



**Horfield and Lockleaze Neighbourhood Partnership
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AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

Title: Business Report

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- 1- Environment:** To note progress, approve £3600 s106 for a disabled swing for Monks Park and agree the Tree Forum actions
- 2- Traffic and Transport:** To note progress and approve the request to include a Cycling Plan in the NP Plan
- 3- Employment & Economy:** To note progress
- 4- Grants Panel:** To approve the recommendations of the Grants Panel.
- 5- Neighbourhood Budget:** To note the Budget to date.
- 6- Forums:** To note items of discussion at the Forums.
- 7- City Wide Neighbourhood Partnership Event:** To note the report
- 8- Voluntary and Community Sector Grants:** To note the new process
- 9- West of England Joint Spatial Plan and Joint Transport Study:** To note these consultations and decide on how this Neighbourhood Partnership would like to input.
- 10- Proposed meeting dates for 2016-17** – for approval by the Neighbourhood Partnership

Working Groups

All working group minutes are available on the website: <http://goo.gl/b1EkyB>

1.0 Environment Group

1.1 This group met on 12th October 2015.

1.2 **Little Green Grants** Invitations to apply for the remainder of the Green Capital money (£715 for Horfield and £4,000 from Lockleaze) were publicised to the Neighbourhood Partnership mailing list. Ten applications were received and applicants were given the opportunity of presenting their project to the meeting. Meeting attendees were asked to place two votes in support any two projects. The group then reviewed the votes and allocated the money as follows:

Lockleaze

- South Lockleaze and Purdown Neighbourhood Group - Outdoor education programme £800
- Groundwork - Local growing programme to teach young people and children about growing and local food £1000
- Filton Ave Nursery School - creating an oasis of clam for families to appreciate nature £925
- United Communities and LPW - 'Let's love Rubbish in Lockleaze' £650
- Horfield Community Association - Environmentally based workshops for children and young people focusing on tool use, woodwork, fire use and healthy eating £625

Horfield

- Pride of Place Residents' Group - Re-use leaflet, re-cycling blitz and nature appreciation in Horfield only £400
- Horfield and Lockleaze Neighbourhood Partnership Environment Group - re-positioning of park benches and litter bin on Horfield common £315

1.3 The group received an update on the "Flagged Up" Green Capital Art project by the artist Deborah Weinreb. This is now installed and the group agreed it was a success.

1.4 The group recommend that the Neighbourhood Partnership approve £3600 to pay for a disabled swing for Monks Park Children's Play Area. This has come from as a direct request from a resident with a disabled child. This will come from s106 07/01523 / Prefab Site, Dorian Road, Horfield / ZCD...914 for "the provision of improvements to Parks and Open Spaces within one mile of the former Dorian Road Prefab Site" (Total value of this s106 £24,001.55)

1.5 The group agreed that the Neighbourhood Officer will use £415 from the Clean and Green budget to re-position a litter bin and benches on Horfield Common, to match fund the £300 from the Little Green Grants.

1.6 Total Parks s106 available is £214,728.47

1.7 At the September meeting the Tree Forum asked the Neighbourhood Partnership to designate a Tree Champion for this Neighbourhood Partnership. They also requested that this Neighbourhood Partnership write to Highways and ask them to put in tree pits in new schemes wherever possible.

2.0 Traffic & Transport Group

2.1 This Group met on the 22nd October 2015.

2.2 Local Traffic Schemes – the Beaufort Road scheme will be delivered if the Sainsbury's development goes ahead, otherwise it will be considered against the other priorities of this group. The Church Road, Romney Avenue and Wellington Hill West schemes are in progress and advice has been sought from management about how to deliver the Church Road scheme as this will be in Bishopston ward following the boundary change in March 2016.

2.3 The group were disappointed that the consultations for the Southmead zebra crossing happened mostly during school holidays.

2.4 Several new issues were discussed and have been added to the Traffic Choices Tracker <https://tracker.trafficchoices.co.uk/partnership/list> including parking on the pavement on Bishopthorpe Road. These will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

2.5 Buses – issues with existing services and improvements in the bus services will be addressed at a separate meeting with First, Wessex and BCC to discuss solutions. The group have requested information about when Romney Avenue bus link will be open.

