



Agenda item no. 7

**St George Neighbourhood Partnership
Tuesday 24th June 2014**

Report of: John Atkinson Area Neighbourhood Manager

Title: Neighbourhood Working Update

Officer presenting report: John Atkinson

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. 10 priorities were selected and updates are reported back to the Partnership quarterly.
2. The Partnership can opt to remove, add or amend these targets.

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 |
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| 1 | Activities for young people. | <p>Jimmy Taylor is currently mapping out all extended provision across the Partnership area. Creative Youth Network came to speak at the latest Neighbourhood Forum to outline plans for provision with a focus on Meadowvale and reopening provision at Kingsway Youth Centre one evening per week. Monthly Youth Provision Meetings on-going with good information sharing and expanding attendance. These are now split between an operations group and a overseeing steering group.</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.</p> |
| 2 | Car Dealers on Streets | <p>Audits continue to show consistently low numbers across the area. Latest (May 14th) showed 4 cars for sale on streets across the NP area – 2 Kingsway – warned and removed. 1 (Dealer) Bryants Hill, 1 (Dealer) Clouds Hill Road. Joint visits by Police and Parking Services to Bryants Hill led to 48 prosecutions over last three months with better evidence gathering with video capture avoiding previous problems identifying ownership of vehicles. 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> |

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| 3 | Dog Fouling | <p>Audits of St George Park and Dundry Park have shown much reduced levels. Latest enforcement actions have taken place in Troopers Hill in March and Dundry Park as part of the successful 'Dog Day initiative there on 30/05/14. Emergency bag initiative in Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill has had good feedback and could be considered for St George area – stocking emergency dog poo bags in locations such as St George Library, the concession stand in St George Park. Rodney Road Park has been raised as an issue and an e-petition has been started. Officers will visit, audit and enforce in June.</p> <p>Recommend: NP give steer on bag initiative in St George? Keep reporting hot-spots through.</p> |
| 4 | Graffiti | <p>The second round of the joint campaign with Crimestoppers is underway and has had a very good response focussing on: 'AFTAH', '2MUCH', 'VESAR' and 'DRUGZ' all of whom are prevalent across the East of the City. There are three very prolific taggers including one of the above now awaiting sentencing in Court. Small scale clearance continues by Youth Reparation. Recent reported spate around Kensington Rd / Cromwell Road has been actioned and cleared.</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>Permit scheme has reduced numbers and there have been 16 reported breaches of the closed season within the scheme with no repeat offenders. Parks have now installed Permit Fishing Only signs at both Parks' Lakes. Only 8 more permit applications through over the closed season but this is expected to increase when this ends on June 15th. Police are still patrolling several times per week and Parks Maintenance Officers are checking the lake on every visit to the park.</p> <p>Recommend: NP publicise Fishing Permit scheme and encourage people to report breaches of code of conduct through to Bristol City Council 0117 9222 000</p> |

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| 6 | Cycling on Pavements | <p>Cycling 'surgeries' have continued over the last three months with over 1000 cyclists now engaged with resources and responsible cycling messages. Cycle eye scheme on buses and 20 mph limits have shown an encouraging early indicator of more cycling on roads but this will be reviewed over the next three months. Next engagement planned for Church Road and Netham Road over June and July and Redfest in August.</p> <p>Recommend: NP suggest locations for future cycle surgeries and continue to report hot-spots.</p> |
| 7 | Parking on Pavements | <p>No operation has been done yet in St George East hot-spot areas as yet. Planned for early July. Site visit by Highways in May to Beaufort Road area including Sherbourne Street and Seneca Street to consider some removal of double yellow lines to improve provision in the area. This could be added in any progression of the one-way Traffic Regulation Order.</p> <p>Recommend: NP give steer on whether conducting this operation in SG East is worthwhile</p> |
| 8 | Street drinking ASB and littering | <p>Police and Neighbourhoods staff have been monitoring an emerging problem on Church Road including allegations of breach of licensing conditions by off licences here. Currently the rest of the partnership area is very quiet for street drinkers. Citywide audit is taking place 05/06/14 and numbers should be collated for NP meeting. At present there are 24 ASBI / ASBOs in place for street drinkers / beggars and 3 court cases pending.</p> <p>Recommend NP and NFs to feed back any emerging hot-spots.</p> |
| 9 | Public Rights of Way | <p>Recent clearance work by Neighbourhoods and Youth Reparation on Strawberry Lane, Dundridge Park and Kingsway – Raeburn Rd path including litter picking and cut back works. PRow behind Air Balloon Road is being regularly checked and dog fouling has significantly reduced here.</p> <p>Recommend NP and NF report any PRowS in poor state of repair, unsigned or damaged through to Neighbourhoods Team for action.</p> |

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| 10 | Crews Hole Road Safety | Susan and Laura from the NP have now completed a Community Speedwatch Training Course and have possibly another volunteer. Crews Hole Road has been fed through to the Police Road Traffic Unit as a focus for their mobile cameras. |
| 11 | Bins On Streets | No recent hot-spots identified but some focussed enforcement work on Hudds Vale Road over May. Recommend: NP pass through any problem locations via JA, AD or DW |

Removed Targets:

| Priority: | Removed: | Now: |
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| 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) |
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| 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 |