



AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

St George Neighbourhood Partnership

Report of: John Atkinson Neighbourhood Working Coordinator

Title: Neighbourhood Working Update

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the SG NP considers action against the 11 Neighbourhood Targets from the last three months and feeds back.

1. St George Neighbourhood Partnership were presented with a list of 24 local issues around community safety, environment and wider neighbourhood issues in their March 2013 meeting cycle. Over the following three months consultation was sought at Neighbourhood Forums, NP sub groups and other community events regarding these issues.
2. St George Neighbourhood Partnership voted for their top 10 targets in their June 2013 AGM. These were worked against over the next three months and a report was submitted, to the partnership, of progress as of September 2013. At this meeting the Partnership decided to deselect 'Furber Road Green Space' (target number 4) and 'Fly-

postering' (target number 9) from the priorities list. These were replaced with 'Graffiti', 'Bins on Streets' and 'Overgrown Public Rights of Way'.

3. It is anticipated, across the Neighbourhood Working Programme, that there may be occasions where applications for Wellbeing Funding could be used to support some work against the targets. Examples of this could be funding extra youth activity during hot-spot times and dates for anti-social behaviour, (eg 'Spooky Week') or where certain projects need extra publicity, (eg Dog Fouling Posters, Parking on Pavements leaflets).
4. The table that follows summarises a brief report of action so far against these 11 targets.

Targets Summary Table

	Issue	Actions and work planned
1	Activities for young people.	<p>Bristol East Youth Provision meetings continue on a monthly basis with expanding membership. All activities in the area continue to be mapped for the forthcoming period and publicised among member groups. Meadowvale provision starting – led by Mark Newman from Creative Youth Network with support from Police and BCC Sports Department. 1-2-1 job club successfully trialled in Station, (City Centre) now being rolled out to East Bristol. Rebecca Ball from CYN is leading and working with suitable venues. Friends of Kingsway Youth now have an application in for Wellbeing to rent a space for peer support, drop-in and employment skills at Kingswood Estate and are awaiting final decision from panel. Jimmy Taylor is setting up an adult advocacy group to support the Friends of Kingsway Youth. 3 adult volunteers so far. CYN and Bristol City Council Youth Links commissioning officers invited to next St George forum.</p> <p>Recommend: NP feed through any specific gaps or anti-social behaviour hot-spots to JA or AD to take to East Bristol Youth Provision meetings. Any volunteers from NP to sit on FOKY Advocacy panel?</p>

2	Car Dealers on Streets	<p>Audits continue to show consistently low numbers across the area. Latest (February 22nd) showed 4 cars for sale on streets across the NP area – 1 Blackswarth Rd – warned and removed. 1 (Dealer) Summerhill Road, 2 (Dealer) Clouds Hill Road – both traders visited. Complaints to Police and Parking Services around three dealers on Bryants Hill so joint visits planned in for March. Agreed protocol with Trading Standards to organise follow up visits with persistent car dealers. Monthly audits and actions will continue. Neighbourhood Partnership to decide acceptable level for cut-off.</p> <p>Recommend: NP send any reports through to Bristol City Council Customer Service Centre or tweet location through Twitter.</p>
3	Dog Fouling	<p>Parks officers reporting improvement at St George Park. Audits led by Friends of Troopers Hill in February to be followed by enforcement – Op Scoop end of March alongside Air Balloon School area. Clearance work by Community Payback and Youth Offending Team Reparation continues. Emergency ‘bag’ initiative being trialled in Ashley / Easton area.</p> <p>Recommend: NP give steer on bag initiative in St George? Keep reporting hot-spots through.</p>
4	Graffiti	<p>After success of last graffiti Crimestoppers campaign, the second campaign is about to launch targeting the taggers: ‘AFTAH’, ‘2MUCH’, ‘VESAR’ and ‘DRUGZ’ all of whom are prevalent across the East of the City. Recent successful convictions include ‘&THEN’. Court cases are pending for ‘CAEZAR’ and ‘YOUNG1’. Concentrated clear-up campaign along the railway path including audit, report and clear-up. Main obstruction to clearance is getting indemnity forms signed for private residences and businesses.</p> <p>Recommend: NP report through incidents. All to encourage local residents and businesses to sign indemnities.</p>
5	Damage to Wildlife in St George Park	<p>Fishing permit scheme launched on 1st March 2014 and will be trialled until 1st March 2015. Escalating enforcement process for breaching permits. Byelaws have been returned with comments from Department of Communities and Local Government. Amendments to</p>

be made and approved at BCC cabinet on 18/03/14. Regular patrolling of the lake including: daily Police patrols, daily parks operation patrols and more random joint Police / BCC patrols. Permit application is available from BCC Parks, Avon Angling on Whitehall Road and Veals Fishing Tackle in St Phillips. Previous ASBO application for anti-social fisherman at the location now due to be heard at Bristol Magistrates Court on 12/06/14.
Recommend: NP publicise Fishing Permit scheme and encourage people to report breaches of code of conduct through to Bristol City Council 0117 9222 000