2.6 The group recommend developing a Cycling Plan and **the Neighbourhood Partnership is asked to approve this recommendation and add this to the Neighbourhood Partnership Plan.**

2.7 The group raised a number of issues with the Southmead Hospital Parking Review which were fed back to officers.

2.8 Total Transport s106 available is £205,571.64

3.0 Employment and Economy

3.1 This group met on the 13th October 2015.

3.2 The group discussed the possible closure of B&Q and the opening of the Lidl store and the impact of these on jobs for local people. Concern was raised that the Lidl would jeopardise the possibility of a supermarket on Gainsborough Square.

3.3 A working group will look at the transition from long term benefits to work and produce a report with actions for the next E&E meeting and take the recommendations to the March Neighbourhood Partnership.

4.0 Grants Panel

4.1 The Panel met on the 11th November 2015. Tamsin Evans stepped down from Chair prior to the meeting and the Panel agreed Fiona Deas as the new Chair.

4.2 The Young People's project from United Communities was underspent by £300, because the basketball kit was donated and did not have to be purchased. United Communities have requested that this funding contributes to a trip to Bath Spa for the girls and a trip to a skateboard park for the boys who attended the summer projects and are identified to be vulnerable. The Panel requests that **the Neighbourhood Committee approves this change in funding.**

4.3 The 2014 Stoke Park Walks, Talks and Photography project delivered 9 out of the 10 walks applied for, incurred additional unexpected administration costs due to the secretary leaving and was not able to deliver the photography competition. Consequently, this project was underspent by £250. This has been returned. **The Neighbourhood Committee is asked to acknowledge and accept these changes to the project.**

4.4 The Panel discussed the two Stoke Park applications and agreed to stand by their previous decision (approved by the Neighbourhood Partnership) that projects for Stoke Park will not be considered for Wellbeing funding until the Dowry fund has been spent. However, it was anticipated that the Neighbourhood Committee may want to overturn this decision as this was not made clear in the Wellbeing application or guidance notes (this has now been corrected). If this is the case then the Sculpture Trail scored sufficient to be funding, while the St Werburgh's City Farm application was well below, so the Panel would recommend that the St Werburgh's City Farm project is not reconsidered for funding.

4.5 Seven applications were received and the Panel's recommendations on each are shown below. **The Neighbourhood Committee is asked to approve these recommendations:**

Amount of remaining Wellbeing grant:				£9,322
Name of organisation	What's the funding for? Brief summary of project	How much requested	Amount agreed?	Comments and Conditions
1. Bristol Noise	Fun afternoons	£1000	£1000	This is a great programme but Wellbeing regularly funds this, query whether there is no other funding stream to apply to
2. Creative Crafting Club	Room hire for craft sessions	£1400	£700	As this is a new group, the Panel wanted to offer some support so have offered 50% of the room hire costs with the offer that the group can reapply for the other 50% if the group is successful and they need it
3. FACE	February fun activities	£987.50	£987.50	

4. Friends of Horfield Common	Junior Wildlife Explorers Club	£2000	£1,100	Fund 50% of workshop leader, tools and printing - then come back for funding once they can demonstrate that Horfield and Lockleaze young people are engaged. FoHC will need to demonstrate what ages, when are they going to run (schools holidays), need to target children from Upper Horfield and Manor Farm with priority
5. Girl's Group at Wordsworth	Support for sessions and residential	£1500	£1,500	
6. Lockleaze Neighbourhood Trust	Stoke Park Sculpture Trail	£2000	£0	It was felt that the pilot project paid for by Groundworks needed to be completed first to gauge the success and as such there was no urgency for this project to be completed now.
7. Lockleaze Neighbourhood Trust	Strategic and Operational Plan	£2,000	£0	The Panel felt that this project was not appropriate for Wellbeing.
8. St Werburgh's City Farm	Woodland Welcome Signs	£2000	£0	See 6.2 above.
9. Upper Horfield Children's Centre	Vulnerable Young People's Holiday Club	£1,360	£1,360	
Amount of Wellbeing Grant left:			£1,360	

4.6 The Wellbeing Panel would like to hold an event instead of their next meeting to bring together and celebrate all the Wellbeing and Green Capital projects over the last year and request that the Neighbourhood Partnership allocate a budget of up to £500 to support this (room hire, food etc). **The Neighbourhood Committee is asked to approve this request.** This would leave a budget of £860 that could be carried over to 2016-17.

5.0 Neighbourhood Budget

5.1 The total devolved provisional Neighbourhood Budget for 2015/16 is £46,441.00 (this budget will be confirmed once the Highways carry-over figures are received). This is in addition to CIL and Section 106 funds.

