



AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

**ST GEORGE
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP
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Title: Devolved Services Update

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RECOMMENDATIONS: The Neighbourhood Committee is asked to

1. Highways Schemes

- 1.1 Note progress of schemes carried over from 2010/11
- 1.2 Note progress of schemes carried over from 2011/12
- 1.3 Note progress of the Carriage and Footways schemes for 2012/13.
- 1.4 Note progress of the devolved Traffic Section 106 schemes 2012/13
- 1.5 Note progress of other schemes
- 1.6 Approve additional £6,000 from the devolved Local Traffic Budget to complete the Kingsway scheme.
- 1.7 Approve £10,000 from the devolved Section 106 to pay for road closure in south side of Stibbs Hill

2. Clean and Green

- 2.1- Note progress of 2011 / 2012 schemes (supported from bid to £29K Clean & Green central pot)
- 2.2- Approve proposed schemes from the 2012/13 devolved Clean and Green budget £1,640
- 2.3- Note proposed 2012/13 schemes – Bids to £19k Clean & Green central pot

3. Parks Section 106

- 3.1- Note progress of the 2011/12 Section 106 funded projects
- 3.2- Note progress of the 2012/13 Section 106 funded projects

1. Highways Schemes

1.1 Note progress of schemes carried over from 2010/11		
Location & Scheme Description	Allocated Funds £	Status
Britannia Rd Feasibility: Feasibility study into traffic reduction	0	No money was allocated to this scheme. It was hoped South Gloucestershire would be willing to share information requested by officers. Unfortunately this has not materialised. For this reason it will be regressed back to the Traffic and Transport subgroup for consideration.
Kingsway Area (inc Grantham Rd): Area wide Parking restriction review and implementation	£7,500	Public Notices have now been served. Anticipated to start implementing the scheme by November/December 2012, subject to objections and securing further funding from the Neighbourhood Committee see section 1.5 below funding request.
Crews Hole/Beaufort Rd schemes: Beaufort Rd/Queens Rd/The Avenue: Feasibility study	£5,000	This scheme is at an early stage, it links with the Crews Hole/Beaufort Rd Section 106 scheme approved by the Neighbourhood Committee in March 2012. Number of options will be presented at the Traffic and Transport consultation event organised for Wednesday 24 th October 2012, 7pm at the Beehive Centre. With a view to present preferred option to the NP meeting in December 2012.
Meadowvale and Whiteway Rd: Feasibility on traffic calming management measures	£2,500	Site survey has been carried out and it is currently out for an internal design consultation. Scheme proposal will be presented at the December 2012 Neighbourhood Partnership meeting.

1.2 Note progress of schemes carried over from 2011/12		
Location & Scheme Description	Allocated Funds £	Status
Furber Road: Scheme aimed at mitigating contravention of existing no entry restriction	£7,500	This scheme has now been completed. The only outstanding item is the planting of a tree. The pit for the tree has been prepared. It is hoped this will be done during the 2012 tree planting season subject to securing funding from the Additional Tree Planting scheme.
Hudds Vale Road area: Review and introduce parking restrictions	£6,000	This is currently in the internal design stage. Once approved it will be sent to legal services to prepare the Traffic Regulating Order process. It is envisaged the scheme to start on site in Summer 2013.
1.3 Note progress of the Carriage and Footways schemes for 2012/13.		
Location	Cost	Status
Bells Hill Rd (Battenburg Rd to Queen St)	£10,000	Completed
Nags Head Hill (Troopers Hill Rd to Kingsway)	£10,000	Completed
<u>Footway Resurfacing - £42,000</u>		
Kingsway	£46,000	Completed
<u>Local Traffic Schemes £19,933</u> (17,147 + £2,786 of underspend from 2011/12)		
Minor Signs and Lines	£1,500	.

