



## **Bishopston, Cotham and Redland Neighbourhood Partnership Agenda**

**Date:** Monday, 23 January 2017  
**Time:** 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm  
**Place:** Gloucestershire County Cricket Ground, Nevil Road, Bristol BS7 9EJ

**1. Welcome, Introductions and Safety Information**

**2. Apologies for Absence**

**3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 5 - 12)**

To agree the minutes of the last meeting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016 as a correct record.

**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**.

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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. **Public Forum**

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 12pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017.**

## 6. **New Business Representative - Formal Adoption** (Pages 13 - 14)

Please find attached the above report.

## 7. **Discussion on the Budget Situation and the Future of Neighbourhood Partnerships**

There will be a verbal discussion on this item.

## 8. **Neighbourhood Co-ordinator's Report** (Pages 15 - 26)

Please find attached the Neighbourhood Co-ordinator's report, together with Appendix 1 providing a budget update.

## 9. **Reports From Working Groups**

The reports from each of the working groups are set out below

### a. **Street Scene Working Group** (Pages 27 - 30)

The report from this Working Group is attached.

### b. **Sustainable Transport Working Group** (Pages 31 - 34)

Please find attached the report of the Sustainable Transport Working Group.

### c. **Parks Working Group Report** (Page 35)

Please find attached the report of the above Working Group

**d. Report of the Small Grants Working Group (Pages 36 - 39)**

Please find attached the report of the Small Grants Working Group

**10. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the BCR NP is scheduled for 7pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017 (subject to confirmation at Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 meeting) at a venue to be confirmed.

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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

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Anyone who lives or works in the area can get involved in this Neighbourhood Partnership by:

- **Attending this meeting and commenting on any item of business on the agenda.** Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting and contribute.
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**Bishopston, Cotham and Redland Neighbourhood Partnership  
7.00 pm, 10 October 2016**

**Present:**

**Ward Councillors**

Councillor Tom Brook, Bishopston and Ashley Down;  
Councillor Eleanor Combley, Bishopston and Ashley Down;  
Councillor Martin Fodor, Redland;  
Councillor Fi Hance, Redland;  
Councillor Cleo Lake, Cotham;  
Councillor Anthony Negus, Cotham;

**Partners**

Representatives of people who live and work in the Neighbourhood Partnership area

Representatives of people who live and work in the Neighbourhoods of Bishopston, Botham and Redland:

**Roger Gimson (Neighbourhood Partnership Chair) – Sustainable Redland**  
**Simon Baines (Business Representative)**  
**Jenny Hoadley (Bishopston Society)**  
**Liz Kew (Resident Representative)**  
**Gavin Spittlehouse (Sustainable Bishopston),**  
**Sarah Thorp (Business Representative)**  
**Rob Umphray (Resident Representative)**

**Also in Attendance:-**

**Matthew Jones (Neighbourhood Officer)**  
**Andrew McGrath (Area Co-ordinator)**  
**Jeremy Livitt (Democratic Services)**

**Apologies for Absence:**

**Alison Bromilow (Neighbourhood Partnership Vice-Chair) – Redland and Cotham Amenities Society**  
**Paul Bolton-Jones – Avon and Somerset Police**  
**Lesley Welch – Equalities Advocate**

## **1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies for Absence (agenda item no. 1)**

The NP noted that Mark Riley had resigned from the BCR NP and that Simon Baines would be resigning with effect from the end of this meeting.

## **2. Declarations of Interest (agenda item no. 2)**

No declarations of interest were made.

## **3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (agenda item no. 3)**

Resolved – that the above Minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Action: JL

## **4. Public Forum (agenda item no. 4)**

A Public Forum statement was received and noted in respect of consultation on the proposed reductions to the evening and Sunday 's Bus Network.

Action: None

## **5. Small Grants Report (agenda item no. 5)**

Jenny Hoadley drew NP members' attention to the recommendations of the Small Grants Panel in respect of the following applications.

### **Gloucester Road Central**

This application would improve the environment around Gloucester Road and was supported by traders. It would be used to fund several banners from Gloucester Road up to Gainsborough Square, with the remaining part of the funding (£7,000) to be made by traders.

The NP discussed whether or not the amount funded by the NP should be greater than proposed by the Small Grants Fund group ie 50%.

The following comments were made:

- (1) Crowd funding could be used to promote this scheme and encourage more traders to support it. Reference was made to Destination Bristol's recent crowd funding workshop and it was suggested that an NP member could be trained to do this;
- (2) Extra investment up to 50% would help to ensure that the scheme was as successful as possible;
- (3) The NP should remain with the proposed recommendation of the Group to fund £4,820. The remaining amount of funding can be obtained – there are other sources which could be used to provide it;
- (4) The recommended amount of funding by the Small Grants Group was a significant amount. It was moved by Councillor Negus and seconded by Councillor Combley that £4820 be awarded to this Group as recommended by the Small Grants Sub Group.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Brook, which was not seconded, that 50% of the £13,450 requested be awarded to this Group.

Upon being put to the vote, the original motion was approved (6 for, 0 against).

**Resolved (unanimously) by the Neighbourhood Committee –**

**(1) that Gloucester Road Central be awarded £4,820 as recommended by the Small Grants Sub Group**

**(2) that subject to eligibility part of the Gloucester Road Central Application should be funded through CIL income**

### **TIGER**

Following a subsequent approach that had been made to TIGER, they had indicated that they would be delighted to discuss the matter further with Cotham School and submit a separate application at a later date.