5.2 The table shown below shows the 2015/16 Neighbourhood Budget, updated with the proposals for funding to date.

2015/16 Neighbourhood Budget Amount				* £49,123
Project	Description	Date approved by NP	Amount ringfenced £	Running amount
Young People's Grant Panel	Devolved to Charlene Richardson to administer.	4 th March 2015	£5,000	£44,123
Clean and Green	Devolved to the Neighbourhood Officer to deliver minor projects in line with the NP Plan.	25 th June 2015	£2,000	£42,123
Local Traffic Schemes	Devolved to the Highways Officer to deliver agreed specific agreed projects.	25 th June 2015	£15,000	£27,123
Wellbeing Grant		25 th June 2015	£20,000	£7,123
Remaining Neighbourhood Budget to allocate 2015/16				£7,123

* The Neighbourhood Budget will be confirmed once Highways carry-over figures are received.

5.3 Stoke Park Dowry

The Stoke Park Dowry of £5000 ringfenced for 2015-16 has all been allocated.

5.4 S106 expenditure in 2015-16

Project	S106 Budget	Date approved by NP	Amount approved £	Amount remaining
Improvements to The Vench	04/00721 / Former Hewlett Packard Site, Romney Avenue, Lockleaze / ZCD...A96	17 th September 2015	£43,0000	£100,000
Gainsborough Square Christmas tree	14/00897 / Cameron Wk / Gainsborough Square Junction, Lockleaze / SB88	17 th September 2015	£9,369	£11,526.55

Total Section 106 available: **£531,814.42**

Details can be found here: <https://goo.gl/Y2Q9uy>

5.5 Total Community Infrastructure Levy available: **£5,660.39**

Details can be found here: <https://goo.gl/grpWvr>

6.0 Forums

The Forum reports can be found here <http://goo.gl/6IINsA>

6.1 Horfield Forum

The Forum was held on the 2nd November, ? residents attended. The Forum heard:

- Police priorities in the last quarter had been road safety. Police have been asked to focus on this again, with a particular interest in cycling safely.
- John Knowlson (BCC Youth and Play officer) will be looking into alternative provision to deal with anti-social behaviour at the MUGA on Maskelyne Avenue, LPW are also extending their outreach in this area to help deal with the issue.
- LPW presented information about their ongoing work with young people including engagement work at events, and outreach at Maskelyne Avenue and the Leisure Centre.
- Nigel Lapworth came along to discuss the Southmead Hospital Parking Review , around 30 residents had attended the first event and 100 at the next. Comments were received at these events and online forms are being completed. Cllr Hiscott will be raising the slow progress of this project with the Mayor next week. This consultation is now closed.
- Lockleaze Community Orchard continue to meet regularly and are hoping to plant more trees and enhance the site further. Please join them on the last Saturday of each month 10-1pm – find more information on Facebook.

6.2 Lockleaze Forum

The Forum was held on the 4th November, 7 residents attended. The Forum heard:

- Police priorities in the last quarter were on drugs (2 successful raids had been carried out), late night noise from the Golden Bottle, the spooky week activities seemed to have had an impact as the number of calls over Halloween reduced, motorbike issues had decreased but distraction burglaries have increased.
- LPW and United Communities presented information about their ongoing work with young people including engagement work at events, The Vench and outreach at Emerson Square.
- Saliha Ahmed has just started worked at Lockleaze Neighbourhood Trust focussing on children, young and older people
- Concerns about the 24/25 bus service were raised.
- there is an on-line site that community groups with any interest in using the Eastville Library building, can get more information and register their groups' interest and say how this will benefit the community. www.bristol.gov.uk/elb

7.0 City wide Neighbourhood Partnership event on 24th October 2015

Over 80 people took place in the 2nd Citywide Np Conference, energetic discussions took place covering many subjects, such as StreetScene, community plans, communications, the Community Charter, and a very lively debate led by young people with the general consensus that Neighbourhood Partnerships would welcome further participation by young people.

A full report will be written once the evaluation surveys have been returned and the working group have met mid-December.

Several people attended training on how to speak on the radio and spoke on live radio at the event. Each Neighbourhood Partnership will have a chance to take part in a breakfast show between now and Xmas and we have contacted all those who did the training to set this up. Those Neighbourhood Partnerships which did not have anyone on the training have also been offered a slot via their Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator.

