



## Agenda item 9

### St George Neighbourhood Partnership Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2014

**Report of:** Abdul Razak Dahir – Area Co-ordinator, Neighbourhoods & City Development Directory

**Title:** Neighbourhood Partnership Plan (NP Plan) Report

**Contact Telephone Number:** 0117 9036409

#### **RECOMMENDATION: The Neighbourhood Partnership (NP) is asked to:-**

1. Note Cabinet decision to remove ring fencing from devolved budgets.
2. Approve recommendation from Traffic and Transport subgroup priorities.
3. Note recommendation from the Environment Subgroup.
4. Note and approve recommendation from the Operation Subgroup.
5. Approve the draft NP Plan presented at the meeting.

#### **Part 1: Note Cabinet decision to remove ring fencing from devolved budgets.**

1. Sept 2014 the Bristol City Council (BCC) Cabinet removed the ring fencing from previously devolved Local Traffic, Wellbeing and Clean & Green budgets to create an annual “Neighbourhood Budget”. This gives NPs greater flexibility and control over their resources.
2. In order to utilise and manage the Neighbourhood Budget, NPs are expected to prioritise their Neighbourhood Partnership Plans. The plans will also inform how BCC deploys its resources in the NP area.

3. At the September NP meeting, it was agreed to consolidate all the existing plans developed over the years and to work up draft NP Plan in close collaboration with NP subgroups, with the view of presenting a draft plan at the December NP meeting.
4. The NP Plan consists of the St George NP Green Space Investment Plan priorities, Neighbourhood Working Group (NWG) Priorities, Neighbourhood Delivery Team (NDT) Priorities, Neighbourhood Action Plan priorities and elements of subgroup work plans.
5. The NP Plan contains ten main themes, as shown below:
  - i. Traffic and Transport
  - ii. Environment
  - iii. Families, Young and Older People
  - iv. Community Safety
  - v. Community Development
  - vi. Community Buildings and Facilities
  - vii. Employment and Economic development
  - viii. Equalities, community cohesion and active citizenship
  - ix. Housing, Planning and Major Projects and
  - x. Community Engagement
6. During September and November 2014 draft NP Plan was presented at all the subgroup meetings held during this period, with the exception of the Wellbeing Subgroup. Copies of the plan (including priorities and changes suggested by the subgroups and NP members) will be available at the December NP meeting.

## **Part 2: Traffic and Transport subgroup priorities.**

7. The Traffic and Transport subgroup met on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 2014 and prioritised the Traffic and Transport Section of the NP Plan. The group's recommendation is presented in appendix 1. The NP is asked to approve the Traffic and Transport subgroup recommendation.

## **Part 3: Environment subgroup priorities.**

8. The Environment subgroup met on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014. The group considered the Environment section of the NP Plan.
9. Following discussion the group were unable to reach consensus in the order of priorities for the Environment section of the NP Plan. They agreed to refer the matter back to the NP members.

10. Following this, the NP Co-ordinator circulated the Environment Section of the NP Plan to all the NP members, asking them to prioritise it. The result of this survey will be presented at the NP meeting in December 2014.
11. Please note both the Themes and Activities sections will need to be prioritised. See appendix 2.

#### **Part 4: Operation subgroup priorities.**

12. The Operation subgroup met on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2014. The group considered remaining sections of the NP Plan.
13. Where applicable and with the exception of the Community Engagement section of the NP Plan, the group prioritised the Themes. That is the themes for Community Safety, Community Development and Equalities and Community Cohesion and Active Citizenship.
14. Following this, the NP Co-ordinator circulated the remaining Sections of the NP Plan to all the NP members, asking them to prioritise it. The result of this survey will be presented at the NP meeting in December 2014. See appendix 3

#### **Part 5: Draft NP Plan.**

15. The results of the email survey of NP members, as per the Environment and Operation subgroup recommendations, will be incorporated into the draft NP plan ahead of the NP meeting in December.
16. As agreed at the Operations subgroup, in order to give a reasonable time for the email survey it has not been possible to include the fully completed draft NP Plan in the published papers for the NP meeting in December 2014. Instead the NP Plan will be presented to the meeting and will be made available by email to NP members and on the NP website a few days before the meeting.
17. The Neighbourhood Partnership is asked to approve the draft NP Plan including the priorities resulting from the subgroups and the email survey, as presented at the meeting.