NP members expressed support for the suggestion of a subsequent application involving Cotham School. It was moved by Councillor Fodor, seconded by Councillor Brook and upon being put to the vote was

**Resolved (unanimously) by the Neighbourhood Committee – that**

**(1) TIGER be awarded £1924.44 as recommended by the Small Grants Sub Group.**

**(2) the NP would be happy to receive a further application from TIGER concerning Cotham School**

Action: Andrew McGrath

### **WIAS (Women Independent Alcohol Support)**

The NP noted that this application was very important and, whilst a comparatively small amount of money, would be of huge benefit. It was encouraging to see an organisation for women in this area since Alcoholics Anonymous were more male-oriented.

It was moved by Councillor Negus, seconded by Councillor Fodor and upon being put to the vote was

**Resolved (unanimously) by the Neighbourhood Committee - that WIAS be awarded £1894 as recommended by the Small Grants Sub-Group.**

Action: Andrew McGrath

### **ABC Application.**

The NP noted that this application focused on students rather than HMSO's. The purpose of the study would be to identify the effects of the increase of student numbers – it was acknowledged that there was an interest across the country in this area. The candidate areas which had been identified included Kensington Road, Cotham Brow and Cotham Hill which had areas with high numbers of students and Multiple Occupancy (Cotham Hill was no longer in the BCR NP area). At least 12 other University cities were using planning-based threshold policies. The recent study in Kingsdown had helped massively in this area by demonstrating certain problem issues which had previously been difficult to confirm.

NP members made the following points:

(1) This survey could undermine the relationship with students which had improved recently;

(2) Previous analyses had identified those factors which made an area unsustainable and could then be tackled through Planning-based solutions. This survey would not do this;

(3) The Kingsdown survey was unlikely to have revealed anything that was not already known. A more evidence-based approach was required;

- (4) The proposed survey could be seen as a means to lobby certain groups and was not a positive project-building exercise. It did not support communities or meet Planning criteria. The Local Plan would be reviewed within the next 2 years. This would be the opportunity to obtain the necessary information;
  - (5) The approach could be unintentionally divisive and be perceived as targeting students;
  - (6) Conclusions from the data appeared to be drawn in a particular way which was not helpful. It was important to avoid an “us and them” situation;
  - (7) It was surprising how few students replied to the questionnaire.
- The NP’s views were sought and they voted unanimously (0 for, 8 against) to reject the request for funding.

Councillor Negus moved, seconded by Councillor Brook and upon being put to the vote it was

**Resolved (5 for, 0 against, 1 abstention) by the Neighbourhood Committee - that no funding be awarded to this organisation.**

It was also noted that the deadline for grant applications for 2016/17 is 28th November 2016.

ACTION: Andrew McGrath

## **6. Reports from Working Groups (agenda item no. 6)**

The NP received the following reports from Working Groups.

### **a. Street Scene (agenda item no. 6a)**

The NP congratulated Gavin Spittlehouse for his work in planting 2,000 trees.

Liz Kew confirmed that a garage had been located as a storage area in future but did not have access to water. Previous funding had been used to tackle graffiti at the lower end of Gloucester Road – this proposed funding would be used for the top end of Gloucester Road.

The NP noted that the Group ran a closed Facebook Page which would shortly be opened up to Councillors.

It was moved by Councillor Combley, seconded by Councillor Fodor and upon being put to the vote it was

**Resolved (unanimously) by the Neighbourhood Committee – that additional funding of £6,890 be approved to enable the group to carry out work throughout autumn and winter.**

Action: Andrew McGrath

### **b. Sustainable Transport (agenda item no. 6b)**

Details of Sustainable Travel Working Group meetings, selection of future road schemes and the Special Public Forum were noted.

The NP noted that, following the Special Public Forum on 27th September 2016, the NP Chair had received over 800 responses. In addition, a newsletter was being worked upon.

The NP commented that the Special Public Forum had been a very successful meeting. Members' attention was drawn to the Walking Map on Facebook which had new views and faces. It was noted that some of the links could be sent to NP members.

**Resolved: that the report be noted.**

Action: None

**c. Parks (agenda item no. 6c)**

**Supply and Fixing Of Signage On Shared Use Paths In Ashley Down Green, Horfield Common and Redland Green**

NP members were advised that the Service Director (Neighbourhoods and Communities) was investigating the possibility of a Council policy concerning signage in parks. In view of this, it was agreed that a decision on the Parks Group's recommendation to approve £3500 to cover supply and fixing of signage on shared use paths in Ashley Down Green, Horfield Common and Redland Green should be postponed until a later date.

**Action: Andrew McGrath – to add to a later Agenda as appropriate**

**Two Notice Boards – Ashley Down Green**

Councillor Brook moved, seconded by Councillor Combley and, upon being put to the vote, it was

**Resolved (5 for, 0 against, 1 abstention) by the Neighbourhood Committee - that up to £3,500 be approved to cover supply and fix two notice boards in Ashley Down Green.**

Action: Andrew McGrath

**Benches – Cotham Gardens and Lovers' Walk**

Councillor Negus moved, seconded by Councillor Lake and upon being put to the vote it was

**Resolved (unanimously) by the Neighbourhood Committee - that additional expenditure of up to £11,000 be approved for refurbishment of benches in Cotham Gardens and Lovers Walk.**

Action: Andrew McGrath

**High Kingsdown Playground Refurbishment**

Councillor Lake moved, seconded by Councillor Brook and upon being put to the vote it was

**Resolved (unanimously) by the Neighbourhood Committee – that £26,000 be approved for the High Kingsdown Playground Refurbishment.**

Action: Andrew McGrath

## **BCRNP Parks Working Group**

The Neighbourhood Partnership unanimously approved the allocation of £50,000 for the Working Group budget.

