

# Bishopston, Cotham and Redland Neighbourhood Partnership



## Supplementary Information

**Date:** Monday, 10 October 2016

**Time:** 7.00 pm

**Venue:** Claremont Room, Redland Green School,  
Redland Court Road, Bristol BS6 7EH

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**Date:** Friday, 30 September 2016



# Supplementary Agenda

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Please find attached a report setting out information concerning the Memorandum of the ABC Grant Application



## **Bishopston, Cotham and Redland Neighbourhood Partnership (BCR NP)**

### MEMORANDUM

#### **Small Grants Application from Action for Balanced Communities (ABC)**

At the last BCR NP meeting in June 2016, the Small Grants working group recommended acceptance of an application of £562 to carry out a survey in our area of the effect of non-permanent residents (students) on neighbourliness, and the local economic and social infrastructure.

There was discussion at the NP meeting about the focus of the survey and on which areas it should cover. A decision was postponed until the October NP meeting in order to clarify what options might be available to tailor the survey for our area.

Following discussions involving representatives from ABC, Chandos Road Community Association, and some Councillors, this memorandum sets out some further information to help inform the decision.

#### ***Content of the Survey***

The focus of the survey is on students, and this will not be changed for this application. ABC's aim is to establish the effect of relatively large student populations on residential areas. They are doing this in order to lobby universities, and councils in university cities, to take better account of this effect.

They wish to use the same survey form as already used in parts of Clifton and Kingsdown, both for comparability and to enable the survey to be carried out promptly. Changing the focus to be Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMOs), as suggested by some at the June meeting, would require a different survey. This may be possible in the future, but would have to be considered as a separate application.

ABC have reported no adverse reaction to the focus of the survey being students.

#### ***Areas to be surveyed***

The analysis of the survey depends on data from the 2011 census, which is organised by Lower Super Output Area (LSOA). There are around 6-8 LSOAs per ward, with 1500-2000 people in each. The application allows for three LSOAs to be surveyed, which we are asked to nominate.

Using data from the 2011 census on what proportion of the population are students, it is suggested that **Kensington Road LSOA** (which includes all the streets between it and Chandos Road, plus a bit more), with 46.2%, should be surveyed.

**Cotham Brow LSOA** (which includes Arley Hill), with 29.9%, and **Cotham Park LSOA**, with 30%, are both also in Cotham ward. However, of the two, Cotham Park has a higher level of owner-occupation (51%, compared to 31% for Cotham Brow)

and so would be expected to have a higher rate of survey response based on experience from the previous survey.

Cotham Hill LSOA has a greater student population, with 40.6%, than either of the former, but lower home ownership (24%). This LSOA is now outside our NP, though the previous survey did include Kingsdown Parade LSOA, with 29.7% students, which is now inside our NP.

Looking at the current Bishopston and Redland wards, the highest student population is found in Seymour Road LSOA with 14.0%. However, ABC obtained a lower response rate to the previous survey from Clifton Central LSOA which they partly attributed to lower student numbers (25.9%) and, more significantly, to lower levels of owner-occupation. ABC would also need to find volunteers to distribute the survey cards door-to-door in these areas. It is therefore debateable whether the results that could be obtained make the survey worth extending to these wards.

It would be possible to ask for the survey to cover only two areas. In this case, the costs involved would be reduced by only approximately £50.

Roger Gimson  
21 September 2016