



## **St George Neighbourhood Partnership Agenda**

**Date:** Wednesday, 29 March 2017

**Time:** 7.00 pm

**Place:** The Beehive Centre, 19a Stretford Road, St George, Bristol, BS5 7AW

### **1. Chairing Arrangements**

- Rob Acton-Campbell (Neighbourhood Partnership)
- Councillor Steve Pearce (Neighbourhood Committee)

### **2. Welcome and introductions**

### **3. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions**

### **4. Declarations of Interest**

To note any declarations of interest from the Councillors. They are asked to indicate the relevant agenda item, the nature of the interest and in particular whether it is a **disclosable pecuniary interest**.

Any declarations of interest made at the meeting which is not on the register of interests should be notified to the Monitoring Officer for inclusion.

### **5. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Action Sheet (Pages 5 - 12)**

- To agree the minutes of the previous meeting as a correct record.
- To note the ongoing action sheet

### **6. Public Forum**

7.20 pm

Up to 30 minutes is allowed for this item

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Petitions and Statements - Petitions and statements must be received on the working day prior to the meeting. For this meeting this means that your submission must be received in this office at the latest **by 12.00 noon on Tuesday 28 March.**

- 7. NP Activities - Business Report** (Pages 13 - 17) 7.25 pm  
NC & NP decision and discuss:
- i. CIL/Section 106 money funding
  - ii. Other NP Business
- 8. Future of Neighbourhood Partnerships** (Pages 18 - 24) 7.55 pm
- i. Bristol City Council Offer
  - ii. Draft proposal from working group on way forward
- 9. NP Plan Update Report** (Pages 25 - 28) 8.40 pm  
NP to discuss

(NB please note that all timings above are approximate)

In order to manage the duration of the meeting, presenters of reports will be asked to highlight key issues only. Therefore please take the time to read reports in advance of the meeting to familiarise yourself with the content and prepare any questions.

### **DATE OF NEXT PARTNERSHIP MEETING**

Wednesday 21st June 2017 at 7.00pm, the St George Library, Church Rd, St George, Bristol, BS5 8AL

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## What is a Neighbourhood Partnership?

Neighbourhood Partnerships are the route to influence and improve services in the neighbourhood for residents, community organisations, service partners, and where local councillors make decisions about Bristol City Council business

## How do I get involved?

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- **Attending this meeting and commenting on any item of business on the agenda.** Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting and contribute.
- **Submit a Public Forum statement** to the clerk to the meeting (contact details above) **no later than noon on the working day before the meeting.** The statement will, where possible, be sent directly to members of the Partnership, and be printed and circulated at the meeting.

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## St George Neighbourhood Partnership 7.00 pm, 14 December 2016

### Present:

#### Ward councillors

- (P) Councillor Nicola Beech, St George Central ward
- (P) Councillor Fabian Breckels, St George Troopers Hill ward
- (P) Councillor Asher Craig, St George West ward
- (A) Councillor Steve Pearce, St George Central ward

#### Partners / representatives of people who live and work in the NP area

- Rob Acton-Campbell, Chair of NP and Friends of Troopers Hill
- Mike Kimber, resident, St George Troopers Hill ward
- Diane Jones, resident, St George West ward
- Nigel Williams, resident, St George West ward
- Grenville Johnson, Kensington Road residents association and Neighbourhood Watch
- Fiona Russell, Meadow Vale Community Association
- Geoff Reeson, Friends of Dundry Park
- Veronica Stonaska
- Bruce Yates, resident, St George Central ward
- Mary Taylor, resident, St George Central ward
- Philip Bird, resident, Communications Sub-Group

#### Officers / others in attendance

- Abdulrazak Dahir, NP Co-ordinator, BCC
- Steve Gregory, Democratic Services, BCC
- Deborah Yeates, Police representative
- Jessica Tulit Bristol Waste Company;
- Richard Fletcher Area Manager (Central & East) BCC
- Tom Penn, Client and Operations Coordinator BCC
- Trevor Ball, resident

### 1. Welcome and introductions (agenda item no. 2)

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 2. Apologies for absence (agenda item no. 3)

Apologies were received from Councillor Steve Pearce, Richard Curtis, Church Road Action Group, Jo Curtis, Friends of St George Park, Gill Calloway, Neighbourhood Officer, Linda Callazo, Susan Acton-

Campbell, Champion of Wellbeing sub-group, Tamsin Harcourt, resident St George Central ward, Chris Deane resident, St George Troopers Hill ward.

### **3. Declarations of Interest (agenda item no. 4)**

None declared.

### **4. Minutes of Previous Meeting (agenda item no. 5)**

**RESOLVED -**

**That the Minutes of the meeting of the St George NP held on 12 October 2016 be confirmed as a correct record.**

### **5. Action Tracker (agenda item no. )**

The NP noted the action tracker.