**Resolved – that £50,000 be approved by the Neighbourhood Partnership for the BCR NP Parks Working Group budget.**

Action: Andrew McGrath

The NP noted that the proposed refurbishment of the playground at Cotham Gardens could not yet be voted upon as it was unpriced.

## **CIL – Parks Funding**

Councillor Combley moved, it was duly seconded and upon being put to the vote

**Resolved (unanimously) by the Neighbourhood Committee – that all the funding agreed for Parks be obtained through CIL wherever possible.**

Action: Andrew McGrath

### **d. Trees (agenda item no. 6d)**

The NP noted that the report incorrectly stated that one of the sites on which trees were planted was outside the side entrance to 89 Redland Road (as opposed to the correct address of 93 Redland Road).

It was also noted that a future request for funding would be made by the University of Bristol.

The NP acknowledged that the Working Group was requesting funding of £3128.17 for future work.

Councillor Hance moved, seconded by Councillor Fodor and it was

**Resolved (unanimously) by the Neighbourhood Committee that £3128.17 be approved for future work.**

Action: Andrew McGrath

### **e. Communication and Engagement (Agenda Item No. 6e)**

The NP noted this report.

Members placed on record their thanks to Alison Bromilow for the success of the Community Fair Event.

**Resolved: that the report be noted.**

Action: None

## **7. Neighbourhood Co-ordinator's Report (agenda item no. 7)**

The NP's attention was drawn to the fact that, during the NP Equalities Review 2016, a survey showed that 3.4% of respondents referred to themselves as BME (Black Minority Ethnic) compared to 10.2% in the 2011 Census.

It was noted that the Round 3 3-ward Forum at 7pm on Thursday 8th December 2016 would now be held on Monday 21st November 2016. In addition, the Round 4 date of Wednesday 1st January 2017 was inaccurate.

### **Resolved by the Neighbourhood Partnership:**

- (1) that the Communication and Engagement Working Group consider ways of improving the 3.4% of respondents referring to themselves as BME in the 2016 Equalities Review survey**
- (2) that NP members be advised of the replacement date for the 2016/17 Round 4 3-ward Forum (previously 15th January 2017)**
- (3) that the current budget of the NP be noted**
- (4) that the information regarding the recent citywide event be noted**
- (5) that the latest meeting schedule of dates for Forums and NP meetings in 2016/17 be noted (subject to the changes for Rounds 3 and 4 of the 3-Ward Forum mentioned above)**
- (6) that the brief update regarding the recent equalities review be noted**
- (7) that the latest devolved services updates be noted.**

Action (1) and (2): Andrew McGrath

## **8. Any Other Business (agenda item no. )**

Following a request from a number of NP members, it was agreed that the informal NP meetings which had previously been discontinued, would recommence for January 2017 for the next NP meeting.

**Action: Andrew McGrath**

## **9. Date of Next Meeting (agenda item no. 8)**

**Resolved – that the next meeting is scheduled at 7pm on Monday 23rd January 2017 at Gloucestershire Cricket Ground, Nevil Road, Bristol BS7 9EJ.**

Action: None

Meeting ended at 9.10 pm

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



**Recommendation:**

- To **discuss and agree** the adoption of Shelly Swift on to the NP as a Business Rep

Please see below a statement from Shelley Swift regarding her possible adoption as a Business Rep on the Neighbourhood Partnership.

## **Neighbourhood Partnership**

### **Statement of interest**

#### **Business advocate**

As an owner of a local business, a teacher and a family resident, I am heavily invested in my local community. I have been fortunate to have held the position of Federation head of International which afforded me numerous opportunities. These include the establishment of local, national and international networks, the oversight of a large budget, significant leadership and experience in community engagement. I have worked within a number of multidisciplinary teams of NGOs, charities, British Council, Universities and business to organise large community events and conferences. I am expert advisor representing the UK with 'Think Global', and previous Chair to a number of education related national and international bodies. As a business owner, I have also organised community events related to martial arts and therapies. Following my return to Bristol in December 2016 from living in Shanghai for three years, I have worked to improve the functionality of the Gloucester Road BID thus becoming Chair with a new board of directors in September 2016. Since appointment of this non-remunerated position, I have invested significant time and energy to allow the board to function effectively in a sustainable manner. This has included changing the structure, reducing utilities, providing business support and of course the organisation of community events. As a team, we organised a large Christmas event in short time with minimal resources and we hope to continue to engage with our community in the future. Part of this commitment involves engagement and improved communication with other local organisations who have an interest in the betterment of our local community. I am keen to work in a fair and transparent way to enable our local area to be a place to live and work happily from the perspective of all. It is with this goal, that I wish to act as business trader representative for the Neighbourhood partnership.





## MY NEIGHBOURHOOD



### Bishopston, Cotham and Redland NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017

**Report of:** Andrew McGrath – Communities & Neighbourhoods

**Title:** Neighbourhood Co-ordinator

**Contact Telephone Number:** 0117 9036436

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS.** The NP is asked:

1. To **note** the current budget of the NP
2. To **note** the latest meeting schedule of dates for Forums and NP meetings in 2016/17 and to **advise** the Coordinator of any changes that need to be made
3. To **note** the brief update regarding the Corporate Strategy 2017-22 and discussions regarding potential future governance models
4. To **note and comment** on the recently launched Clean Streets Campaign, and to **agree** how the NP can progress its involvement in this campaign (see also the Street Scene Group's report)
5. To note the case study report regarding the new playground in Ashley Green Park and to **agree the release of £84,595.16 S106 funds** held by this NP to pay for the playground
6. To **accept** £5000 Transformer's Youth Fund and administer through the small grants process as per the conditions within the report. Decisions to be agreed by the whole Neighbourhood Partnership (see also the small grants report)

## 1. Budget update

Please see appendix 1. As the NP knows, the general budgets of the NPs have been frozen and are extremely unlikely to be returned. We can make no more financial commitments from our general budget.