#### **EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EQIA)**

18. This report is seeking decision to approve the St George NP Plan. This decision is not envisage having any adverse impacts to any equalities communities. Full EqIA will be required to accompany any projects proposal seeking support from the NP.

19. Indeed the NP Plan is seeking to redress lack of representation and engagement from the equalities communities and their abilities to influence decisions affecting them.

## Traffic and Transport NP Plan Priorities

The first part relates to the priority order of the Traffic and Transport themes whilst the second part relates to the priorities of agreed activities under each theme.

### Part 1: Themes

Sub-Theme	Priority order
Speeding and Traffic Calming	1
Access to public transport	2
Parking problems/restriction	3
Cycling related issues	4
Feasibility	5

Please note the group recommends that officers continue to assess Carriageways and present their recommendation to subgroup members and the Neighbourhood Committee. And continue the current arrangement with Minor Traffic Schemes.

### Part 2: Activities

1- Activities for: Speeding and Traffic Calming.	
Activities	Priority order
Design and implement traffic calming scheme along Troopers Hill	1
Address safety concerns along Crews Hole Rd and Beaufort Rd. Design and implement suitable Traffic Calming Schemes.	2
Road closure from the Southside of Stibbs Hill.	3
Design and implement Traffic Calming Scheme along Plummers Hill.	4
Encouraging the set-up of Community Speed Watch, along hot spot areas.	5

2- Activities for: Access to public transport.	
Activities	Priority order
Develop bus route connecting Kingswood, Kingsway, Crews Hole, Temple Meads, Church Rd and Speedwell Rd.	1

Activities for: Parking problems/restriction	
Activities	Priority order
School involvement around education of parents and pupils	1
Increase number of schools with TROs and enforce them	2
Reduce number of on street car sales in Kingsway and other hotspot locations.	3
Review and introduce parking restrictions in Hudds vale Rd	4

Activities for: Cycling related issues.	
Activities	Priority order
Promote responsible Cycling via 4 cycle surgeries in areas where there is conflicts – Church Rd, cycle track and Avon Valley.	1

Activities for: Feasibility.	
Activities	Priority order
Identify suitable location to install crossing along Bryants Hill.	1

Stop vehicles from parking on pavement on Lyppiatt Rd	2
---	---

## Appendix 2

### Environment NP Plan Priorities

Please note that both the Themes and activities are not in any order of priority. Please ensure you return your priorities via email to the NP Co-ordinator. If everyone sends their priority a summary will be presented at the meeting.

#### Part 1: Themes

Theme	Priority order
The Neighbourhood Partnership area has quality Parks and Green Spaces accessible to all.	
Improve local habitat including protect protecting wildlife.	
Parks maintenance contract	
The NP has good quality children's play areas close to all residents.	
The NP area is clean, tidy and well maintained – An area free from litter, graffiti, flytipping and posting.	

#### Part 2: Activities

Activities for: The Neighbourhood Partnership area has quality Parks and Green Spaces accessible to all.	
Activity	Priority order
Review Area Green Investment Plan Priorities.	
Consult with residents around Colebrook Rd and Primrose Rd Open Spaces on investment options	
Fundraise and improve the Meadowvale Green Space.	
Remove remains of play area Gladstone St & consult on benches	
Review and improve the provision of parks for all, e.g litter bin, benches, etc.	
Improve all Parks and open spaces entrances as part of the Green Capital.	
Vehicles parking in Furber Rd Green Space	

Activities for: Improve local habitat including protect protecting wildlife.	
Activity	Priority order
Develop Tree Plans for Plummers Hill and Dundridge Park.	
Street Trees: Replace all felled trees (stumps)	
Seek opportunities for planting additional street trees	
Deliver tree planting scheme in St George Park	
Stop damage caused to wildlife. Evaluate fishing permit scheme and take appropriate actions to protect wildlife at St George Park.	
Ensure LNR & all SNCIs are well managed and establish new wildlife areas (eg St George Park)	

Activities for: Parks maintenance contract.	
Activity	Priority order
Consultation on proposed parks maintenance contract with park groups, landlord services and tenant groups, wider population and equalities groups	
Monitoring of contract and report back to NP	