#### **5(a) Budget Freeze**

The Neighbourhood Partnership was informed that Bristol City Council had announced a total freeze on non-essential spending to enable it to balance its annual budget for 2016/17 and to prepare for a five-year £92m financial budget reduction from next April to include non-essential maintenance, recruitment and new or renewed contracts for goods and services.

The voluntary spending freeze would remain in place until the Council had firm plans for a balanced budget this year and next, along with a more developed five-year plan. Section106 money and CIL, however, was not currently constrained under this arrangement.

The spending freeze would have serious implications for the Neighbourhood Partnership's Wellbeing general budget as all council spending had been suspended.

This had a direct effect on the proposed spending as set out in the Wellbeing report for this meeting. After discussion it was agreed to defer all spend decisions until the next meeting on 29 March 2017 when it was hoped that the situation would be clearer. In the meantime applicants to be advised of the situation so that they could seek funding from another source if this was possible. The St George NP website would be updated to reflect this. It was noted that Wellbeing Applications would have exceeded the current budget if all had been approved.

The NP was informed that there is a Locality event, which would be held in January/February to consider future options of NPs. NP members along with wider community organisations would be invited to take part and share ideas.

The Chair circulated a note of a NP Development Plan Working Group meeting on 12 December 2016 (facilitated by VOSCUR) which considered the current role of the NP and agreed actions to establish options for its future role and structure. All ideas and suggestions would be welcome, the Chair asked that members feedback via the Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator.

### **6. Community Engagement Plan (agenda item no. 6)**

The NP was advised that the purpose of the engagement plan was to set out the strategy for the Neighbourhood Officer (with support from colleagues and NP Communication sub group) to increase resident involvement in the St George Neighbourhood Partnership (NP). The focus was on activities that linked to priorities already identified in the St George NP Plan.

Jessica Tulit Bristol Waste Company circulated an information leaflet about recycling and ways of improving the service. The NP noted that there had been significant interest in street cleaners with a number of volunteers for litter picking. Noted that dumping of rubbish (bottom of Speedwell Road), was a continuing problem. Also noted, that there was no pedestrian access to recycling sites.

## **7. NP Activities - Business Report (agenda item no. 7)**

### **Transformers Fund**

The NP agreed to accept the Transformer Fund offer. Discussion included need for NP to connect with Youth Mayors. After consideration on how to administer the fund it was suggested that the money could go direct to the Creative Youth Network (CYN) rather than via the Wellbeing Panel. This was agreed, with one objection, subject to a caveat that all the money must go toward young people projects. The Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator was to monitor the process.

### **Memorial options for the late Councillor Ron Stone**

Options considered by the NP included naming the existing avenue of trees, a band stand and a photographic competition. Grenville Johnson had been in touch with members of Ron's family and reported their preferences. The NP was mindful that there was no budget provision for this. It was suggested that crowd funding could be the answer. The NP agreed that installation of plaques naming the avenue of trees was its preferred option, while noting that this did not prevent other options being pursued. Grenville Johnson agreed to lead the project on behalf of the NP, find out costings and update the NP at its next meeting on 29 March 2017.

### **Meadow Vale – Additional Funding**

This item could not be considered due to the Council's spending freeze.

### **St George Park – Lake**

The NP was updated on work to the walls to the lake at St George Park, noted that the work would have to be delayed until after next summer to protect wildlife, if the current spending freeze prevented work starting this winter.

### **Dundridge Park Path**

Geoff Reeson noted that in view of the concerns raised about the proposed path, the group was to consider other options.

### **Wellbeing Applications**

Due to the funding freeze no payments could be agreed and therefore the current applications were not considered.

### **Meadow Vale – Community Asset Transfer**

The NP supported this proposal in principle. It was noted that the planning application for extending the Community Centre was now open to comments on the Council's website.

**Resolved -**

- (1) That the Transformer's Youth Fund be accepted and that it be delegated to the Creative Youth Network (CYN) for spend in line with the conditions as set out in the report;**
- (2) (a) That the NP note progress to date and find out costings for the options considered and that Grenville Johnson (resident) lead the project and update the NP at its next meeting on 29 March 2017;**
- (2) (b) That the approved subgroup recommendation to support Meadowvale Steering Group be deferred pending outcome of Bristol City Council's spending freeze;**
- (3) Environment: that progress be noted and the request from Friends of Dundridge Park Group for the release of S106 money be deferred;**
- (4) Traffic and Transport: that progress be noted and the Subgroup's recommendation to encourage action against anti-social parking be considered further in the new year;**
- (5) Wellbeing: that the Wellbeing subgroup recommendation for grant applications received since October 2016 be deferred due to the Council's spending freeze;**
- (6) Meadowvale Community Centre - Community Asset Transfer: that subject to an acceptable business plan the proposed Community Asset Transfer be agreed.**

#### **8. NP Plan Update Report (agenda item no. 8)**

Report was noted, Police were thanked for their input in respect of the Crime and Community Safety aspects.

