



AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

St George Neighbourhood Partnership 11th September 2012

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Title: PARK INVESTMENT PLAN, S106 FUNDING RELEASE REQUEST

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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Neighbourhood Committee agrees the proposed projects, funded through S106, identified by the Environment Sub Group, at their meeting on Monday 20th August., and that £26,000 is being requested for allocation to these projects - **See appendix 1.**

That the Neighbourhood Committee agrees to allocate £30,000 to carry out resurfacing works, line markings and improvements to lights to the MUGA area. This is in addition to the £30,000 allocated by Bristol City Council for fencing around the MUGA. **See appendix 2.**

That the Neighbourhood Committee notes that there is a deadline for the funds from the 06/03243 Prefab Site Mallard Close, Speedwell to be spent/committed by 25th January 2013.

That the Neighbourhood Committee notes that the proposed projects once approved by the Neighbourhood Committee, will then be progressed by the relevant Parks officers.

Background

1. The St George Neighbourhood Partnership (NP) Committee agreed St George Parks Investment Plan at the Neighbourhood Partnership meeting on 6th December 2011. The Neighbourhood Committee requested that further work was carried out by the Environment Sub

Group to develop a schedule of projects across the NP area. These works to be carried out jointly by the Area Environment Officer and Environment Sub Group.

2. The NP requested that a volunteer 'resident champion' to help move the projects forward and report on a regular basis to the Environment Subgroup.
3. The Area Environment Officer has been working closely with local residents, local community groups, the Friends of St George Park group and the 'resident champion'
4. The proposed projects were discussed at the St George Environment Sub Group meeting on Monday 20th August 2012.
5. The Neighbourhood Committee is asked to note that delivery of prioritised schemes will depend on officer capacity. Councillors will be kept informed of timescales and the progress of schemes will be updated within the Area Coordinators report at Neighbourhood Partnership meetings.

PROPOSAL

1. **St Georges Park** – The Friends of St Georges Park have put forward a number of proposed small projects, which will enhance St Georges Park and benefit the park for the local community. These projects have as yet not been costed up, but it is estimated that they will cost in the region of £22,000 to deliver. **See appendix 1**

River Avon Trail – This is becoming a well used river trail by both the local and wider community. However, issues have been raised by a number of concerned users with regards to dog fouling. Requests have been made to install dog litter bins along the pathway, as well as benches and some improved signage. **See appendix 1**

2. **St George Park – MUGA** – 30,000 has recently been approved from the council stimulus fund to install fencing around the existing MUGA. This will address health and safety issues and concerns in relation to conflict of users of both the MUGA and the adjacent wheels park. After discussion with the Environment Sub Group it was recommended to allocate a further £30,000 for resurfacing works, re-instatement of line markings and improvements to existing lights. Concerns have been raised by park users, in relation to the current status of the MUGA. **See appendix 2.**

3. RISK ASSESSMENT

1. There are no main risks associated with these projects. The Area Environment Officer will work closely with all interested parties to ensure that the projects are delivered to approved council standard.

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

1. It is not expected that there will be any adverse impacts to any equalities community from this investment decision.

REVENUE

1. The revenue implications of investment are taken into account through the way in which the Council allocates S106 income. Therefore there are no additional revenue implications for this spend proposal.

Appendix 1

St George East & St George West NP- S106 Funding Approval Request

Location – St Georges Park

Spending Priority	Objective	Scope of work
NS4 – To improve the management of St George Park lake and the island for wildlife	Improve the island and lake as a wildlife habitat and refuge.	Silt testing and analysis
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NS5 – All green spaces to be assessed to consider the potential for creating wildlife areas on parts of the space	Spring bulbs and wildflower plugs	Naturalistic planting. FOSGP will work with Park Keeper to agree suitable locations.
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CP2 – To retain and improve existing play areas	Extending the fence around the Children’s Play Ground (CPG) to include a larger area	This will open up the CPG and make larger space to accommodate families and carers while the children play in a safe environment.

NB: Prices and scope of work are outline only subject to more detailed design and site investigation/measurement of quantities.

Appendix 1

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Location – River Avon Trail

Spending Priority	Objective	Scope of work
FS1 – To manage the area of the river path adjacent to the housing at Butler’s Walk/Butlers Close as formal green space, while continuing to acknowledge the natural river edge and the importance of the river itself for wildlife. Additional benches and dog waste/litter bins to be installed.	<p>To address issues associated with continued dog fouling and lack of dog litterbins.</p> <p>To improve the area for users to relax and enjoy the natural environment.</p> <p>To encourage more use of the river trail.</p>	<p>4 x dog litter bins</p> <p>2 x benches</p> <p>Signage post by the circular steps pointing three ways, Conham River Park, Netham Park, Troopers Hill.</p>

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Appendix 2

St George East & St George West NP- S106 Funding Approval Request

Location – St George Park - MUGA

Spending Priority	Objective	Scope of work	Approximate costs	General comment
T2 – Teenage facilities	MUGA to be improved adjacent to the wheels park	Resurfacing works, re-instatement of line markings and improvement to lights	£30,000	This will greatly improve both the existing MUGA area and adjacent wheels park. The additional fencing installation will also address current Health & Safety issues between users of the MUGA and wheels park.

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