



AGENDA ITEM NO. 12

**STOCKWOOD, HENGROVE & WHITCHURCH
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP
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RECOMMENDATIONS

To note the contents of the report.

1. Neighbourhood Forum update:

The Forum meetings were held on the 6th August for Hengrove/Whitchurch and 8th August for Stockwood with attendance of 19 and 20 local residents respectively.

Issues raised in Hengrove/ Whitchurch included Anti- social Behaviour; blocked drains and driving over land on Whitchurch Green, and speeding: Issues raised in Stockwood: Badgers undermining a Pathway, a request for a table tennis table, Environment Issues including a number of cutbacks required and street lighting.

Future Neighbourhood Forum Meetings:

Ward and Meeting Date	Time	Venue
Hengrove & Whitchurch 06/11/2013	7.00pm	Hengrove Leisure Centre
Stockwood 07/11/2013		Christ the Servant

Ward and Meeting Date	Time	Venue
Hengrove & Whitchurch 04/02/2014	7.00pm	Christ Church, Petherton Road
Stockwood 06/02/2014		Counterslip Baptist Church (tbc)

Neighbourhood Forum and Community Engagement update:

There were 11 community engagement opportunities since the last Neighbourhood Partnership meeting involving around 585 people from local communities.

A network meeting of local Youth Providers was called to coordinate an application to BYCA (Bristol Youth Community Action) to provide activities for children and young people across Hengrove and Stockwood wards during the summer holiday period. A successful application was made to BYCA and this was matched by the Neighbourhood Partnership to deliver activities across the area of a value up to £5k.

Library drop- ins were held in Whitchurch and Stockwood libraries to promote the Forum meetings and provide information about Neighbourhood Partnerships and collect any issues from local people.

Stockwood Festival – Officers including Community Safety and Police were at the Festival to offer an opportunity to local people to raise Issues. Police also provided a mobile phone registration service which proved popular.

2. Neighbourhood Partnership Review

Following the completion of the Neighbourhood Partnership Review in April 2013 and the analysis of the review findings which were taken to the June round of Neighbourhood Partnership meetings, the Neighbourhood Partnership team started the practical work of crafting the change proposals for strengthening Neighbourhood Partnerships and enhancing their ability to get things done.

We had originally planned to have some early conversations about this work with representatives of NPs during the summer, but as you will be aware, there is a great deal of work happening within the Council around how we manage the significant budget pressures moving forward and how the Council will work in the future, therefore this work has been delayed.

As it is important that any changes proposed to how the Neighbourhood Partnerships work will fit with the new organisational direction and structure, we have had to suspend our original timetable for completing our work until we know more about what the organisation will look like in the future.

It is our hope that we will be better placed to bring our change proposals to a wider audience in mid to late October.

3. Active Neighbourhood Transport Grant - Round 3

We are pleased to offer a third round of grants funded through Bristol's Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) as part of its Active Neighbourhoods Programme.

Round opens 1st December 2013

Round closes 28th February 2014

(Please note that all projects must be implemented **before April 2015**).

Grants are available from as little as £500 up to a maximum contribution of £3,000 and funding is limited.

Sustainable travel is important for individuals, communities and the wider environment. On a personal level, it can help us take short journeys on foot or by bike, increasing our activity levels to benefit our health as well as saving us money. For communities it can increase the numbers of people out on the street, making the streets feel safer and encouraging use of local shops and facilities. On a wider level, sustainable travel aims to provide attractive options for young people, commuters and older people alike, as well as improving air and noise quality in our city.

What are the main aims of the grant?

Schemes need to be locally led and support the LSTF objectives by:

- Supporting and strengthening local economies (encouraging people to walk, cycle, or use public transport to travel to neighbourhood shops and services, rather than driving to other locations);
- Increasing physical activity to improve health, through greater use of walking and cycling for local journeys;
- Reducing unnecessary car trips and associated parking/pollution/congestion

Who can apply?

Applications must be submitted by a constituted group, this could be a local resident groups, traders associations, voluntary and community groups, statutory organisations, or Neighbourhood Partnerships.

We are looking for bottom up, community led, projects, whereby project ideas come from local communities. We encourage applications that will address travel related issues within a particular local community, or a local shopping area, or by a particular group of people, with specific needs.

