

BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL
Neighbourhoods and Communities Scrutiny Commission
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Report of: Tracey Morgan, Service Director, Environment and Leisure

Title: TreePips: Planting [trees] Involving Primary Schools

Ward: Citywide

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1. Tree Pips was reported to Neighbourhoods and Communities Scrutiny in April 2014. This report is a brief summary of progress since with key issues highlighted.

Project summary

2. Tree Pips will deliver a tree-based education programme tailored to all Bristol's primary schools' with the opportunity for each child to plant a tree or be involved in planting a tree.

Performance

3. Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 Project monitoring reports have been produced covering the period, February 2014 to July 2014, see Appendix 1.
4. Key project parameters:
 - 36,736 primary school aged children in Bristol (2011 census).
 - 116 state schools + 14 non-state schools
 - 30,794 children in state primary schools + c. 5,942 children not in state education
5. Key Performance Indicators
 - All primary school aged children in Bristol to receive education on the benefits of trees (and wider associated environmental issues).

- Involve all primary school aged children in planting a tree. This means tree planting design and/or planting a tree.
- Trees planted in schools, streets, parks, private gardens, woodland, and hedgerows over the 3 year life of the project.
- Create a visible and active volunteer programme for tree planting and maintenance (including long-term and one-off volunteers).

6. Table 1 Project Deliverables to date.

Indicator	Total since start of project (% of target)
No. of schools expressing interest.	40 (30.8%)
No. of schools worked with (education)	18 (13.8%)
No. of schools worked with (tree planting / planning)	14 (10.8%)
No. of assemblies delivered	16
No. of workshops delivered	27
No. of children engaged in education.	2,702 (7.4%)
No. of children planting a tree (or involved in tree design).	550 (1.5%)
Total number of trees planted	273

Highlight Report

7. The project has had notable success in engaging schools and delivering tree-based education, with excellent feedback. But, performance overall has been significantly affected by absenteeism within the project team due to sickness.
8. Approval has been given to extend the project to 31st March 2017 and project officer contracts (which were 1-year) have been extended to match
9. Two of the three (full time equivalent) officers left the project in August 2014: these posts are currently being recruited.
10. Tree Pips is will feature in the Bristol Green Capital diary for November 2015 when significant tree planting and project promotion associated with National Tree Week.

Appendices - available if required

Quarter 1 Project Monitoring Report: February – April 2014

Quarter 2 Project Monitoring Report: May – July 2014