



## AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

### HORFIELD AND LOCKLEAZE NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

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**Title:** The Vench Adventure Playground Enhancement Project  
Stage 1 Report and Stage 2 Update

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#### Recommendation/ Decision:

- Sign off Stage 1 grant
- Approve proposal for Stage 2

## Stage 1 Report

Groundwork South received awarded £50,000 S106 funding in January 2015 for Stage 1 of The Vench Adventure Playground enhancement project. Following a consultation exercise and a tender process, Bristol City Council Landscapes Team constructed an 'air balloon' play structure designed by Groundwork's Landscape Architect, Mike Kemp. Selina O'Sullivan oversaw the project management of Stage 1 with support from Tim Cooper. The air balloon structure was officially opened in September 2015. A letter confirming that the grant has been spent in accordance with the funding agreement will be sent to the Neighbourhood Partnership Co-ordinator Caroline Hollies following receipt of the invoice from BCC's Landscapes Team on 6 November 2015. A breakdown of the Stage 1 expenditure is below:

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>£</b>
BCC S106	50,000
BUNZL Logistics	3,944
Groundwork South (GWS)	6,757
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>60,701</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
Bristol City Council Landscapes Team (construction of air balloon)	50,422
GWS Project Management (Selina O'Sullivan & Tim Cooper)	4,160
GWS Landscape Architect (Mike Kemp)	6,121
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>60,701</b>

## **Stage 2 Update**

Groundwork South was awarded £43,000 S106 funding for Stage 2 of the The Vench Adventure Playground Enhancement Project on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2015. The aim of Stage 2 was to reinstate access to and repair the existing drop slide, make safe/reinstate/dismantle the existing zip wire and carry out extensive community consultation for Stage 3 of the Enhancement Project.

Numerous meetings have been held with SPLASH Projects, and various design options were produced for the reinstatement of an access route to the drop slide.

A Steering Group has been established to support Groundwork South with the development of The Vench, with the initial focus being the Adventure Playground Enhancement Project. See Appendix 1 for Steering Group membership. Following discussion with the Steering Group, we agreed the following approach:

Between now and December 2015 we use an element of the £43k to work with SPLASH Projects to:

- Reinstall the existing zip wire, including installing rubber safety matting and padding on the MUGA fence
- Restore access (less than 4m high) to the drop slide and make the repairs identified in the ROSPA report to it to bring it back into service

Between now and February 2016:

- Carry out extensive community consultation on the design of the enhancements to the Adventure Playground, resulting in an agreed design that is children and young people led and has been approved by the steering group

- Carry out a tender process to appoint a contractor (in principle as the contract is funding dependant) for Stage 3 of the Enhancement Project

With Neighbourhood Partnership approval we propose that the remainder of the £43k is rolled forward and is then merged with the Stage 3 funding (£100k ring-fenced) so that there is a single, big build commencing on site in April 2016 (assuming that our proposals to the NP meeting in March 2016 are approved).

By working with SPLASH Projects, we are able to involve corporate businesses in the project and hopefully forge longer term working relationships with them We will also offer local people who volunteer during the build phases, the opportunity to gain valuable work experience as well as health & safety qualifications.