Examples of what could be funded:

Grants awarded in round 1 and 2:

- Lockleaze, Ashley, Easton, Lawrence Hill and St George will benefit from a "Silver Cycling" programme This will help older adults get back on their bikes and rediscover the joys of cycling in a safe and sociable way;
- Greater Bedminster will develop a pocket park and art installation on East Street, to make a popular walking route both direct and pleasant;
- In Totterdown, cycle storage and park benches will be installed part way up the Wells Road, to encourage short journeys to local shops on foot and by bike
- Bristol Bike Project is running a project for young people between 11 and 17 to learn basic and advanced bicycle mechanics. They will apply this learnt knowledge as they restore and rebuild a safe and fully functioning bike for themselves.
- GoodGym Bristol is a new exciting community project whose aim is to use the energy that is normally wasted in gyms to benefit the community as a whole. They organise regular group runs and cycles to community projects during which they stop and help local community organisations.
- Hotwells and Clifton Community Association have renovated the City 'gateway' site of Cumberland Piazza, identifying key cycle routes, constructing information panels, creating webpages to complement each information panel, and put on an event increase the utilisation of existing cycle and pedestrian routes in the area by local people, commuters and visitors.

Two Community Interest Companies have been funded to develop projects to benefit the whole city:

- Roll for the Soul recently opened the Bristol Community Bike Café and Cycle Hub in Quay Street; and
- Playing Out will be able to reach more communities with their after-school street play project.

Other ideas could include:

- Events to encourage people to be more active and use the car less;
- Local groups working together to address particular barriers to active travel issues in their area;
- Grants can support a one-off initiative, or be used as 'seed' money to pilot a longer-term project; and

- Installation of a handrail on a steep hill to aid walking for older people.

These are examples of initiatives that have been previously funded, or could potentially gain future funding. However, be original and creative with your own ideas. Think about the issues in your local area and what is needed to solve them.

Examples of what will not be funded

We will not be funding any infrastructure projects in this round of funding e.g. laying cycle/foot paths, pedestrian crossings, junction alterations, road widening etc. We will however consider applications for safe routes to schools projects.

Extra funding or match-funding

The grant could also be used as a contribution towards more expensive schemes, if additional sources of money are available (for example a devolved neighbourhood transport grant, other national or local grant funding).

Contact us - for support with your application

If you require advice or support with developing your idea, consulting locally or completing the form, please contact our Community Active Travel Officers:

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If you require any further information about the grants or application process, please contact Janine McCretton on 0117 903 6745, Gill Calloway on 0117 903 6707 email Janine.mccretton@bristol.gov.uk or gill.calloway@bristol.gov.uk

4. Bristol European Green Capital 2015

Bristol was awarded the title of European Green Capital 2015 in June 2013. Only five other cities have received this prestigious award and Bristol is the first UK city to have held the title.

The award was given to Bristol because of its good track record of environmental improvements and its ambitious plans for more. Overall Bristol residents have the greenest lifestyles of any major UK city:

- More walk and cycle to work improving their health and reducing congestion,
- They produce less waste and recycle more,

- They have the lowest home energy bills,
- They enjoy Bristol's many green spaces, and
- Thousands are taking part in community and green initiatives making the city a better place to live.

Winning this award is an opportunity to improve the quality of life in Bristol and to create local jobs. During 2015 Bristol will hold a series of events and activities to celebrate the award with the planning starting this autumn. Ideas include:

- Holding exciting community events that everyone can take part in;
- Funding local projects that make a difference to the environment such as every primary school child planting a tree
- Hosting high profile international visits promoting Bristol and our businesses to create local jobs.

What we would like from Neighbourhood Partnerships?

We would like Neighbourhood Partnerships to start thinking about how they would like to celebrate the Bristol being the European Green Capital in 2015.

Do you have any events or activities planned that can incorporate a green theme? What projects and initiatives would you like to start in 2015 that can create improvements in the quality of life long after the year ends?

We would like to establish a Neighbourhood Partnership working group to bring together ideas for events and activities to ensure that the 2015 programme serves every community and ask that the partnership nominate one member to take part in this.

If you would like to hear more about the Award and how you can get involved contact Alex Minshull, Sustainable City Manager – alex.minshull@bristol.gov.uk

5. Quality Of Life in Your Neighbourhood – Survey

The Quality of Life report is now available. It brings together views from approximately 5,000 residents on quality of life issues annually.

Indicators collected with the survey help us:

- track changes in the quality of life in your neighbourhood
- target resources to the areas that most need it
- flag up local problems e.g. rise in neighbourhood noise
- provide evidence for funding bids (e.g. Big Local Lottery funding for Lawrence Weston).