CIL and S106 are not frozen. At the last NP meeting, this NP committed all of its CIL to the three projects outlined in the budget. It so happens that another small CIL amount (**£223.48**) has since been added to our CIL list. The NP may wish to **discuss and agree** what to recommend the Neighbourhood Committee allocate this amount to.

The NP has also been allocated **£10,671.54** S106 funding for the provision of improvements to Parks and Open Spaces within one mile of the former Kings Arms (Kingsdown). The NP has one more NP scheduled before the demise of the current structure. The NP may wish to **discuss and agree** what to recommend the Neighbourhood Committee allocate this amount to (see Parks report).

The table below outlines what each working group has committed/spent against its spend limit. The figures match those in the budget update

<b>Working Group</b>	<b>Spend limit for 2016/17</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Street Scene	£16,973.50	£5,000 2016/17 + £2,083.50 c/f approved at the April NP for 2016/17 + £3,000 for Kingsdown – (June NP) +£6,890 (Oct NP)
Sustainable Travel	£37,000	£30k for Sommerville Rd project, £3,000 committed (June NP)
Trees	£7,782	All committed
Young People	£1,000	c/f from 2015/16. Overseen by C&E working group. Not spent
Communication & Engagement	£3,250	£2,500 committed to community fair costs at June NP (inc £2,100 for small grants process)
Parks	£57,842	£48,342 approved and committed (inc £7,842 RCAS play equipment)
Small Grants	£25,000	£18,494.44 allocated at June and Oct NPs
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£148,847.50</b>	Agreed expenditure = <b>£127,091.94</b>

## 2. Future meeting dates

Please note the dates for upcoming meetings. The NP is asked to agree or amend the dates

	<b>Meeting Round 3 2016/17</b>	<b>Meeting Round 4 2016/17</b>
<b>Neighbourhood Partnership</b>	7.00pm Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2017 Glos CCC	7.00pm Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2017 Venue tbc
<b>Neighbourhood Partnership Review meeting</b>	tbc	tbc
		
<b>Combined 3-ward Forums</b>	7.00pm Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December Colston's Primary School	tbc

## 3. Citywide event and Corporate Strategy

### Corporate Strategy 2017-22

The NP will be aware that the BCC Corporate Strategy 2017-22 was recently out for consultation. The NP submitted its view on this document.

Proposed budget savings directly relating to Neighbourhood Partnerships as they appear in the Corporate Strategy 2017-2022 Consultation are as follows:

<b>Action:</b>	<b>Outcome:</b>	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>2018/19</b>
<b>Remove funding for local traffic schemes currently devolved to Neighbourhood Partnerships</b>	Currently Neighbourhood Partnerships are given £350k to provide smaller local traffic schemes, which could be removed generating (including staff costs) a £410k saving. Note that delivery of current planned schemes may be impacted.	<b>£410,00</b>	

<b>Reshape our approach to civic engagement and local empowerment and reform Neighbourhood Partnerships.</b>	We recognise the value of Neighbourhood Partnerships but believe there are more efficient ways to undertake this engagement role, and we will work to change the focus and scope of the Neighbourhood Partnerships. The level of saving will depend on the approach taken.	<b>£206,000–£618,000</b>	<b>£69,000–£207,000</b>
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The full proposed impact of the cuts on NPs will not be known until the cabinet papers are published for the 7<sup>th</sup> February Cabinet meeting. The new council budget will be debated and passed (with any agreed amendments) at the Full Council Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017.

The Mayor, and the cabinet member responsible for Neighbourhoods, Asher Craig, have publicly declared that they consider NPs are likely to be subject to significant changes or removal. Cllr Craig has convened a task group to lead the review of NPs. The timetable for this review is, at present, unknown.

A Locality Conference is being held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2017. Some (not all) reps have been invited, along with reps from other local organisations. Chairs and vice chairs of NPs have been invited. This conference is not about ‘what next for NPs’. It’s about Neighbourhoods – people and place. Discussions will include local assets such as libraries and community hubs; ways of managing green spaces, and local activism. A full report will be provided following the conference

#### **4. Clean Streets Campaign – Launched 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016**

*Kurt James, Clean Streets Campaign Project Manager writes:* The Mayor has made a pledge that Bristol will be measurably cleaner by 2020.

Measurably cleaner means less litter, fly tipping, fly posting, graffiti, dog fouling, gum and weeds in the city; as well as much more reuse, repairing and recycling so that less waste is produced and disposed of in landfill.

Making Bristol and its streets cleaner is something that everyone who lives, works, learns, or plays here contributes to, supported by those that have the job of keeping the city clean and tidy and working. To make the city cleaner we will:

- Provide a quality cleansing service with clear standards. We also want to tell you what we are doing and how well we are doing it, whether that be cleansing or recycling. We want residents to tell us where what we do is not working or could be better so that we can get better. We also want you to tell us when you see problems like fly tipping or graffiti so that we can do something about it;

- Work with residents, community and faith groups, Universities, schools, and businesses to help them to do their bit whether large or small to improve the look and feel of the city. This could be done through picking up one piece of litter, community clean ups, planting, painting or just sweeping outside their front door or shopfront;
- Spread the word about keeping the city clean and tidy far and wide, and keep doing it. If we want Bristol to be a great city then let us be clear about what we want it to look like and help it to become that. We will embed the campaign principles in the local authority and how it works moving forward and ask our partners to do the same. We will also highlight areas where behaviours like dumping waste on the streets takes place;
- We make sure that our policies and the law support our efforts to keep the city clean and tidy, are visible to the city, and are acted upon;
- We use our enforcement resources where it is needed to back up our aim which is to educate, engage and then enforce to make the city cleaner;

The campaign will be launched on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016 and over the next year and beyond we will spread the campaign messaging through our networks and those of our partners, and we would like you to help with this.

