



AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

**STOCKWOOD, HENGROVE & WHITCHURCH
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP
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Title: Neighbourhood Working – Update

RECOMMENDATION

That the Neighbourhood Partnership notes the process for prioritisation of neighbourhood working actions.

That the priorities that the neighbourhood working team will tackle will be chosen by the Neighbourhood Partnership, and will bring together existing neighbourhood priorities (Community Safety, Cleanliness, NP priorities).

1. The council has been piloting a new approach to neighbourhood working since 1st October 2012 in the central and east areas of Bristol.
2. A Neighbourhood Working Coordinator (NWC) has now been appointed to cover the South Area, which includes the Stockwood, Hengrove & Whitchurch NP.
3. The NWC will put together a long list of issues, that will bring together existing neighbourhood priorities from Community Safety, Environment, and NP priorities) for the NP to choose from.
4. The long list of priorities will be added to from further engagement work undertaken by the Neighbourhood Development Officer, Community Safety Officer and the Area Environment Officer
5. The priorities will be consulted on with the NP and wider at other community engagement meetings (Forums, sub groups) and up to ten will be prioritised for action.

6. Examples of issues that have been tackled during the pilot include:
 - a. Littering, fly tipping, waste – wide variety of different issues
 - b. Highway obstructions
 - c. ASB related to licensed premises/night time
 - d. Vice, kerb crawling and sex litter
 - e. Vehicles for sale / nuisance vehicles
 - f. Noise
 - g. Dog fouling
 - h. Issues on lanes – litter, ASB, dangerous structures, fly tipping

7. Neighbourhood working areas are as follows:

Neighbourhood working area	Neighbourhood Partnership areas
North	Avonmouth and Kingsweston Henbury and Southmead Horfield and Lockleaze Bishopston Cotham and Redland Henleze, Stoke Bishop and Westbury on Trym
Central (pilot area)	Cabot, Clifton and Clifton East Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill St George Greater Fishponds
South	Greater Bedminster Greater Brislington Stockwood, Hengrove & Whitchurch Dundry View Knowle, Filwood and Windmill Hill

8. Each neighbourhood working area will be served by a neighbourhood team of existing staff whose role it is to manage neighbourhoods by informal and formal means. Officers will undertake positive, pro-active work and share responsibility within this team for a wide variety of neighbourhood issues. There will be approximately 30-40 staff allocated to each neighbourhood working area.
9. The neighbourhood teams will have excellent links to other officers and partners – the pilot has helped develop some of these links. This will ensure that specialist officers can be brought to work alongside the neighbourhood team when required, and that matters can be escalated to specialist services if necessary.
10. Neighbourhood Partnerships will choose priorities for the neighbourhood team to work on, and will receive regular progress reports. These priorities will incorporate existing priorities and priority setting

processes (for example community safety priorities and priority setting will be incorporated into the neighbourhood priorities).

Equalities impact statement

11. Equalities impact assessment screening forms have been completed for the Better Neighbourhood Working pilot and full impact assessments are being completed for both staff and local community impact for rolling out the pilot across the city. Assessing equalities implications will form an ongoing workstream in the neighbourhood working project.