#### **9. Public Forum (agenda item no. 9)**

None received.

The meeting ended at 8.55 pm

**CHAIR** \_\_\_\_\_

ST GEORGE NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP ONGOING ACTION SHEET

Minute No.	Subject	Action	Responsible Person/Officer	Update
<b>ACTIONS ARISING FROM MEETING HELD ON 25 MAY 2016</b>				
07b/05/16	Public Forum	Anti-social parking in Harcourt Avenue. The Chair to write on behalf of the NP to Adam Crowther, head of Strategic City Transport for a formal response to the issues raised by Mr & Mrs Clague and cc Cllr Mark Bradshaw, Cabinet Member for Transport	<b>Rob Acton-Campbell</b>	<b>On-going:</b> The Chair advised that he had written to AC, and would follow up on this matter.  Followed up with another email 12 <sup>th</sup> August 2016, waiting for feedback.
<b>ACTIONS ARISING FROM MEETING HELD ON 22 JUNE 2016</b>				
05	Action Tracker	Equalities Training. Next dates are 21 July and 22 Sept, NP members to contact NP Co-ordinator if interested in attending	<b>NP Members who have not yet received Equalities training</b>	<b>On-going:</b> There are some new members who were unable to attend. Aiming to organise another session.  This will be included in the list of asks post NPs across the city.

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Please note – Items marked as *Complete* will be removed from the Action List before the next meeting.

08	NP Plan Achievements	g. Domestic violence - Clare Boddie agreed to supply 20 A4 posters to SA-C for display locally  Mental Health – Cllr Craig agreed to send info on new approach adopted by police to NP Co-ordinator	<b>Clare Boddie/Susan Acton-Campbell</b>  <b>Cllr Asher Craig</b>	<b>Ongoing:</b>  <b>Completed:</b> Cllr Craig sent Poster to NP Co-ordinator for circulation.
09	AGM report	It was agreed that it would be useful to re-introduce the practice of including a map of NP area with future NP agenda papers	<b>Abdulrazak Dahir to send to Ruth Quantock</b>	<b>Recommend Close:</b> This is likely to be the last NP meeting for St George.

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**ACTIONS ARISING FROM MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> OCT 2016**

Part 5	NP ACTIVITIES / BUSINESS REPORT	NPC/Chair to organise and facilitate separate meeting between Friends of St George Park and Cllr Asher Craig.	<b>Rob Acton-Campbell/Abdulrazak Dahir</b>	<b>On-going:</b>
Part 7	NP ACTIVITIES / BUSINESS REPORT	Fiona Russell to contact Lamplighters about the Meadowvale Community Centre Involvement in the project.	<b>Fiona Russell</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>

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Action no.		<b>ACTIONS ARISING FROM MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2016</b>		
1	Budget freeze	Find out if spend already approved is subject to spending freeze	Cllr Asher Craig	<b>Completed:</b> Any approved decision before 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2016, will be honoured and will not be affected by the Spending Freeze.
2	Memorial to late Cllr Ron Stone	Research costings for the various options considered and report back to the next NP meeting in March 2017	Grenville Johnson	<b>Completed:</b> Options included with the papers for March 2017 meeting. See attached options.
3	St George Park - Lake	Tom Penn to e-mail Abdul about when the lake will be drained.	Tom Penn/ Abdulrazak Dahir	<b>Completed:</b> Not yet known. Hoping September 2017 subject to funding being made available.

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# QUOTATION



Complete Signage  
Solutions...

**Invoice Address**  
Mike Baker  
Mike Baker

**Delivery/Installation Address**

**Quote Number:** JJ1234/3  
**Quoted Date:** 19/01/2017

**Contact Details: Mike Baker**

[mjbaker1066@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mjbaker1066@yahoo.co.uk)

**Re : Various A3 Plaque Costs - Costs for Two Off's**

Thank you for your enquiry. We now have the pleasure of submitting our costs for your consideration.