8.0 Voluntary and Community Sector Grants

Consulting on a proposed new approach to grant funding

The Council currently invests over £18m in the voluntary and community sector (VCS) each year through grants, rate relief and reduced rents and leases on council-owned buildings.

People from the council and the VCS have agreed that we need to focus the council's grant investment on tackling disadvantage in the city and we believe that by having a clear focus and by working better together, we can use this money more strategically and have a far bigger impact. We have worked together to design a new approach to grant funding. This will align up to £5m of revenue grant funding to make it work better for the people who need it most.

We are consulting on the proposed new approach from 16th November until 15th February. Our consultation will be with local voluntary and community sector organisations and other interested parties. Information and links to the consultation will be available from the council's consultation finder: <https://bristol.citizenspace.com/>

9.0 West of England Joint Spatial Plan and Joint Transport Study

The four local authorities in the West of England are seeking the views of local communities in drawing up a plan to steer new housing and jobs growth over the next 20 years. The Joint Spatial Plan being prepared by Bath and North East Somerset, Bristol City, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Councils will identify:

- the amount and broad locations of new homes and employment land to be planned for up to 2036;
- the transport and other essential infrastructure that will be required to support housing and jobs growth.

To begin the process of involvement the Councils are consulting on the Joint Spatial Plan Issues and Options document.

To inform the Joint Spatial Plan and future transport strategies for the area, the Councils are also preparing a Joint Transport Study. This will identify the key transport issues affecting the West of England over the next 20 years and the transport solutions needed to address them. Comments are being sought on the Councils' initial ideas.

The closing date for comments on this stage of consultation is 29 January 2016. There is information on the consultations at www.jointplanningwofe.org.uk and copies of documents will be available in local libraries. An event for Bristol's Neighbourhood Partnerships to find out more and discuss the consultations is being planned.

10.0 Proposed meeting dates for 2016-17

Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Environment Group	Monday 11th April 2016	6.30-8.30	
Traffic and Transport Group	Thursday 28th April 2016	7pm to 9pm	
Horfield Forum	Monday 16th May 2016	7pm-9pm	
Economy and Employment Group	Tuesday 17th May 2016	9.30-11	
Lockleaze Forum	Monday 23rd May 2016	7pm-9pm	
Grants Panel	Tuesday 24th May 2016	6.30 - 8.30	Applications deadline midday Monday 9th May 2016
Neighbourhood Partnership Meeting	Thursday 16th June 2016	7-9pm	Papers deadline 27th May 2016 Horfield
Environment Group	Monday 11th July 2016	6.30-8.30	
Economy and Employment Group	Tuesday 16th August 2016	9.30-11	May cancel this as it is in the middle of the holidays
Traffic and Transport Group	Thursday 21st July 2016	7pm to 9pm	
Lockleaze and Horfield Joint Forum	Monday 15th August 2016	7pm-9pm	
Grants Panel	Wednesday 7th September 2016	6.30 - 8.30	Applications deadline midday Monday 22nd August 2016
Neighbourhood Partnership Meeting	Thursday 29th September 2016	7-9pm	Papers deadline 12th September 2016 Lockleaze
Environment Group	Monday 10th October 2015	6.30-8.30	
Economy and Employment Group	Tuesday 8th November 2016	9.30-11	
Traffic and Transport Group	Thursday 20th October 2016	7pm to 9pm	
Horfield Forum	Monday 14th November 2016	7pm-9pm	
Lockleaze Forum	Thursday 17th November 2016	10am - 12am	
Grants Panel	Wednesday 16th November 2016	6.30 - 8.30	Applications deadline midday Monday 31st October 2016
Neighbourhood Partnership Meeting	Thursday 8th December 2016	7-9pm	Papers deadline Monday 21st November Horfield
Environment Group	Monday 14th January 2017	6.30-8.30	
Economy and Employment Group	Tuesday 31st January 2017	9.30-11	
Traffic and Transport Group	Thursday 26th January 2017	7pm to 9pm	
Grants Panel	Wednesday 8th February 2017	6.30 - 8.30	Applications deadline midday Monday 23rd January 2017
Lockleaze Forum	Monday 6th February 2017	7pm-9pm	
Horfield Forum	Thursday 9th February 2017	7pm-9pm	
Neighbourhood Partnership Meeting	Thursday 9th march 2017	7-9pm	Papers deadline Monday 20th February 2017 Lockleaze