1.4 Note progress of the devolved Traffic Section 106 schemes 2012/13					
Permission / Site / S106 Code		Current Contribution Value	Date to be Spent / Committed by	Purpose of Contribution	Status
1	Crews Hole/Beaufort Rd scheme: 23 Pile Marsh, St. George	£9,124.96	16/01/13	Towards the cost of upgrading (re-surfacing/improvements to lighting) the George and Dragon Lane from Pilemarsh through to Avonvale Road to an adoptable standard	John Richfield who recently taken over from Andrew Spicer has now moved teams. He is now the Cycling Policy Officer. Highways Area Team Manager Shaun Taylor, reassured the St George NP that this move will not affect the service his team delivers in the St George NP area. Once a new officer is appointed to cover this patch he will notify the NP.
2	Crews Hole/Beaufort Rd scheme: Weavers Mill, Blackswarth Road, Crews Hole	£39,136.61	22/02/13	The provision of Traffic Management and Pedestrian improvements in the vicinity of the site.	Request to extend the deadlines for the Crews Hole/Beaufort Rd scheme have been submitted to the developer Linden Homes. They have agreed to extend it for a year. In the meantime Number of options will be presented at the Traffic and Transport consultation event organised for Wednesday 24 th October 2012, 7pm at the Beehive Centre. With a view to present preferred option to the NP meeting in December 2012.
3	Crews Hole/Beaufort Rd scheme: Former Blackswarth Road Prefab Site, St. George	£15,818.91	2/04/13	Towards highway improvement measures at the junction of Pilemarsh and Beaufort Road	
4	Crews Hole/Beaufort Rd scheme: Crews Hole Road / St. George	£1,138.32	No limit	Minor safety improvements to Crews Hole Road.	

1.5 Note progress of other schemes		
Location & Scheme Description	Allocated Funds £	Status
St George Park Car Park: Lighting improvements	0	Due to be completed soon! Subject to securing further funding. Please refer to agenda item 9 Section 106 Funding for St George Park Car Park.

1.6 The NC is asked to approve additional £6,000 from the devolved Local Traffic Budget to complete the Kingsway scheme.

The Kingsway Area wide scheme is one of the first schemes the Neighbourhood Committee approved since the devolved service agenda began. £7,500 had been allocated to this scheme. After long period of consultation process, the scheme is now finally embarking on the implementation phase. However at present there is £2,246 remaining in the kitty to implement the scheme. This is not enough to cover the implementation cost, additional £6,000 is required to complete the job. The reason for this shortfall is mainly due to the scheme expanding in size, hence it now includes numerous additional restrictions requested since the original scheme boundary was set. These additions have resulted in extra staff time being spent on research, design and legal work to get to this stage of the project.

The additional funding will be used to resource the consideration of the objections received from the formal advertisement of the proposals and compile a recommendations report for the Traffic Manager and Service Director's consideration.

Once the above is carried out the remaining budget will be used to implement the restrictions (signs and lines), pay the final legal bill and will then be handed over to the Parking Services team for enforcement.

At present there is £19,933 of the devolved Highways Local Traffic Budget available in the St George Neighbourhood Partnership. It is hereby recommended that the Neighbourhood Committee approve £6,000 from this budget.

1.7 The NC is asked to approve £10,000 from the devolved Section 106 to pay for road closure in south side of Stibbs Hill

There is an existing road closure (prohibition of driving) restriction on Stibbs Hill. Whilst this closure does physically restrict through traffic, there is a problem with vehicles ignoring the numerous advance warning signs when travelling north and then getting to the top of the hill to be confronted by the line of bollards. These vehicle drivers then find it very difficult to reverse back down the very narrow steep hill. Officers inspected the site approximately 10 years ago, it was suggested to the residents who highlighted the problem, officers will recommend suitable scheme to extend the road closure if an opportunity ever becomes available. This would involve physical closure from the south side inline with the last house; the design of the scheme will be subject to consultation if the funding is approved.

During the planning application process for the recently constructed housing accessed off Stibbs Hill, various issues including the above were raised at the highways planning meeting and a contribution was made by the developer for highway / pedestrian improvements in the area as part of the planning conditions. At present there is £30,452.97 of Section 106 money available from the development of South View, Stibbs Hill, St George. The purpose of this money is the provision of traffic management and/or highways measures and/or footpath upgrades within 1km of Stibbs Hill. For full section 106 details see appendix XXXXXX.