6 Cycling on Pavements

Cycle surgeries continue with Police and Neighbourhoods staff handing out stay safe resources including high-visibility covers, disc lights and puncture repair kits. Cyclists are reminded of their responsibilities, made aware of cycle routes and shared spaces and given theft prevention advice including info on how to lock bikes properly and an offer to register for free on Immobilise.com. We are currently looking to offer cut price locks from various providers and are also promoting Bikeability and Life Cycle schemes. Over 600 cyclists engaged so far 120 of these in St George at St George Park and Avon Valley riverside

Recommend: NP suggest locations for future cycle surgeries and continue to report hot-spots.

7 Parking on Pavements

Monitoring shows joint enforcement operation with Police and Parking Services on 22/01/14 and previous education work from 06/12/13 had a really positive impact with a reduction in obstructive parking in the worst hot-spot, (streets between Church Road and Beaufort Road), down to 4 incidents from a total of 28 the previous month. More complaints and reports coming through show issues at Ebenezer Street and Harcourt Avenue. Feedback from residents has been very positive. Opportunity to replicate on St George East – worst areas Tetbury Road and Upper Conham Vale

Recommend: NP give steer on whether conducting this operation in SG East is worthwhile

8	Street drinking ASB and littering	<p>Citywide audit in November picked up 23 street drinkers citywide which remains low despite a massive increase in counted rough sleepers, (41) over the same initiative. No drinkers, rough sleepers or beggars were counted in the St George Partnership area during the audit. Numbers will increase as the weather gets warmer. There is a massive increase in Outreach help to street drinkers over the next year – the new ROADS provision is now online and Second Step are about to launch their golden key programme and Avon and Wiltshire Partnership will be launching their Assertive Outreach Team from September. Bristol City Council and Police still patrolling hot-spots but remains quiet. Currently 25 ASBI / ASBOs in place for street drinkers / beggars and 5 court cases pending. Recommend NP and NFs to feed back any emerging hot-spots.</p>
9	Public Rights of Way	<p>All Public Rights of Way across the Partnership area and have been assessed against a range of criteria including access, graffiti, fly-tipping and littering. 3 PRowS have now been cleansed and cleared by Community Payback – Hudds Vale Road – Plummers Vale, Hillside Road – Belfry Avenue past Air Balloon School and Kennard Rise to Britannia Road past Kingsway Youth Centre. Reparation with Youth Offending Team has continued with work clearing Alley between Battenberg and Kensington Road and George and Dragon Lane. Next Reparation session on Sunday 8th March around Troopers Hill, Lamb Hill, Strawberry Hill and Dundridge Park. Discussing diversion on 2 PRowS on Troopers Hill with PRow team and Parks.</p>
10	Crews Hole Road Safety	<p>Establishment of Community Speedwatch across Bristol has been slow but hoping to set up Crews Hole Speedwatch scheme in April / May once resources are set. Working with Boland Stone around complaints of parking heavy vehicles obstructively on the road and pavement. Cycle Surgeries have promoted safety on Riverside path. Recommend: Any NP members interested in volunteering for Community Speedwatch scheme in Crews Hole Area?</p>
11	Bins On Streets	<p>Warning letter approach tied in with Parking on Pavements audit. Worked well with</p>

reductions on Beaufort Road – Church Road streets with significant reduction but may have been due to collection schedule. Still in process of mapping the hot spot areas.
Recommend: NP pass through any problem locations via JA, AD or DW

Removed Targets:

Priority:	Removed:	Now:
Furber Lane Green Space	September 2013	Issue is sitting with Environmental sub-group to explore funding and development options after consultation work through Neighbourhood Working
Fly Posting	September 2013	NP decided issue is being well managed through business as usual function of Streetscene Enforcement Team and that reporting – clearing – enforcement process is adequate without support of Neighbourhood Working.

Unselected Targets:

Priority	Vote (June AGM)	Priority	Vote (June AGM)	Priority	Vote (June AGM)
Burglary (dwelling)	1	Burglary (non-dwelling)	2	Theft from Motor Vehicle	2
ASB & Crime	0	Street Lighting	4	Pot Holes	3
Illegal Tobacco Products	2	Scruffy privately owned land	3	Bins in Kingsway	2