



AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

**St George Neighbourhood Partnership
Wednesday 13th April 2016**

Report of: NP Plan lead persons.

Title: NP Plan Update Report

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NUA = No Update Available

1. NP Plan theme: Environment

Activity/Description	Cost to date £	Update
1.1 Priority 1: The NP area has quality parks and green spaces accessible to all.		
Activity 2: Improve access to all parks and open spaces entrances.	£5,472	Entrances to Rodney Rd: Completed. Waiting for final figures. Tree planting booked for 2016/17 planting season.
		Other: £450,000 has been made available to improve access to parks across Bristol. NP members with equalities interest have been invited to take part in prioritising process along with other stakeholders with similar interest. The following parks and green spaces have been included: Gladstone general access improvements, Plummer's Hill footpath resurfacing, Meadowvale footpath resurfacing and Dundridge Park path from car park.
Activity 7: Remove the remains of depleted play in Gladstone Street.	£6,673.90	Gladstone St: Friends of Gladstone Street Park have been set-up, the group submitted a Wellbeing Grant application to organise an event. It is hoped old rubber will be removed before the event.

1.2 Priority 2: The NP area is clean, tidy and well maintained: An area free from litter, graffiti, flytipping, and posting.		
Reduce on street litter and Flytipping: Activity 1: Identify hotspot areas. Activity 7: Organise 2 educational/awareness		Properties with waste in front gardens on Church Road have been targeted, with education and enforcement actions. From December to end of February 22x warning letters, 6x notices and 21x Fixed-Penalty-Notices have been served. Fixed-Penalty-Notices have related to black bags deposited

community clean-ups		<p>by residents, businesses who did not evidence how they have been disposed of their waste, or for overflowing commercial waste bin. More recently our enforcement officer Tom Ward has been liaising with businesses at the Kingsway Precinct in relation to evidence gathering at the recycling bin centre. He will also continue to enforce business waste and residential waste on Church road and side roads.</p> <p>‘Operation Sale’ which aims tackling the motor traders and pavement parking has been initiated. A warning letter had been sent to all secondhand car dealers in the area. This will be followed by enforcement.</p> <p>NO Continually compiling list of hot spots and community tidy up projects as part of Spring Bling initiative. Reported these to Street Scene enforcement who conducted ‘before’ visit to find cause/evidence. Then focused on hot spots on several weekends using Community payback. Sites cleared/litter picked include the River Avon Towpath near Crews hole and St Annes pedestrian bridge and Netham area, rear of Fire Engine car park. Organised large site clearance at rear of Billboards to provide growing area. Continuing to promote Spring Bling for local residents, groups, schools, business to sign up to Supporting St George in Bloom promotion to businesses in April.</p>
Activity 2 Audit areas where dog fouling is most acute.		New sites being reported at community events/meetings and will request additional sites via social media Spring Bling campaign.
Activity 3 Bristol Waste Company contractor and report where it is not happening.		Issues identified at forums and by Church Rd Action group have been reported to Street Scene Enforcement team and encouraged more reporting to cleansing via Report It website pages.

<p>Activity 3 Improve condition of Public Right of Ways as part of the Green Capital Project.</p>		<p>Fir Tree lane obstructive hedge reported and pruned. River Avon towpath widened to remove pinch point from and tidied by taking back to original edging by Community Payback team.</p>
<p>Activity 4 Develop 2 programme of activities to tackle dog fouling.</p>		<p>Working with Street scene enforcement after Easter on hotspots identified including lane beside Air Balloon school and footways in the area (identified at St Aidan's community fair) Will form part of Walk to School/tidy Friday initiative.</p>
<p>Activity 5 Increasing awareness of bulky waste collection service in Speedwell area</p>		<p>Tom Ward has visited some problem sites. Housing association looking into their building. Promoted on Spring Bling newsletter and social media. Specific work in Meadowvale/Speedwell area after Easter with Streetscene Enforcement & new community development worker.</p>
<p>Activity 6 Visually enhance other public spaces, as identified by the Environment subgroup.</p>		<p>Visited Stibbs Hill allotments with view to clearance by community pay back in Autumn.</p>
<p>Activity 7 Visually enhance Kingsway precinct and Church Rd shopping areas.</p>		<p>As part of Spring Bling, NO will visit businesses in April/May to promote improvements to outside space, waste storage and participation in St George in Bloom.</p>

1.3 Priority 3: The NP has good quality Children's Play areas close to all residents.

Activity: 2: Improve and expand the Children's Play areas in Dundry Park & Troopers Hill.