<b>Activities for:</b> The NP has good quality children's play areas close to all residents.	
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Priority order</b>
Improve and expand the Children's Play areas in Dundridge Park and/or Troopers Hill Field	
Provide play equipment at Furber Rd and/or Meg Thatchers	
Improve and upgrade play facility Meadowvale Green Space.	
Refurbish / renew play area at Colebrook Rd:	
Replace any damaged / unsafe play equipment in existing play areas as required (within 6 months of removal)	

<b>Activities for:</b> The NP area is clean, tidy and well maintained – An area free from litter, graffiti, flytipping and posting.	
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Priority order</b>
Identify hot spot areas: At present – St George park, Church Rd and Kensington Rd	
Organise 2 educational/awareness community clean-ups.	
Increasing awareness of bulky waste collection service in Speedwell area	
Enhance the St George Fountain.	
Visually enhance Kingsway precinct and Church Rd shopping areas.	
Monitor May Gurney contractor and report where it is not happening.	
Audit areas where dog fouling is most acute.	
Develop 2 programme of activities to tackle dog fouling.	
Improve condition of Public Right of Ways as part of the Green Capital Project.	
Clear (or formally divert) Public Rights of Way that are currently impassable (Blackswarth Rd to Netham Rd & Troopers Hill)	
Visually enhance other public spaces, as identified by the Environment subgroup.	



## Appendix 3

### Families, Young and Old People Priorities

The Operations Subgroup members prioritised the Families, Young and Old people sub-theme, however agreed for the St George NP members to prioritise the activities section for this section.

Sub-Themes:	Priority order
NP will support activities for all sections of the community.	1

Please put the activities shown below in order of priority.

Activities for: NP will support activities for all sections of the community.	
Activity	Priority order 1 to 7
Improve and maintain sport pitches and their accessibility in parks and open spaces.	
Develop more activities for people in the neighbourhood, including, Sport Coaching, Street games, etc. Target areas to include Meadow Vale and Dundridge Park.	
Support organisations run by young people.	
Developing mechanism for young people to engage with NP – including developing Youth forum for the NP area.	
Promote and improve activities for young people.	
Promote community activities including fun days, luncheon clubs, and community based projects.	
Support community groups to access funding to deliver community activities including fun days, luncheon clubs, and community based projects.	

## Employment and Economic development NP Plan Priorities

There is one theme and one activity in the Employment and Economic Development. This doesn't require prioritising.

### Part 1: Themes

Theme	Priority order
Increase local business resilience	1

### Part 2: Activities

Activities for: Increase local business resilience	
Activity	Priority order
Support/encourage use of local retail centres and businesses Support local high streets including Church Rd and Kingsway shopping precinct	1

## Community Buildings and Facilities NP Plan Priorities

There is one theme in the Community Building and facilities section. The Operation subgroup left the activities section for the NP members to prioritise. Please ensure you return your priorities via email to the NP Co-ordinator. If everyone sends their priority a summary will be presented at the meeting.

### Part 1: Themes

Theme	Priority order
Promote / take advantage of community asset transfer opportunities, right to bid etc. Future Development of Open Spaces and public areas	1

### Part 2: Activities

<b>Activities for:</b> Promote / take advantage of community asset transfer opportunities, right to bid etc. Future Development of Open Spaces and public areas	
Activity	Priority order
At least once a year monitor all the Community Centres in the NP area.	
Support the Meadowvale Community Association management committee to recruit volunteers and increase their capacity.	
Provide advise and support to Croft End Church Community Centre Proposal.	

## Community Safety NP Plan Priorities

The Operation subgroup prioritised the themes of the Community safety. The group left activities section for the NP members to prioritise. Please ensure you return your priorities via email to the NP Co-ordinator. If everyone sends their priority a summary will be presented at the meeting.

### Part 1: Themes

Theme	Priority order
Reduce the supply and cultivation of Drugs.	1
Domestic violence	2
Reduce ASB in key hotspot locations	3
Reduce incidents of Domestic Burglary Increase community resilience	4

### Part 2: Activities

Activities for: Reduce the supply and cultivation of Drugs.	
Activity	Priority order
Increase awareness of the Crimestoppers reporting system	
Increase community confidence	
Report successes	
Identify and target hotspot locations including St George Park, Speedwell.	