We will do more enforcement where we need to and share the impact; involve schools and other learning institutions with the campaign and double the number of Eco-Schools; celebrate the good work that volunteers do quietly to improve their areas and support groups who want to get involved; strengthen our policy base and guidance materials to make it easier for us to manage problems and safer for groups who want to help out; and we will fix difficult problems where we can.

What the Mayor would like from Neighbourhood Partnerships

As partnerships know their areas better than anyone else and have worked hard over the years to improve your areas we wondered if you could:

- Tell us through your Coordinator how you want your area to look?
- Tell us what we need to do more of to make your areas cleaner and tidier and where this needs to be done?
- Tell us about the great work that you have done, do or plan to do large or small which will contribute to improving the look and feel of the city so that we can share this far and wide and make it a part of this campaign as we move forward?

It is **proposed** that the Street Scene Group take the lead on this project

## 5. Ashley Green Playground

Please see below the Ashley Down Green Playground case study. The time has now come to release the S106 the NP has been holding for this project for some years.

**The Neighbourhood Committee is requested to agree the release of the £84,595.16 S106 funding** relating to the City of Bristol College site (SB18).

### Ashley Down Green Case Study

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<b>Organisation Name</b>	<i>Bristol City Council</i>
<b>Site/park name</b>	<i>Ashley Down Green</i>
<b>Address</b>	<i>Dirac Road, Bristol, BS7 9LP</i>
<b>Contact Start Date</b>	<i>August 2016</i>
<b>Contract Duration</b>	<i>2 months</i>
<b>Date of site opening</b>	<i>October 2016</i>
<b>Project Value</b>	<i>£110,000</i>
<b>Contractor name</b>	<i>BCC Landscape Team</i>
<b>Project Funder</b>	<i>Section 106, BCC Play Fund</i>
<b>Project Brief</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Objectives and expectations</li> <li>• What did they want to achieve?</li> </ul>	<p>The open space, formally Muller House open space now referred to as Ashley Down Green is an important and unique green space in a very urban area.</p> <p>The project is concerned with the installation of a new play area at the Dirac Road end of the open space and improving the access into the site, via Stoney Lane. The proposed location for both elements of project does fall within the Ashley Down Conservation Area.</p> <p>A considered and 'reasonable' approach is needed to ensure proposed designs reflect the nature of this space, providing a low impact and natural play area which is complementary to the homes which border it on 3 sides and the small woodland on the 4th side.</p> <p>This is a small space, used by local people throughout the day for many different purposes. They, and those whose homes adjoin the green, should be able to continue to enjoy the site without feeling compromised or marginalised by the installation of a large and over-dominant play area.</p> <p><b><u>Reason(s) why this project is needed (including strategic need):</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Was part of the original planning conditions set down in 2003</li> <li>• Provides better access to the green space in line with BCC Parks and the Green Space Strategy</li> <li>• Provides safer routes for school children in the area who otherwise have to use the main road</li> <li>• Supports the BCR NP walking strategy for the area</li> <li>• Improves safety of the park by having another exit point</li> <li>• Encourages residents in the local area to access the space by foot rather than</li> </ul>

	<p>driving and parking on Dirac Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Links to Neighbourhood Partnership priorities: Promote increased number of active travel journeys, walking strategy.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Objectives (Include strategic objectives)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Parks and Green Spaces Strategy:</b></li> </ul> <p><b>IG3</b> Upgrade some areas of informal green spaces to allow for safe informal play and sport, including enclosing them with railings and making them dog free.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Area Green Spaces Plan states:</b></li> </ul> <p>.....an area of green space has been created to provide informal green space and a children’s play area.....</p> <p><b><u>What were the objectives</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To consult with all stakeholders over options for the access improvements and the play area</li> <li>• To create and improve the access to the green space though the existing allotment site at the Stoney Lane end of the site.</li> <li>• To install a new play area in keeping with the budget and the budget allocated</li> </ul> <p><b><u>What were the expected outcomes</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improvement to access to Ashley Down Green.</li> <li>• New play area</li> <li>• Enhancements to the environment and surroundings of park and streets around the park</li> <li>• Increased sense of user ownership of the park by Friends of Group</li> <li>• Increased positive engagement of people with the management and improvement of the park.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Project Details</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age range</li> <li>• Key activity (MUGA, Fitness, Play)</li> <li>• Equipment (Urban, Natural, Traditional)</li> <li>• Products(Bloqx, playhouse)</li> <li>• Other Elements (surfacing/landscaping)</li> </ul>	<p><i>Robinia equipment on rubber mulch –</i></p> <p>NRO803-0601 DOUBLE BALANCE BEAM  NRO-CUSTOM CUSTOM DOUBLE SWING WITH 2 CRADLE SEATS  NRO113-0421 Bee Springer  40 CM INGROUND COLOR  NRO703-1001 PLAY HUT WITH STAIRWAY  NRO866-1001 AGILITY TRAIL 7  NRO2003-1021 Double Tower with Spider Net NET COLOR  NRO907-1101 DOUBLE BAY SWING NEST/TWO STD BIRD NEST / TWO SEATS  NRO803-0601 DOUBLE BALANCE BEAM  NRO108-0401 BUTTERFLY SEESAW  SWD030 Inclusive Roundabout</p>
<p><b>What were the site’s constraints or opportunities? How were these overcome or utilised?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited access</li> <li>• Existing gradients</li> </ul>	<p>Site constraints were mainly due to topography and drainage from the installation teams perspective. The site was hugely uneven having drop in levels in several places of over 1.5 metres and being prone to bogginess during the winter months.</p> <p>The other constraints were from a resident’s perspective, in that many of them were concerned over the construction traffic, impact on residents of extra visitors and visual impact of the play equipment on the skyline – all these were listened too and added into the project brief to ensure the project overcome these concerns during the installation phase.</p>