It is therefore recommended that the Neighbourhood Committee approve £10,000 from the Section 106 money available to progress the above suggested scheme it is anticipated that the proposals could be put through the necessary consultation procedures within 6 months from the date funding is authorised.

2. Clean & Green.

N0	Location	Issue	Description of works	Est cost	Spent	Balance	Update
2.1- Note progress of 2011 / 2012 schemes (supported from bid to £29K Clean & Green central pot)							
1	St George Park Lake island	NF priority	Planting shrubs any additional works not covered by devolved budget	£3,000	£3,000	£510	Tree works completed. Shrubs works have been postponed due to early birds nest season.
2	Bryants Hill & Two Mile Hill	Issue raised at Environment sub group	To replace tree stumps -c/f from previous priorities	£510	£170	£340	Completed. Planted 1 X Liquidambar and 1 X Mapletree.
2.2- The NC is asked to approve proposed schemes from the 2012/13 devolved Clean and Green budget £1,640							
1	St George Park/grass bank	Spring bulbs for further enhancement workd	2000 bulbs - FOSGP will organise bulb planting events	£100			Due to be implemented in August/September 2012
2	Rodney Rd Playing Fields	Friends group would like to enhance the area	1000 bulbs	£50			Due to be implemented in August/September 2012
3	St George Pre School	Spring bulbs to enhance play area	Bulbs to be planted by children & helpers.	£50			Due to be implemented in August/September 2012
4	Furber Rd/Sheldare Barton	Small grass area, there is a lack of small trees in this area	Community orchard - TreeBristol scheme	TBC			A request has been made to fund this from the Additional Tree Planting scheme for Winter has been put in.

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5	Meadowvale	Planting of anti social plants	Clearance of brambles, for enhancement works	£200-£300			Use Community Payback 2-3 sessions
6	Blackswarth Rd, land adjacent to St George Preschool	ASB	Cut back overgrown bushes to ground level in order to deter further ASB.	£100-200			Use Community Payback 1-2 sessions
2.3- 2012 / 2013 proposed bid to £19K Clean & Green Pot - CF £340 (Bids not yet approved)							
1	Kingsway Shopping Precinct	1970's shopping precinct, widely used by local community, in great need of environmental enhancements	Carryout environment enhancements	£4,062.50			Planters - local traders have agreed to carry out routine maintenance. This will be progressed as soon as funding becomes available.
2	St George Pre School	No area where children can play other than grassed area, during wet weather	All purpose rubber matting	£4,668.86			This will be progressed as soon as funding becomes available.
3	Various locations	Replacement Tree Stumps	Plant new tree	£1,360			This will be progressed as soon as funding becomes available.

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2.3- Continue							
4	Kensington Rd	Tree Guards	Completion of street enhancement works	£3,102.00			This will be progressed as soon as funding becomes available.
5	Speedwell – Various Locations Pride – Hedge Cutting Project	Hedge reduction Scheme	Part of Speedwell Week of Action works	£2,500 - £3,000			This will be progressed as soon as funding becomes available
6	Meadowvale	Green – former shrine site	Planting & enhancement works	£800.00			This will be progressed as soon as funding becomes available
3.1- Note progress of the 2011/ 2012 S106 funded Projects							
1	St. Georges Park	Lack of community notice board	Supply and install Community Notice Board	£1,300			Plans have been presented at the last Environment subgroup meeting. The group recommended to explore different type notice board. On going.
2	Plummers Hill Open space	Cannot access Public Right of Way	Replace gate to improve entrance and address PRoW access	£1,244.50			Completed

3.2- Note progress of the 2012/13 Section 106 funded projects							
1	Rodney Rd Playing Fields	Lack of provision in the park raised at Environment sub group	Provision of 1 set of mini goal posts, 3 metal benches, 1 litter bin, 1 notice board to be located in Rodney Road Playing Fields.	£6,400			AEO to assist in setting up new Friends Group. Works in progress, aiming to install before end of September 2012.
2	Meg Thatchers Open Space	Enhancement works to include removal of overgrown brambles	Scrub removal, bulbs & benches.	£3,684			Works will commence September 2012 due to nesting season.