Resources used: Local residents and community organisations, with BCC officers support and funding from the Well Being and Section 106

Summary of projects and benefit for the NP and local residents:

- The Stockwood festival had another successful year, with around 350-400 attendees (despite the bad weather).
- Over 100 people attended the Hengrove and Stockwood food festival which took place on 15th October 2011. Feedback from the festival was really positive. Activities included nature walks, talks from experts, and cookery demonstrations, as well as sharing local produce, music and fun activities for the kids (and big kids!).
- Ongoing resident involvement in the Arts for All consultation events for Hengrove including visits to public art in Bristol, artist talks and training around commissioning art works.

Equalities aims addressed: Tacking health and social exclusion.

Other project:

Highways and Parking

Action Plan Aim: We would like better and safer roads, better parking, and more enforcement of speeding and nuisance parking.

Actions:

- Themed Neighbourhood Forums have taken place to collect as many highways and parking issues as possible from both wards. These

issues have been carefully action planned and been used to inform the spend of the devolved highways and traffic budgets.

- A “Good Neighbour Guide” leaflet has been produced to help encourage people to park considerately and to inform people of parking laws and nuisance parking. These will be used to tackle nuisance parking hotspot areas identified at the forums.
- Parking enforcement officers have started to visit the Hengrove and Stockwood area weekly on request of the Neighbourhood Partnership to patrol areas with parking restrictions and to tackle illegal parking. Outcomes are being fed back to the Neighbourhood Forums.