## 6. Transformers Youth Fund

Avon and Somerset Police Community Trust has been managing the Transformers Fund, a small grant aimed at working with young people and delivering youth activities. The Trust has found that it has been difficult to attract enough projects and has agreed to devolve £5,000 of the fund to each of Bristol's Neighbourhood Partnerships. **The NP is asked to accept the £5,000 Transformers Youth Funding and abide by the funding conditions below**

The fund will be administered through the NP Well Being Small Grants Process, and can be allocated from September 2016. All funds must be allocated by March 2017 and all projects must be finished by February 2018. Monitoring must be submitted by applicants one month after the end of their project the last monitoring should be received no later than 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

**Note:** This fund is not subject to the spending freeze imposed on the NP's funds as it is, ultimately, owned by an external agency (Avon & Somerset Police)

Please note that decisions on the allocation of funds from this source are made by the whole NP, not only the Neighbourhood Committee.

In addition to the Well Being Small Grants criteria the following additional criteria must be adhered to:

- Applicant should be working with identified group of young people
- Applicant should identify a priority from the relevant Neighbourhood Partnership Plan
- Outcomes should benefit young people in their local Neighbourhood Partnership Area
- Where possible outcomes should benefit youth provision
- That projects should be celebrated/showcased as part of other NP events, for example at NP led community events/as part of the NP meeting/other celebratory activities.
- The Avon and Somerset Police Community Trust want to see copies of all monitoring information after projects have been delivered.

The NP's Small Grants Panel has been notified about this fund and, due to the freeze on the NP's general funds, has managed to re-allocate two of the applications sent to the general fund, to the Transformers Fund. Both applications are set out in the Small Grant report. They both meet the Transformers Fund funding criteria.

**BCR NP Running Budget update****Appendix 1**

<b><u>Income</u></b>	<b>Brought fwd from 2015-16</b>	<b>New in 2016- 17</b>	<b>Total for 2016-17</b>
Devolved budget			
General budget	7,512.00	31,500.00	39,012.00
Highways budget	55,215.00	25,714.00	80,929.00
Narrow Estates budget		4,029.00	4,029.00
	<u>62,727.00</u>	<u>61,243.00</u>	<u>123,970.00</u>
Other			
RCAS Play equipment	7,842.00		7,842.00
Winning Whiteladies repayment		1,109.97	1,109.97
	<u>7,842.00</u>	<u>1,109.97</u>	<u>8,951.97</u>
Sub total	<u>70,569.00</u>	<u>62,352.97</u>	<u>132,921.97</u>
Section 106			
Trees	4,653.83		4,653.83
Parks	8,564.64		8,564.64
	<u>13,218.47</u>		<u>13,218.47</u>
CIL			
Remaining at 1 April 2016	13,690.36		13,690.36
Additional to 31 July 2016		13,043.31	13,043.31
	<u>13,690.36</u>	<u>13,043.31</u>	<u>26,733.67</u>
Sub total	<u>26,908.83</u>	<u>13,043.31</u>	<u>39,952.14</u>
Total	<u>97,477.83</u>	<u>75,396.28</u>	<u>172,874.11</u>

<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>	<b>NP Limit</b>	<b>NC Approved</b>	<b>From CIL</b>	<b>From S.106</b>	<b>Date</b>
Highways Scheme - Sommerville Rd	30,000.00	30,000.00			26.1.15
<b>Communications &amp; Engagement</b>	3,250.00				20.6.16
Community Fair		2,500.00			20.6.16
	<u>3,250.00</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>			
<b>Parks</b>					
RCAS Play equipment	7,842.00	7,842.00			C/F
	50,000.00			8,564.64	10.10.16
Ashley Down Green nbds		3,500.00	3,500.00		10.10.16
Cotham Gardens benches		11,000.00	11,000.00		10.10.16
High Kingsdown play refurb		26,000.00	5,717.00		10.10.16
	<u>57,842.00</u>	<u>48,342.00</u>			
<b>Small Grants</b>	20,000.00				11.4.16
	5,000.00				20.6.16
Chandos Rd Cty Assoc		876.00	876.00		20.6.16
Golden Hill Cty Garden		1,640.00	-		20.6.16
Playing Out		2,340.00	-		20.6.16
Redland Parish Church		2,000.00	2,000.00		20.6.16
SusBish/Living Room		3,000.00	2,200.00		20.6.16
Glos Rd Central banners		4,820.00			10.10.16
TIGER - gender equality		1,924.44			10.10.16
WIAS - women & alcohol		1,894.00			10.10.16
	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>18,494.44</u>			
<b>Street Scene</b>	8,000.00				20.6.16
Approved from 2015/16	2,083.50	2,083.50	-		20.6.16
Current year expenditure		5,000.00	300.00		20.6.16
Kingsdown street scene		3,000.00	-		20.6.16
Additional current year	6,890.00	6,890.00			10.10.16
	<u>16,973.50</u>	<u>16,973.50</u>			
<b>Sustainable Travel</b>	7,000.00				20.6.16
Minor signs, lines, etc		2,000.00			20.6.16
Forecourt cycle stands		1,000.00			20.6.16
	<u>7,000.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>			
<b>Trees</b>					20.6.16
Redland House mitigation	4,653.83	4,653.83		4,653.83	20.6.16
	<u>3,128.17</u>	<u>3,128.17</u>			
	<u>7,782.00</u>	<u>7,782.00</u>			
<b>Young People</b>	1,000.00				20.6.16
	<u>148,847.50</u>	<u>127,091.94</u>	<u>25,593.00</u>	<u>13,218.47</u>	