Ref	Description	Qty	Unit Price	Total
A ITEM	First Real Cast Bronze Plaque A3 Size, Raised Detail Finished in Bright Raised and Toned Recessed	1	£1,350.00	£1,350.00
B ITEM	Second Identical Real Cast Bronze Plaque A3 Size, Raised Detail Finished in Bright Raised and Toned Recessed	1	£1,130.00	£1,130.00
C ITEM	First Real Cast Aluminium Plaque A3 Size, Raised Detail Stoved Enamel Painted 2 x RAL or BS colours	1	£790.00	£790.00
D ITEM	Second Identical First Real Cast Aluminium Plaque A3 Size, Raised Detail Stoved Enamel Painted 2 x RAL or BS colours	1	£570.00	£570.00
E ITEM	1.5mm Thick Etched Brass Plaque A3 in size, recessed Details Infilled Black	2	£235.00	£470.00
F ITEM	1.5mm Thick Etched Satin Stainless Plaque A3 in size, recessed Details Infilled Black	2	£200.00	£400.00
G ITEM	Installation around Bristol of two of the above	1	£90.00	£90.00
			<b>Sub Total</b>	£4,800.00
			<b>VAT</b>	£960.00
			<b>TOTAL</b>	£5,760.00

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**MY NEIGHBOURHOOD**

**St George Neighbourhood Partnership  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

**Report of:** Subgroup Champions, Neighbourhood Partnership Co-ordinator.

**Title: NP Activities- Business Report**

**Recommendation:**

- 1- **Operation Subgroup:** NP to note progress.
- 2- **Environment:** NP to note progress and NC to approve Parks S106 and CIL proposals from Friends of Dundridge Park Group and Environment subgroup respectively.
- 3- **Traffic and Transport:** NP to note progress.

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**Part 1: Operation subgroup**

- 1- Operation subgroup met on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017.
- 2- The subgroup meeting was used as an opportunity to continue the work Transitional Working Group began. Full draft notes from the meeting is available from the St George NP website [www.stgeorgenp.org.uk/a-new-start/](http://www.stgeorgenp.org.uk/a-new-start/)
- 3- Key outcome from the group discussions is presented in the 'draft proposal from Working Group on way forward'. For more information see agenda item 7- Future of Neighbourhood Partnership.

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## Part 2: Environment subgroup

- 4- The Environment sub-group met on 9th February, draft notes of the meeting can be seen at [www.stgeorgenp.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/St-George-Environment-Sub-Notes-Feb-17.pdf](http://www.stgeorgenp.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/St-George-Environment-Sub-Notes-Feb-17.pdf)
- 5- The meeting agreed to support a proposal for the use of devolved CIL to fund 'ParkWork' to bring improvements to green spaces in St George and give an opportunity for more volunteering. There was also support for additional S106 money to support Dundridge Park Group's project in Conham Woodland. More details of these are in the requests for funding below.
- 6- The meeting also discussed and expressed support for St George Park Lake and the Friends of St George Park Group's proposals for Slimbridge Wildlife Trust consultants to update their earlier report on the lake.
- 7- The group finally discussed its role in the future and all agreed that it was worthwhile for the Environment Sub-Group to continue to meet, both as a networking opportunity for park groups and to agree on requests for S106 & CIL funding for parks & green spaces in St George.

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### Request for Parks Devolved S106:

- 8- The Environment Subgroup recommends that the Neighbourhood Committee allocate £1,600 of devolved S106 towards improvements to the 'deer path' through Conham Woodland.
- 9- Last year Friends of Dundridge Park were awarded £16,700 by Ibstock Cory to improve the pond and the surrounding area in Conham Woodland for both people and wildlife. Part of this project included work to the deer path which runs from the park down to Conham Vale. The group received help with this grant application from the NP funded fundraiser.
- 10- Since the work was originally priced it has become clear that significantly more work is required to the path than originally thought and indeed there has been further recent subsidence.

11- The group has reached agreements with both Tesco and Cory to allocate surplus from the two projects that they funded last year in the park to the woodland path, this amounts to an additional £9.5k. However, a further £1,600 is required to ensure that all the work identified as required can be completed.

12- The NC is hereby asked to consider request from the Friends of Dundry Park Group (FDPG) as summarised in the table shown below.

<b>Total S106 for St George available</b>			<b>£34,207.89</b>
<b>2016/17 St George NP: S106 Ref: 10/00121 / 89 Two Mile Hill Road, Kingswood / ZCD...988</b>			<b>£1,657.54</b>
<b>NP Plan Priority Ref: Communication</b>	<b>Activity/Description of works</b>	<b>Amount £</b>	<b>Running Balance £</b>
<b>P1 Activity 2:</b> Improve access to all Parks and open space entrances focusing on Colebrook Park; Dundry Park and wheelchair and access improvements to Troopers Hill and Field.	FDPG would like £1,600 to contribute improvements to the 'deer path' through Conham Woodland.	£1,600	£57.54
<b>Remaining S106 77 &amp; 97 Nags Head Hill</b>			<b>£57.54</b>
<b>Remaining St George NP Parks S106 Budget approximately</b>			<b>£32,607.89</b>

**Request for Devolved CIL Monies:**

13- The Environment sub-group recommend using £10,000 of CIL devolved to the St George area to fund a project to bring improvements to St George green spaces while also encouraging more volunteering in the area.