Quality of Life is reported annually and the full set of statistics with maps and 8-year trends 2005-2015 are also available at <http://profiles.bristol.gov.uk/>

This year's survey

On the week beginning 2nd September, 24,000 questionnaires will be sent out to Bristol residents selected at random for this year's Quality of Life survey. Please complete, or encourage others sent the survey to complete.

The quickest and simplest way is online at **www.bristol.gov.uk/quality** and this will save us time, money and resources - you will need the username and password on your cover letter.

Alternatively you can fill out the paper survey by hand and return it to us at the address on the Freepost envelope.

6. Mayor Visit Update

The Mayor of Bristol, George Ferguson visited Stockwood, Hengrove & Whitchurch on Monday 22nd July 2013.

Below are the actions agreed with the Mayor's Office following the visit.

Where/Venue	Notes
South Bristol Sports Centre, West Town Lane	MAYORAL ACTION: To have a discussion with (South Bristol Sports Centre) as agreed with staff there.
Sturminster Road	No Action
Whittock Road	Info only Linking green parks with green ways
Craydon Road Open Space	NP ACTION: Look at ways of perhaps with a developer/housing association for a small scale development project that has community space as part of the development – how does this fit in with the NP action plan?
Stockwood Road Shops (start outside Stockwood Library)	MAYORAL ACTION: Possible graffiti/.UpFest site Possible wider development project – looking at the site as a whole
Wells Road	MAYORAL ACTION: Mayor to plant tree (possibly at a weekend) Info only Counterslip happy to act as local lead for 'Plant a Tree' scheme.

Where/Venue	Notes
	<p>NP ACTION Litter project – with infrastructure support provided by NP</p>
Well Road	<p>Info only Clarify that small business pay no Business rates in BANES.</p> <p>Check on BANES website - they provide relief for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Relief for registered charities, sports clubs and village shops ii. Small Business Rate Relief <p>•If the rateable value for your property is £6,000 or less, you'll get 100% relief.</p>
Whitchurch District Centre (start outside Whitchurch Library)	<p>NP ACTION Whitchurch Green – trees not being watered and dying out. AEO – check maintenance contact with contactor</p>
Fortfield Road	<p>No Action</p>
Pertherton Road	<p>MAYORAL ACTION: Look into the grounds for which the planning application was refused for nursery provision for Christ Church Play Group –</p> <p>13/00409/F Conversion of residential accommodation, into a playgroup for Christ Church Playgroup. External alterations to include, timber framed canopy to sw elevation, re-cladding of existing brick extension and provision of access ramps. 62 Petherton Gardens Bristol BS14 9BS</p>
Hengrove Leisure Complex, Airport Road	<p>MAYORAL ACTION: Send a copy of the of the Freiburg Charter/ housing development in Germany to Ariaf Hussain</p> <p>Mayor to look into overcrowded BCC flat</p> <p>Info only South Bristol Hospital s106 around community transport ends in September 2014 – no further funding from BCC</p>
South Bristol Sports Centre	<p>End of visit</p>

7. Key Meeting Dates

Month	Meeting	Date	Time	Location
September 2013	NP (David Morris)	Wednesday 18/09/2013	7.00pm	Stockwood Counterslip Baptist Church
Oct 2013	Environment Group	Tuesday 08/10/2013	3.30pm	Hengrove Leisure Centre (tbc)
November 2013	Forum (H)	Wednesday 06/11/2013	7.00pm	Hengrove Leisure Centre
	Forum (S)	Thursday 07/11/2013	7.00pm	Christ the Servant
	Well Being Deadline	Friday 15/11/2013	12.00pm	n/a
	Well Being Panel & NC/NP Briefing	Tuesday 26/11/2013	10.00am	Brunel House
December 2013	NP (Barry Clark)	Wednesday 11/12/2013	7.00pm	Hengrove Christ Church
Jan 2014	Environment Group	Tuesday 07/01/2014	3.30pm	Hengrove Leisure Centre (tbc)
February 2014	Forum (H)	Tuesday 04/02/2014	7.00pm	Christ Church, Petheron Road
	Forum (S)	Thursday 06/02/2014	7.00pm	Counterslip Baptist Church (tbc)
	Well Being Deadline	Friday 21/02/2014	12.00pm	n/a

Month	Meeting	Date	Time	Location
March 2014	Well Being Panel & NC/NP Briefing	Tuesday 04/03/2014	10.00am	Brunel House
	NP (Jay Jethwa)	Wednesday 19/03/2014	7.00pm	Stockwood South Bristol Sports Centre