



AGENDA ITEM: 6

**St George Neighbourhood Partnership
Tuesday 11th September 2012**

Report of: Abdul Razak Dahir – Area Co-ordinator,
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Title: Wellbeing Report

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RECOMMENDATION

- 1. Note financial report for 2012/13**
- 2. Note amount committed by the Neighbourhood Committee but not yet paid.**
- 3. The Neighbourhood Committee (NC) is asked to approve applications supported from contingency (listed in part 3)**
- 4. Note the Wellbeing Panel Summary Appraisal Sheets.**
- 5. The Neighbourhood Committee (NC) is asked to approve wellbeing applications received since June 2012 (listed in part 5).**

Part 1: Financial Report to date

St George NP Wellbeing Budget September 2012

Date	Organisation	Description	Amount £	Balance £	Completed	Monitored
		2011/12 Carry over	£1,000	£1,000		
		2012/13 Wellbeing allocation	£20,000	£21,000		
10/07/12	Redfest	Organise free community arts festival in St George Park	1,380	19,620		
09/08/12	Link Age	Set-up a film club for older members of the community	928.50	18,691.50		
		Total expenditure to date	£2,308.5			

Part 2: Amount Committed by the NC but not paid yet

Amount committed by the Neighbourhood Committee but not yet paid:

NP Date	Name of Group	Brief Description	Amount Requested £
26/06/12	Kensington Road Residents Association	The aim of this project is to compliment the efforts of Kensington Rd residents to improve the environment in their neighbourhood and enter the 'Bristol in Bloom' and the R.H.S 'Its Your Neighbourhood' competitions. The money will be used to pay for 3 hanging baskets.	£540

Part 3: The NC is asked to approve applications supported from contingency

1. In June 2010, the partnership agreed to process applications under £1,000, which require an urgent response (i.e. before the next SGNP meeting), via an “exceptional circumstance” process. This involves delegating maximum £2,000 to the Area Co-ordinator between NP meetings and consulting councillors via email. The purpose for this is to enable the SGNP to react quickly to support needs that have to be met between partnership meetings.
2. The project shown below has been supported using this process.

N0	Name of Group	Brief Description	Amount Requested £
1	Bristol City Council – Bristol Youth Links programme	This project is involves supporting young people in positive activities ranging from the identification and delivery of programmes that they would realistically expect to be on offer to the information sharing that looks at the impact they as young people are having on their communities.	£937
2	Friends of St George Park	Volunteers from FOSGP is seeking funds to cover at least the travelling cost of anticipated rescues to protect wildlife from harm in St George’s Park Lake during this season.	£858

Total amount committed via this process is £1,795

Part 4: Note the Wellbeing Panel Summary Appraisal Sheets.

3. The Wellbeing Subgroup met on Monday 23rd July 2012. The group assessed 2 applications. A summary and appraisal sheets for these applications are shown in appendix A. Previously assessed application from

Primrose Close Social Club is also included along with officer's response to panel members queries see appendix B.

Part 5: The NPC is asked to approve Wellbeing applications.

4. In addition, between the period of June 2012 and Sept 2012 the St George NP received the following applications. When considering these applications, councillors are advised to refer to the Wellbeing Subgroup assessment.

NO	Name of Group	Brief Description	Amount Requested £	Recommended
1	St George Community Association (SGCA)	The community centre has served local residents well over the past 17 years, but is now starting to show signs of wear and tear. As part of the Community Asset Transfer process SGCA has identified refurbishing the facilities of the building as a priority to ensure that we continue to provide a high quality service to our users. We have developed a project to improve the interior of the building, which includes repainting the interior walls and replacing the flooring in the main hall and reception area. We aim to carry out the improvement works during the October half term holiday in order to minimise disruption to our users.	£3,000	Yes
2	Community Buildings Team - BCC	This project will be delivered in partnership with Meadowvale Community Association. We would like to commission an independent firm of architects to review the possible options for the future use and development of Meadow Vale Community Centre. The Centre is at a critical junction in its existence and faces some challenging decisions in the next few years. The building no longer adequately meets the needs of local people and has a limited use. It is unable to accommodate larger meetings or more than one activity at a time. This severely hampers its viability and action is needed to identify suitable option(s) to safeguard the Centre and make it fit for purpose.	£5,000	Yes (With conditions)