- 14- The funding would be used to allow ParkWork to carry out regular work sessions in the area. This is a scheme that has been running successfully the Central, Clifton and Harbourside area where CIL has also been used to provide funding. ParkWork have also been carrying out regular sessions at Eastville Park. Tasks have included improvements to paths, scrub clearance, shrub pruning, hedge planting and bench repairs.
- 15- ParkWork is a Bristol Parks Forum programme run through Bristol City Council that gives those on the route to employment work experience, horticultural skills and training through volunteering in parks. It is a highly successful programme and over the last 18 months 20 participants have gained full time employment or gone into full time education. The benefit can also be seen in Bristol's Parks where areas that would get neglected under the normal parks operations regime get some attention. Photos of some of the work undertaken by ParkWork can be seen at [www.facebook.com/ParkWorkBristol/](http://www.facebook.com/ParkWorkBristol/)
- 16- As well as their own volunteers the sessions are advertised to attract new volunteers from the general public to work with ParkWork and the Friends group at the site. Overtime, these local volunteers can then start to work independently of ParkWork. In the Central, Clifton and Harbourside area ParkWork have been based on Brandon Hill. 10 new volunteers were attracted to volunteer with the Friends of Brandon Hill over the first 4 months that the opportunity was advertised.
- 17- In St George we envisage ParkWork working in the area for 1 day each week. There would be regular advertised sessions (probably monthly) at St George Park, Troopers Hill and Dundridge Park. At other times ParkWork would visit other green spaces in St George. Tasks would be identified by park groups, members of the public, Bristol Parks or Councillors. There could be a regular meeting point advertised for this.
- 18- This project has the full support of Bristol Parks and Teija Ahjokoski has been working with Joe to identify possible tasks.
- 19- ParkWork have their supervisor, Joe McKenna, their own tools and a minibus for transport. The funds are to cover ParkWork costs and could also be used to buy some materials. Members of the Environment sub-group would form a steering group to manage the project and keep track of spending.

20- The NC is hereby asked to consider Environment Subgroup recommendation as summarised in the table shown below.

<b>Total CIL for St George available</b>			<b>£35,547.88</b>
<b>NP Plan Priority Ref: Communication</b>	<b>Activity/Description of works</b>	<b>Amount £</b>	<b>Running Balance £</b>
<b>Priority 1: The NP area has quality Parks &amp; Green Spaces accessible to all.</b>	ParkWork will carry out regular work sessions for parks and green spaces in the NP area for 1 day each week. Volunteers will be recruited to help carry out task, including improvements to paths, scrub clearance, shrub pruning, hedge planting and bench repairs. The funding will be used to pay cover ParkWorks costs and material.	£10,000	£25,547.88
<b>Remaining St George Devolved CIL money</b>			<b>£25,547.88</b>

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**Part 4: Traffic & Transport:**

- 21- The Traffic and Transport subgroup met on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017.
- 22- The group received an update on live schemes. Discussions focused on Beaufort Rd Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders scheme and Lyppiatt Rd. It was generally recognised Beaufort Rd scheme will follow the Troopers Hill Traffic Calming Scheme, which is hoped will be done by the summer 2017.
- 23- The group also discussed its role going forward post the St George NP winding up. It was noted that Traffic and Transport related issues are one of the main local resident concerns. It was agreed to continue the Traffic and Transport subgroup in some form or another. The group would also like to see structure/s likely to supersede the St George NP and how best they could fit in.

## The future of Neighbourhood Partnerships – local decision making models for discussion:

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This paper sets out a number of ideas. We would like your feedback and suggestions. These are not fully worked up proposals. We understand there will be lots of questions about how things will work in practice. We are looking to develop these ideas and proposals with you. There will be time to work on the detail. During March we would like to have conversation about the broad ideas.

There will be a formal consultation which will start in May. This initial discussion is about helping us develop proposals which we can then consult on.

**We would like feedback about these proposals and options by 7<sup>th</sup> April at the latest. We will be arranging a meeting with ward councillors to follow up these discussions. Please use this document to respond to each option or state your preferred option.**

At the end of this document you will find some ‘useful information’ links where you will find some background information.

### Priorities

- Retain access to some funding, especially in areas of most need
- Enable decisions about the local portion of CIL and other neighbourhood decisions to be made/informed locally
- find a mechanism that does not heavily involve paperwork for making local decisions

### Options

#### A – Community ‘Spaces’

There is a clear steer based on feedback from members that retaining something similar to a forum function is a priority. The proposal is to set aside £14k from the £271k remaining in the neighbourhood budget to support this, and for the money to be given to a nominated community organisation in the area so the community space is organised locally. Council colleagues will help where this is needed in the transition period as resources allow. Councillors will decide which community organisation will receive the funding to run the community space. This could be based on agreed criteria.