Friends Of Dundry Park have been busy applying for grants with the help of a fundraiser financed by the Neighbourhood Partnership.

SITA Trust has generously awarded £47,679 towards the cost of improving the play area. Thanks to CORY Environmental who also awarded us £33,511 to build a Wildlife Path from the Football Clubhouse to the steps at Conham Hill. And finally with the help of Tesco's # Bags of Help vote in local stores we have been awarded £12,000 for a new path from the chicane gate to the play area. Many thanks to Viv and all the support from the NP.

In addition BCC Parks Delivery Programme Board agreed to fund the group's short fall, estimated to be £15,000. It is hoped this will further strengthen the project viability and to meet local community aspirations.

Friends of Troopers Hill were successful with the grant applications that they made to SITA Trust and Veolia Environmental Trust. At a meeting with John Knowlson, Bristol City Council's Play Officer and Vicki Abel, the project manager from Bristol City Council for this project, they shared the news that additional work would be needed prior to the surface of the play area being applied. 10mm of stone needs to be laid to ensure the surfacing of the play area does not deform in future years. As a result it was agreed a further £2,000 should be allocated to the project, which comes from the contingency allowed in the original project budget.

		<p>See appendix A for the project budget and the grant awards, the Neighbourhood Partnership section 106 funding and how that is being used for match-funding, project management costs and contingency.</p> <p>By the time of the SGNP meeting the group expect that suppliers will have received an invitation to tender for the work. The Friends of Troopers Hill provide regular reports on progress on www.troopers-hill.org.uk/play.</p>
1.4 Priority 5: The NP has a range of areas that benefit wildlife and support.		
Activity 1: Stop damage caused to wildlife. Evaluate fishing permit scheme and take appropriate actions to protect wildlife at St George Park.		The Byelaw is going through final rounds of consultation with Neighbourhood Partnerships. For more information See agenda item 5.

2. NP Plan theme: Traffic and Transport.

Description of works	Est cost	Update
2.1 Priority 1: Speeding and Traffic Calming		
Activity 1: Troopers Hill in St George NP area. Traffic Calming scheme. This is funded from IBFF	£30,000	TRO scheduled to be advertised Beginning of April 2016. Aiming to have scheme implemented during Autumn 2016, subject to consultation.
Activity 4: Design and implement traffic calming scheme along Plummer's Hill. NC approved this scheme on March 2014 meeting.	£40,000	TRO scheduled to be advertised Beginning of April 2016. Aiming to have scheme implemented during Autumn 2016, subject to consultation.
Activity 6: Feasibility- Identify suitable location to install crossing along Bryant's Hill. NC approved this scheme on March 2014 meeting.	£4,000	Completed: Report presented to the Traffic and Transport subgroup. See agenda 5
2.2 Priority 3: Parking Problems/Restrictions		
Activity 5: Feasibility- Stop vehicles from parking on	£4,000	Completed: Report presented to the Traffic and

pavement on Lyppiatt Rd. NC approved this scheme on March 2014 meeting.		Transport subgroup. See agenda 5
2.3 Other Schemes		
Easton/St George boundary: TRO Statutory Consultation.		Bristol City Council is consulting on a series of changes to parking restrictions in an area between Whitehall Road and Church Road and Chalks Road and Herber Street. For the St George NP area the proposals affect Chalks Road, Whitehall Road, Roseberry Park, Tintern Avenue, Trelawney Avenue and Lyppiatt Road. Further information at www.bristol.gov.uk/trafficorders
Dundridge Lane park access: – Dropped kerb	£3,000	Due to safety concerns, this request requires further funding to redesign nearby junction. Highways officer put a request for more funding see agenda item 5.