NO	Name of Group	Brief Description	Amount Requested £	Recommended
3	Primrose Close Social Club	The purpose of this application is to provide residents of Primrose Close sheltered accommodation storage facility to store their electric scooters, which they heavily dependent on for their daily routine. The money will be used to pay for 2 purposely built timber buildings. Each one holding 5 scooters.	£3,000	Maximum £1,500. (For more information See Appraisal sheet)

Legal Information

When councillors decide how the wellbeing fund is spent they should have due regard to the public sector equality duty that applies to all public bodies. This duty is contained in the Equality Act 2010 and came in to force on 6 April 2011. It replaces previous equality duties under the Sex Discrimination, Race Relations and Disability Discrimination Acts.

The duty means that councillors are required to have due regard to the need to :

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited under the Act
- Promote equality of opportunity between different groups
- Foster good relations between people from different groups

The duty covers the following protected characteristics:

- Disability
- Sexual orientation

- Age
- Gender reassignment
- Religion and belief
- Sex
- Race
- Pregnancy and maternity

It also applies to marriage and civil partnership, but only in respect of the requirement to eliminate discrimination and harassment.

Wellbeing Fund Appraisal Top Sheet



1. Name of Project/Application: Improving St George Community Centre

2. Names of Wellbeing sub-group members appraising this application

Susan Acton-Campbell, Jo Curtis, Richard Curtis, Rob Acton-Campbell

2. Is the organisation eligible? Yes

3. Can the project be delivered within the timescale and budget? Yes

4. Panel Rating

For each question the appraisal panel has rated the application as None, Low, Medium or High.

No.	Question	Rating
a.	Is there a need for the project?	High
b.	Impact on our Neighbourhood priorities/action plan	
b(i)	Providing or improving community facilities, activities and services	High
b(ii)	Stopping dog fouling, litter and flytipping	None
b(iii)	Improving the environment and its appearance: Parks, green spaces and the neighbourhood including shopping areas	None
b(iv)	Addressing traffic & transport issues	None
b(v)	Promoting community cohesion and engagement	Medium
c.	Is it fully inclusive to all residents?	High
d.	Is the project targeting the "hard to reach" community we are trying to engage with in our Neighbourhood Partnership?	Medium
e.	Does the project represent good value for money?	Medium

5. Recommended Grant: £3,000

6. Special Conditions:

None.

Wellbeing Fund Appraisal Top Sheet



**St George
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Grow Our Community

1. Name of Project/Application: Meadow Vale Community Centre Feasibility Study

2. Names of Wellbeing sub-group members appraising this application

Susan Acton-Campbell, Jo Curtis, Richard Curtis, Rob Acton-Campbell

2. Is the organisation eligible? Bristol City Council are eligible to apply when works are not a statutory requirement or part of their usual budgeted work.

3. Can the project be delivered within the timescale and budget? Yes

4. Panel Rating

For each question the appraisal panel has rated the application as None, Low, Medium or High.

No.	Question	Rating
a.	Is there a need for the project?	High
b.	Impact on our Neighbourhood priorities/action plan	
b(i)	Providing or improving community facilities, activities and services	Low
b(ii)	Stopping dog fouling, litter and flytipping	None
b(iii)	Improving the environment and its appearance: Parks, green spaces and the neighbourhood including shopping areas	Low
b(iv)	Addressing traffic & transport issues	None
b(v)	Promoting community cohesion and engagement	High
c.	Is it fully inclusive to all residents?	High
d.	Is the project targeting the "hard to reach" community we are trying to engage with in our Neighbourhood Partnership?	High
e.	Does the project represent good value for money?	Medium

5. Recommended Grant: £5,000

6. Special Conditions:

- 1) Legal department to confirm that this application does cover an area that can be considered for funding by the St George Neighbourhood Partnership Committee without breaking the guidelines given in the Neighbourhood Partnership's terms of reference.
 - 2) Please confirm that this activity is beyond the council's day to day activities.
 - 3) As per the usual grant criteria, 3 quotes must be provided for an application for funding a project of £1,000 or over (In the checklist at the end of the application form " Enclosed 3 quotations where the application is more than £1,000")
 - 4) Consultation to be as wide as possible within the restrictions of the funding available.
- The Wellbeing sub-group wish to clarify their score of "Low" for b(i) and b(iii). The

report will not itself deliver physical improvements. It is only if a project is successfully initiated, benefitting the local community, based on one of the options identified in the report, that the score become "High".