Option A1: To offer £200/£400/£600 per ward to organise 2 community events / spaces per year. This would be a universal offer across the city for every ward. Total cost £14,000 from the remaining budget. £200 would be offered to one councillor wards, £400 to two councillor wards and £600 to three councillor wards. For example, we know that St George

want to keep the same boundaries and create a community partnership, this area would receive £800 to run their community spaces.

Option A2: To offer £1000 per existing NP rather than a set amount per ward. Universal offer across all NPs based on existing boundaries. Total cost £14,000.

### **Local decisions and allocation of funding**

The way funding is currently devolved to members required a paperwork-heavy bureaucratic process. The important thing is for members (using feedback from local people) to inform the decisions in public on local relevant things, and for this to be something that a wider range of local people want to be part of.

### **C – Neighbourhood Funding**

#### **C.1 Neighbourhood budget (£271k minus £14k for community space costs and £7k for annual public event costs = £250k)**

##### Option C1.1:

- £1,250 (one councillor ward) /£2,500 (two councillor ward) /£3,750 (three councillor ward) to be available each year to every ward that has access to less than £30k in CIL money via their community space. The money would be given to a local organisation chosen by the ward members and the idea would be that the money is then allocated via arrangements such as community soup\* that engage with local people.
- Cost = up to £87.5k
- The remaining money (£169.5k+) to be distributed across the 42 LSOA in 10% most deprived (2015 data) for all areas that have less than £30k in CIL available in their community space area. For example, £4k per LSOA = Approximately £28k in Hartcliffe & Withywood. Cost = £168k.
- Total cost = up to £253k

NB CIL threshold needs to be considered so that it doesn't disadvantage wards that are working together and we don't create more back office administration. At the moment CIL is allocated by NP area – this needs more thought.

##### Option C 1.2

- Same as above but with amended thresholds / amounts?

### **S106 and CIL decision making**

There is only one option being proposed – this is based on what is possible with future resources and funding. **The proposal for the future is for an annual public event to take place where all of the community spaces can come together over a wider geographical area (North, East/Central, South).** It would be in this setting that allocation of funding takes place. In order to reduce the need for paperwork, and to allow flexibility, the decisions may not be legally devolved in the same way as they are currently, but any formal sign off would

require the allocation decided at this meeting to be honoured unless there were legal implications. Formal sign off might sit with Cabinet Members, the Mayor or a combination of members and officers. This is being explored.

Cost: this will need some officer support (perhaps through democratic services using the time that is spent on current NP meetings?). There may also be venue costs. The proposal is to use the remaining £38k in the NP budget on officer support for these meetings, and allocate up to £7k a year from the £271k Neighbourhood budget for costs associated with these events.

## **C2: Section 106 budgets**

Important context: since the introduction of CIL, the law now says that s106 must be very specific about the mitigation measure and the location, so new s106 agreements do not have much real decision making associated with them.

Option C2.1: No local allocation of remaining s106 budgets - officers / Cabinet leads in consultation with ward members prioritise and deliver works

Option C2.2:

- Allocate remaining flexible s106 budgets at the annual public event (North, East/Central, South). These will tail off towards zero over time due to the newer s106 rules.
- Remove local decision making on s106 budgets that are very specific and therefore don't have any real decision making associated with them (e.g. installing a pedestrian crossing at a set location) – these decisions to go back to officers / Cabinet leads.

Option C.2.3: Allocate/prioritise all local s106 agreements at the annual public events (North, East/Central, South).

## **C3: CIL budgets**

The way that the local component of CIL can be spent has two main constraints. The first is that the CIL must be spent on measures to support the growth of the area, and the second is that the CIL must be spent in accordance with the wishes of the local community (i.e. the community that the development that paid the CIL is located within or near). There are no specific geographical limits to this, but it is clear that CIL cannot be spent in a way that does not relate to the wishes of the community in or near to the development that paid the CIL (for example, it would be difficult to show that money from a development in the city centre could be spent legitimately on the outskirts of the city).

However, there is a case to be made that the money can be invested more widely than the current geographical areas imposed via Neighbourhood Partnerships. For example, if there are fewer libraries or other public facilities in the future, a case could be made for spending

CIL money on facilities that are some distance away from the development – further than the existing NP boundaries. The options below try to take this into account.

The method of allocation is not specified here. It could be through direct allocation at meetings, or through an application process (this would need to be done via a third party as there will be little officer resource to manage these process in the future – and may involve a percentage of the money to be paid in a fee).

Areas with Neighbourhood Development Plans (these are formal plans which are part of the Localism Act) receive an additional 10% and would expect the full 25% to benefit the plan area. It is proposed that allocation of the CIL attached to NDPs is made within the community space covering that area.

For example, CIL allocations connected with the Old Market Neighbourhood Development Plan would be made by Councillors in the community space covering Lawrence Hill.