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| 3. NP Plan theme: Families, Younger and Older People: | No Update Available. |
| 4. NP Plan theme: Crime and Community Safety: | No Update Available. |
| 5. NP Plan theme Community Development & Cohesion: | No update available |
| 6. NP Plan theme: Community Buildings: | No Update Available |
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| 9. NP Theme: Communication/Engagement Update | |

A stock of copies of the NP Neighbourhood Plan leaflet and business size cards promoting the NP are still available for NP members to help promote the work of the NP. Further copies of the Neighbourhood Plan leaflet are available from Rob Acton-Campbell, and further copies of the small cards are available from Philip Bird. The schedule of meeting dates for 2016

has also been published, and has been reformatted to provide more information on each Subgroup and to highlight the information on the Neighbourhood Fora.

The NP Forum on 9 February was promoted through our website, Facebook and Twitter. Posters were also circulated to a variety of public buildings and schools in our area to help to promote the Forum. A detailed summary of the issues raised at the Forum are available at www.stgeorgenp.org.uk/you-said-we-did-february-2016

Criticism had been received about the report and photographs from the Mayor's visit to the NP on 30 October - www.stgeorgenp.org.uk/mayors-visit-october-2015 This was discussed at the Operations Subgroup Meeting on 28 January. The NP Member that asked the matter to be discussed was not present at the meeting. The Operations Subgroup Meeting concluded that there was no problem with the article published.

The NPs decision to recommend the removal of fish from St George Park received a high profile in the media and our social media. We received a lot of negative comments via our Facebook and Twitter accounts. Where relevant, people were redirected to the full and accurate information on our website. It was noticeable that a lot of the comments and feedback were not from local people. BCC Press Office took the lead on media issues as the final decision was a BCC one, not the NP. Rob Acton-Campbell was regularly updating our website with the latest information concerning developments in St George Park. It was surprising that the Friends of St George Park Group were publically critical of the recommendation made by the NP.

More recently, the introduction of new parking arrangements at Air Balloon Surgery generated a lot of webtraffic (389 views in just one day).

The NP was represented at the St George Community Fair at St Aidan with St George on 12 March. Various issues were passed on to us at the Fair, and these are being followed up by the Neighbourhood Officer.

The Community Notice Boards remain a key offline method of communication. A number of the Notice Boards, however, do need to be repaired.

The members of the Communications Subgroup have, once again, had a busy time helping to communicate the work of the NP and other events and activities of interest to those in the NP area.

Website stats:

Pages Viewed:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2012	-	-	-	227	116	175	193	376	577	575	1436	753
2013	620	921	1030	1631	1654	1288	1392	1378	1760	4127	2885	1990
2014	2913	2780	3239	2078	2951	2774	2395	2724	1930	2361	2141	1861
2015	2418	2783	3608	3781	3259	2309	3119	3013	2721	3052	3514	4166
2016	4126	3619	4036									

Average pages viewed per day:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2012	-	-	-	8	4	6	6	12	19	19	48	24
2013	20	33	33	54	53	43	45	44	59	133	96	64
2014	94	99	104	69	95	92	77	88	64	76	71	60
2015	78	99	116	126	105	77	101	97	91	98	117	

March 2016 are part month stats

Facebook: 747 likes

Twitter: 742 followers

Philip Bird

Champion of the Communications Subgroup

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Budget	Project 1	Project 2	Total
	SITA	Veolia	
Total cost as quote	£50,000.00	£25,000.00	£75,000.00
Extras	£2,000.00		
Project Management @ 5%	£2,500.00	£1,250.00	£3,750.00
Total Project Cost	£54,500.00	£26,250.00	£80,750.00
Grant award (incl match funding)	£50,000.00	£23,750.00	£73,750.00
Match funding required (pay in advance)	£5,750.00	£0.00	£5,750.00
Net payment from funder	£44,250.00	£23,750.00	£68,000.00
Required from S106:			
Match funding	£5,750.00	£0.00	£5,750.00
Balance of project costs	£4,500.00	£2,500.00	£7,000.00
Total S106 funds required	£10,250.00	£2,500.00	£12,750.00
Committed S106 from NP			£15,000.00
Contingency available			£2,250.00