Collated by Area Co-ordinator: Abdulrazak Dahir

Date 23/07/2012

Wellbeing Fund Appraisal Top Sheet



**St George
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Grow Our Community

1. Name of Project/Application: Mobility Scooter Sheds for Primrose Close

2. Names of Wellbeing sub-group members appraising this application

Susan Acton-Campbell, Jo Curtis, Richard Curtis, Carmel Williams, Tina Hooper

2. Is the organisation eligible? Yes

3. Can the project be delivered within the timescale and budget?

The panel does not think so.

4. Panel Rating

For each question the appraisal panel has rated the application as None, Low, Medium or High.

No.	Question	Rating
a.	Is there a need for the project?	Medium
b.	Impact on our Neighbourhood priorities/action plan	
b(i)	Providing or improving community facilities, activities and services	Low
b(ii)	Stopping dog fouling, litter and flytipping	None
b(iii)	Improving the environment and its appearance: Parks, green spaces and the neighbourhood including shopping areas	None
b(iv)	Addressing traffic & transport issues	Low
b(v)	Promoting community cohesion and engagement	None
c.	Is it fully inclusive to all residents?	No
d.	Is the project targeting the "hard to reach" community we are trying to engage with in our Neighbourhood Partnership?	Medium
e.	Does the project represent good value for money?	Medium

5. Recommended Grant: £1,500

6. Special Conditions:

1. The sheds must be for communal use
2. The Wellbeing sub-group believe the quote is not realistic as it is for a wooden structure which is insecure and might have insurance issues. No costs has been included for making the sheds secure. The panel has asked Abdul Razak Dahir to talk to Housing to find out a) what specification the Council would recommend for a structure to house mobility scoots b) whether 10 mobility scooter parking spaces would be sufficient in a space where there are 26 sheltered housing units..
3. The panel would like evidence that the Council would approve installation of mobility scooters sheds and to what design.
4. If a Council approved design is identified, and Bristol City Council will approve units of that design being installed at Primrose Close then the Wellbeing sub-group would recommend that £1,500 be granted to contribute towards the mobility scooters sheds.

**BCC Response to the St George
Wellbeing Panel Queries**

Subject: Mobility Scooter Sheds for Primrose Close

Neighbourhoods can generally agree the building of self financed mobility scooter stores under the following principles:

1. Availability of suitable site location for the provision of a buggy store
2. Built to the BCC specification (shown below).
3. Must include an integral charging facility (see image below).
4. Users must sign a users agreement (to be drawn up) and pay a charge that is a contribution to electricity and ongoing maintenance (currently £3.00 per week but needs to be reviewed).
5. All new buggy stores to come with a 12 month warranty where possible but BCC will take responsibility for maintenance from day one.
6. The budget must be available to cover any ongoing maintenance costs/electrical checks etc.
7. All buggy stores need to be covered by insurance (to be investigated with Insurance Services)
8. There are currently no funds available within Neighbourhoods budgets for this kind of work either to cover the entire cost or by way of contribution.

We are not aware at the moment of how many mobility scooter users there are at Primrose Court. A recent inspection observed only two mobility scooters.

Costs:

N0	Description	Cost £
1	Unit cost of an approved double unit	£2,600
2	Electricity for the charging facility, this is an estimate and will depend on the length of cable, trench work and hardstanding	£10,000
3	Insurance cost (inkind)	£0.00
Minimum total cost approximately		£12,600

Supported Housing for Older People:

Proposed motorised buggy storage facility:

These stores have been specially designed for owners of battery-powered motorised buggies/scooters.

Size of the standard double store :

- Each of the stores takes two buggies side by side.
- Width - 1830mm (6ft)
- Front to back (Standard size)- 1525mm (5ft)
- Height (Standard size) - 1067mm (3ft 6 inches)
- When the cover is fully up there is 2130mm (7ft) clear height to stand in.

Security:

- The buggy stores have been specially designed for storing buggies and are made of 2mm thick galvanised, powder coated plate steel.
- They are secured with an integral lock (not a padlock), that cannot be forced open.
- They are weatherproof

Ease of operation:

- To open and close the store, turn the key and press a button on the side of the unit until the lid is fully open.
- The cover is on an hydraulic opener/closer so opens and closes slowly.
- There are two mains electric outlets within the the store to charge both buggies overnight.