Option C3.1: Allocate CIL spend at the annual public event (North, East/Central, South). 50% of the local element of CIL is to be spent in the community space area (ideally 2 or more wards but this will be locally determined also some areas may decide ward boundaries do not work for them) with 50% to be spent over a wider geographical area on anything that can legitimately be connected to supporting the growth of the wider area and the rules of CIL. Councillors will need to agree area wide priorities for spend.

Option C3.2: Allocate CIL spend at the annual public event (North, East/Central, South) according to member discretion and planning/legal advice. No specific geographic parameters would be set in advance, the responsibility would sit with the councillors to ensure that the CIL spend could be directly be connected to supporting the growth of the area.

Option C3.3: Allocate CIL spend in the same way as current arrangements – i.e. according to existing NP boundaries. The process for this would have to be managed locally as there is no allocated resource for managing this.

### **Some worked examples based on some of the NPs that have started to decide their future**

*(Please note the budgets are based on spend commitments as known on 1<sup>st</sup> Feb)*

#### St George Community Partnership (2 x one councillor wards, 1 x two councillor ward)

- St George are planning to keep the current geographical boundary and form an open community partnership, independent of the council and working collaboratively with councillors and local people.

Budgets available to St George Community Partnership if the suggested options are taken

- £800 for running the community spaces
- £18,000 in CIL to spend in the Community Partnership area

- £5000 neighbourhood budget, allocated via community soup / at community space events / other allocation methods
- Access to additional funding (CIL, s106) and participation in budgeting and decision making at the annual event for East/Central area.

Bishopston, Cotham and Redland Neighbourhood Partnership (3 x two councillor wards)

- BCR are planning to keep the same geographical boundaries and build on the success of some of their recent community events and grant allocation events. Councillors and local residents are currently working together on the plans.

Budgets available to BCR if the suggested options are taken:

- £1,200 for running the community spaces
- £6,000 in CIL to spend in the Neighbourhood Partnership area
- £7,500 neighbourhood budget, allocated via community soup / at community space events / other allocation methods
- Access to additional funding (CIL, s106) and participation in budgeting and decision making at the annual event for North area.

Greater Bedminster Community Partnership (2 x two councillor wards).

- Greater Bedminster have been a strong, independent community partnership for many years who also took on the role of the Neighbourhood Partnership. They will continue to retain the community partnership.

Budgets available to Greater Bedminster Community Partnership if the suggested options are taken

- £800 for running the community spaces
- £55k in CIL to spend in the Community Partnership area
- Access to additional funding (CIL, s106) and participation in budgeting and decision making at the annual event for South area.

You can find further information about Neighbourhood Development Plans, Bristol's approach to CIL and what we know about 'deprivation' in the city by following the links below:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/neighbourhood-planning--2>

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/planning-and-building-regulations/community-infrastructure-levy>

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/statistics-census-information/deprivation>

\* **Community Soup** – this is based on the idea of 'Bristol Soup', a community-led project which support micro grants. People get together to have a light meal of soup. Everyone pays for the meal. This fund is then available to groups who present their 'ask' to the people

gathered. The winning idea receives the finding and come back at a later date to share what happened. In Bristol this has led to groups receiving further funding and 'in kind' support. Crucially it minimises paperwork and is about local people deciding what's important.

<https://bristolsoup.wixsite.com/home>

# Proposals for a new Community Group for St George

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Members of St George NP have been meeting to discuss how we should respond to the proposed changes to NPs across Bristol; whether the Partnership should continue and if so in what form.

Notes of the meetings held on 8<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> February can be seen here:

[www.stgeorgenp.org.uk/StGeorgeWorkshop160217.pdf](http://www.stgeorgenp.org.uk/StGeorgeWorkshop160217.pdf)

[www.stgeorgenp.org.uk/StGeorgeNPWorkshop080217.pdf](http://www.stgeorgenp.org.uk/StGeorgeNPWorkshop080217.pdf)

Members who attended the working group sessions believe that St George needs a group with the following priorities:

- To speak up for the whole of St George to ensure we get our share of any future funding;
- Give the area an identity and promote it as a wonderful place to live and work;
- Promote networking and exchange of information between community groups, Councillors, the Police & others;
- Continue to manage the website, our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) feeds and to support community notice boards.
- Act as a community of community groups;

Membership would be open to anyone who lives or works in St George or who has an interest in the area. There would be an elected committee and sub-groups to look at issues in more detail or to run specific projects.

The group would be independent of the Council but work collaboratively with Councillors and Council officers to bring about improvements in St George.

There would be open meetings for all members, committee meetings and sub-group/task group meetings. Public meetings could be arranged as necessary to discuss particular issues and/or promote proposed projects.

At the workshop it was suggested that the new group should be called the *St George Community Partnership*.

NP members are asked to volunteer to join an interim committee that would guide the formation of the new group until its own committee can be elected at its first meeting.