**Unallocated** 24,026.61

## BCR NP Streetscene Group report – January 2017

*The Neighbourhood Partnership is asked to note the following report*

As we have previously highlighted, the group has had a successful 2016. However, we have major worries about the present state of our Street environment as well as the group's future.

### Litter across the partnership area

As highlighted in the previous report, litter is still an escalating issue across the partnership area. This includes litter on routes to and from fast food businesses as well as litter that has been created by overflowing bins and side waste being left around them. We are still experiencing issues with recycling being dropped by collection crews and then left behind on collection days. Worryingly, a number of residents are reporting that streets are not being swept, despite issues being reported, which is a concerning trend.

We have recruited four new volunteers and have supplied them with litter picking equipment, bags and gloves. We are delighted to report, that the volunteers have already made fantastic contributions.

Collectively, our volunteers have removed 73 bags of litter from the streets since the start of October 2016.

We would also like to thank the volunteers across that partnership area that have removed 20 bags of leaves from roads and pavements. Volunteers have also unblocked gullies which has helped keep drains clear and reduce the risk of flooding. However, many of our roads are still full of leaves which are rotting on top of the weeds that were not removed this summer.

### Fly tipping

Fly tipping volumes have also been increasing. We are seeing more building and construction waste, electrical goods, moving in/out waste and trade waste dumped more frequently across the partnership area.

To give this some context, the highest number of fly tips reported by a single group member in a week is 41. In addition to this, 5 individual/business fly tippers were identified in a single week from waste deposited on The Prom alone. Information and evidence was provided to the enforcement team but as yet we are unaware if any action has been or indeed, will be taken. There is no published information about enforcement activity currently we only receive sporadic/informal updates.

With this in mind, we are concerned that we are not receiving an equitable share of the available support/resource from the enforcement team. Leaving the issue unaddressed effectively grants permission. Inevitably, fly tipping will continue to escalate.

## Tagging

The storage facility, has provided volunteers with easier access to paint and supplies. This has helped increase the number of tags removed as well as help shorten the window that the tag is left visible.

Unfortunately, tagging has further increased across the partnership area. This is both in terms of volume as well as scale of tags that we are seeing. Our major project areas have now moved into maintenance phase which means additional work for volunteers in addition to the core work of reporting and removing tags.

In the October report, we requested (and were awarded) £6,890 of additional funds to support the group. We have drawn down £2,890 of these funds which has been used to fund paint, equipment and materials for the group.

£4,000 was left in the NP account in preparation to pay for future work by Nordic products and services, which has been held back as part of Bristol City Council's spending freeze.

We have already identified a number of future projects which presents us with some difficult choices. Once our remaining funds, stocks of paint and materials become depleted we will not be able to deliver any of them or remove any tags.

## Wider engagement and education

- We were invited to the launch of the Mayor's Bristol Clean Streets campaign. However, the group's profile and achievements were not included in any of the launch PR. A great opportunity to use this PR to help raise the group's profile and as a tool to help recruit new volunteers has been missed.
- In a private meeting with Cllr Asher Craig, we were asked to help replicate street champions across the city. Given our current and forthcoming challenges, we do not have the resources or the inclination to support this.
- Cllr Martin Fodor connected the group with some journalism students from UWE. The students were producing a radio programme about fly tipping for one of their assignments. Rob Umphray held a walkaround with the students in early December. The students were flabbergasted by the number and volume of fly tips within 200M of pavement. Two fly tippers were identified on the walkaround. We have asked for a copy of the interview to help support our training and education programme.
- Our core twitter ID, Keep Bristol Tidy has had over 89,000 impressions and over 11,200 profile visits in the last 3 months.
- We have been tracking the #BristolCleanStreets hashtag on twitter. We are surprised that there have been so few tweets that show the results of volunteer activities.

## Fly posting

Part of the partnership area (Cheltenham Road and part of Gloucester Road) was included in the recent fly posting initiative. We have seen fewer posters since this action occurred.

To date, there has been no published information about any fines or sanctions that have been applied as a result of this activity.

## The Future

With the huge question mark over the future of Neighbourhood Partnerships and our future funding, we have been evaluating other funding options:

### CIL Funding

We requested matched funding to clean up parts of Gloucester Road. We were informed by the Neighbourhood Partnership that CIL funding could not be used for cleaning. This response did not seem to tally with the information provided in the CIL guide, which stated that CIL could be used for *“The provision, improvement, replacement and operation or maintenance of infrastructure”*

Bristol City Council’s Planning Obligations Manager contacted Bristol City Council’s legal team for clarification of this specific point.