Activities for: Domestic violence.	
Activity	Priority order
Support the multi-agency 'No More Excuses...' campaign by increasing awareness and targeting those locations with high incidents of domestic violence and domestic abuse	
Beat PCs and PCSOs will distribute information to make reporting easier alongside Bristol City Council colleagues.	

Activities for: Reduce ASB in key hotspot locations.	
Activity	Priority order
Promote positive activities organised for young people in areas where ASB associated with young people are most acute.	
Take action against ASB related to alcohol misuse in Church Rd, St George Park and Meg Thatcher's Green	

Activities for: Reduce incidents of Domestic Burglary Increase community resilience.	
Activity	Priority order
Proactive and reactive Burglary visits/walkabouts as part of seasonal crime reduction initiatives and raising awareness of distraction burglary.	

## Equalities and Community Cohesion and Active Citizenship NP Plan Priority

The Operation subgroup prioritised the themes under the Equalities and Community Cohesion and Active Citizenship section. There is one activity under each theme and therefore do not require prioritising.

### Part 1: Themes

Theme	Priority order
Increase volunteering	1
Celebrate diversity	2

### Part 2: Activities

Activities for: Increase volunteering.	
Activity	Priority order
Working with all minority communities in St George to participate the organising or participating of community events and existing community groups.	

Activities for: Celebrate diversity	
Activity	Priority order
Help to recruit the hard to reach communities on to the NP activities.	

## Housing, Planning and Major Projects NP Plan Priority

There is one theme and one activity in Housing, Planning and Major Projects. This doesn't require prioritising.

### Part 1: Themes

Theme	Priority order
Influence new developments	1

### Part 2: Activities

Activities for: Influence new developments	
Activity	Priority order
Publicise and promote community consultation events organised for development sites over 10 units.	1

## Community Development NP Plan Priorities

The Operation subgroup prioritised the themes under the Community Development section. The group left activities section for the NP members to prioritise. Please ensure you return your priorities via email to the NP Co-ordinator. If everyone sends their priority a summary will be presented at the meeting.

### Part 1: Themes

Theme	Priority order
Neighbourhood Partnership to ensure that all residents can influence decisions in their local neighbourhood and influence the public services they receive.	1
Strong VCS organisations delivering quality projects in the area.	2

### Part 2: Activities

Activities for: Neighbourhood Partnership to ensure that all residents can influence decisions in their local neighbourhood and influence the public services they receive.	
Activity	Priority order
Develop the capacity of subgroups so they are reflective of the local community in terms of geography and equalities communities.	
Target underrepresented community members and develop suitable mechanism, which will enable them to have an input into the NP activities.	

Activities for: Strong VCS organisations delivering quality projects in the area.	
Activity	Priority order
Mapping and creating directory of local community groups/activities. Set up a community sector network. Help Community group with grant/fundraising.	
Proactively help to set up Friends of Parks for all the Parks and Open spaces. Advising about policies and constitution matters. Target Rodney Rd Playing Fields, Meadowvale Green, Furber Rd.	
Working in targeted locations to increase local capacity including Meadowvale,	

## Community Engagement NP Plan Priorities

The Operation subgroup left for NP members to prioritise both the themes and activities section of the Community Engagement section of the plan. If everyone sends their priority a summary will be presented at the meeting.

### Part 1: Themes

Theme	Priority order
Increase publicity and awareness	
Organise community engagement opportunities	

### Part 2: Activities

Activities for: Increase publicity and awareness	
Activity	Priority order
Map community notice boards and recruit volunteer to maintain them. Participate e-discussion forums and provide monthly update to residents.	

Activities for: Organise community engagement opportunities	
Activity	Priority order
Organise annually 4 NF meetings in a central location.	
Organise annual: 4 X Operation subgroup	
Organise annual: 4 X Wellbeing subgroup	
Organise annual: 4 X Traffic and Transport subgroup.	
Organise annual: 4 X Environment subgroup	
Organise 4 NP meetings a year.	
Organise at least 2 Community Walkabout a year. This is subject to need.	
Take part in at least 3 X community fun-days/fairs	
Once the NP Plan is approved by the NP. Publish and deliver summary copy to every house in the NP area.	
Publicise other consultation events as and when they emerge.	
Maintain StGNP website	