**St George Neighbourhood Partnership  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

**Report of:** NP Plan lead persons.

**Title:** NP Plan Update Report

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<b>Note NP Plan update: Content</b>
1- Crime and Community Safety
2- Traffic and Transport

1. NP Plan theme: Crime and Community Safety:

Activity/Description	Cost to date £	Update
<b>4.1 Priority 1: Anti-social Behaviour (ASB).</b>		
<p><b>Activity 1:</b> Early Intervention/Diversion/ABCD.</p> <p>Page 22</p>		<p>Various ASB interventions in place but the actual addresses cannot be supplied. However, we have started to use Community Protection Notices with landlords of private lets who have problematic tenants. This is done in an appropriate and measured way but it can be very effective in the right circumstances.</p> <p>A force restructure has begun and there will be greater alignment of Neighbourhood Policing with Early Intervention. The actual layout of this at the moment is unknown.</p>
<b>4.2 Priority 2: Mental Health</b>		
<p><b>Activity 1:</b> raising awareness in the community/how to report and where</p>		<p>We have not been able to progress this as well as we would have liked. I think that this should be something that we discuss when the new structure of the NP is known and how we can work more closely with Mental Health Services. We should also start to work closer with private agencies and companies who house vulnerable persons in the communities but we will need the help of the NP to do this effectively.</p>
<b>4.3 Priority 3: Road Safety</b>		
<p><b>Activity 1:</b> speeding and parking around schools/Community Speed Watch (CSW)</p>		<p>School patrol plans remain in place and PC Claire Coates is campaigning for road safety improvements around Summerhill Academy. Each PCSO is dedicated to a school for patrol at collection and drop off times. .</p>

<b>4.4 Burglary</b>		St George did see a spike of offences and PC Claire Coates implemented a thorough crime reduction plan at the time. The offences have dropped off over the last one to two weeks.
<b>4.5 Priority 4 : NHW</b>		
<b>Activity 1:</b> Supporting Neighbourhood Watch.		<p>Awaiting news on the association structure of NHW once it has been set up. We have appointed a new NHW Co-ordinator who works at Bridewell Police Station – Katie Brimble.</p> <p>Beat Team staff for St George are:  St George West and Troopers Hill – PC Claire Coates, PCSO Pawel Borkowski, PCSO Narjit Thapa  St George Central – PC Matt Clements, PCSO Hung Truong.</p>

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**2. NP Plan theme: Traffic and Transport.**

Description of works	Est cost	Update
<b>2.1 Priority 1: Speeding and Traffic Calming</b>		
<b>Activity 1:</b> Troopers Hill in St George NP area. Traffic Calming scheme. This is funded from IBFF	£30,000	Detailed design and pricing works currently being carried out following consideration of comments submitted at the TRO advert stage. Road hump notice will be re-advertised later in the year due to changes to road hump design and location. Implementation June / July 2017 subject to TRO and road hump notice sign off by Director.
<b>Activity 2:</b> Address safety concerns along Crews Hole Rd and Beaufort Rd. Design and implement suitable Traffic Calming Schemes.		Crews Hole Rd has been completed. Beaufort Rd Scheme is to be progressed after Troopers Hill Road scheme is implemented. New traffic surveys to be

		carried out to compare existing traffic flows to flows whilst experiment is running. The old ones are now out of date.
<b>Activity 4:</b> Design and implement traffic calming scheme along Plummer's Hill. NC approved this scheme on March 2014 meeting.	£40,000	This is now completed except for tree planting. Tree costs currently being negotiated internally.
<b>Activity 6: Bryant's Hill Crossing:-</b> Identify suitable location to install crossing along Bryant's Hill. NC approved this scheme on 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2016 NP meeting.	£18,000	Public consultation of pedestrian refuge island near The Trooper public house to be carried out in March 2017. No statutory TRO consultation required as double yellows are already in place. Consultation for the crossing will take place week commencing 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2017 with the view of implementing before end of September 2017.
<b>2.2 Priority 3: Parking problems/restrictions</b>		
<b>Activity 5:</b> Stop vehicles from parking on pavement in Eyppiatt Rd. NC approved this scheme on 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2016 NP meeting.	£12,500	This scheme was estimated to cost £25,000 of which the St George NP and Ashley Easton and Lawrence Hill NP shared 50:50. Highways overspend in a scheme in Easton and Lawrence Hill, which affected the share AEL NP allocated to the scheme. There is currently internal negotiations as to where this overspend should come from.
<b>2.3 Other Schemes</b>		
<b>Dundridge Lane park access: – Dropped kerb</b> Further funding for this scheme was approved. 25 <sup>th</sup> May adding further £6,000 and making total budget for the scheme £9,000	£9,000	Consultation letters will be delivered to those residents that are deemed to be directly affected by the works on Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March'17. It estimated works will begin mid July 2017, subject to consultation feedback.