Bristol City Council’s legal team responded with the following:

*“CIL is intended to focus on the provision of new infrastructure and should not be used to remedy pre-existing deficiencies in infrastructure provision unless those deficiencies will be made more severe by development. CIL can be used to increase the capacity of existing infrastructure or to repair failing infrastructure if that is necessary to support development.*

*I understand the argument that the NP are putting forward, but I think that goes more to supporting the vitality and viability of the Gloucester Road by making it a more attractive place to shop than supporting new development for the area. So, I am of the view that the proposal would not meet the requirements of the CIL regs”*

We have since learned that two other Neighbourhood Partnerships are using CIL money for cleansing.

- Ashley Easton and Lawrence Hill – Have approved £27,000 from CIL to fund cleaning of St Pauls.
- Central, Clifton and Harbourside – Have approved £20,000 from CIL to fund cleaning of the Bearpit and City Centre.

At best, this is double standards.

## External Grants

We have been evaluating grants that may be available to volunteer groups. The vast majority of providers that we have looked at so far will not provide grants to organisations that are involved in the provision of statutory services. Many of the grants that we could apply for do not provide the levels of funding that we require. Many organisations require recipients to be registered charities

## Direct funding from Bristol City Council

We are aware that other areas in the city have had specific cleansing and graffiti removal projects funded directly (outside of the NP). Including, the cleaning of the pavements and specialist removal of graffiti on Stapleton Road and the funding for Cleaner Montpelier.

The Streetscene Group provides c375 days volunteering per annum about 80% of this time (300 days) is devoted to removing tagging. If Bristol City Council paid an external contractor to undertake this work it would cost £180,000 to deliver it. We are unaware of the costs to Bristol Waste; however, this number of hours would equate to greater than 1 additional full time employee per annum. Given the comparatively minimal investment required by the Streetscene group to deliver the same outcome and the precedent for direct funding of other projects, surely funding us directly is the most cost effective solution for the city? Let's not forget that Gloucester Road has been identified as an exemplar in how to manage graffiti. Without funding, us and this exemplar project will disappear. What other group delivers such a positive return on investment?

## Funding from other sources

We are exploring the possibility of securing funding from a trader group. These discussions are at the early stages, no scope has been discussed and we are not aware what restrictions will be placed upon us. If partner members can help us secure future funding from other organisations/commercial companies, we would welcome the help.

## Finally

We would like to thank all volunteers, council officers, councillors and NP members that have supported the Streetscene Group over the years. Collectively, we have achieved a great deal, addressed many issues, achieved behavioural change and encouraged active participation across the partnership (and wider areas). This hard work has addressed issues in our neighbourhood but has also helped improve the quality of life for many residents.

In lots of ways, it feels that we have been too successful and have created a perception that our partnership area is not affected by tagging, fly tipping, fly posting and litter etc. The simple fact is that we cannot continue to operate without funding and support. All we will be able to do is report; the costs and burden of all tag removal will fall to Bristol City Council/Bristol Waste.

Thank you again

Rob Umphray and Liz Kew  
BCR NP Streetscene Group

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

*Author:* Roger Gimson, for the BCR NP Sustainable Travel WG

*Title:* **BCR NP Sustainable Travel Working Group Report**

*Date:* 5 January 2017

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) The **Neighbourhood Partnership endorses the proposed shortlist of three future road schemes** (see Section 3 below for details).
- 2) The **Neighbourhood Committee approves the spending of £2,000 on crossing haloes, when spending is allowed** (see Section 4 below for details).

#### **1. Sustainable Travel Working Group meetings**

We have held three meetings since the last report, in October, November and December 2016. Regular participants in the group (attending at least two of the last three meetings) have been: Tom Brook, Martin Fodor, Roger Gimson, Andrew McGrath, Kevin Molloy and Gavin Spittlehouse.

Meeting notes are available on request for each of the meetings held so far.

#### **2. Completed and pending road schemes**

All except one of the road schemes previously selected by BCR NP have now been completed. This includes the recent junction improvements at the Cotham Brow / Redland Road mini-roundabout. The 2016/17 scheme for traffic calming on Sommerville Road still awaits a revised, less costly design from BCC Highways.

There are some minor works still outstanding including the provision of dropped kerbs at the Cambridge Road / Clevedon Road junction. Traffic monitoring at the sites of three potential crossings has been completed, but the results have not been forthcoming from BCC Highways despite repeated reminders.

#### **3. Selection of future road schemes**

The working group has reviewed outstanding issues on Traffic Choices and selected three potential road schemes as candidates for implementation in 2017/18. However, at the time of writing, there is a pending proposal from Bristol City Council that will remove funding for local traffic schemes currently devolved to Neighbourhood Partnerships. Furthermore, following our request made on 2nd November, BCC Highways Department has not been able to provide a preliminary evaluation and costing of these schemes due to lack of officer time.

We therefore list the three schemes we have selected below with our own evaluation of each. We ask the **Neighbourhood Partnership to endorse this proposed shortlist of three future road schemes**, in the hope that, even if they can no longer be funded by the NP in 2017/18, they will be considered for implementation by BCC Highways. We still ask BCC Highways to complete their preliminary evaluation and costing of these schemes so that we are still able to make a selection if we are requested to nominate a single scheme for 2017/18.

### **3.1. Cranbrook Road crossing** (Traffic Choices Issue #1224)

Cranbrook Road is a busy road, especially at commute times, between Westbury Park and Zetland/Gloucester Road. In particular, there is a long stretch at the upper part of the road with no pedestrian crossing facilities. The junction with Cairns Road / Harcourt Hill is of particular concern. It is part of a well-used route to and from schools with Redland Green and Westbury Park schools on one side and St Bonaventures and Bishop Road schools on the other. Local residents started a campaign for a pedestrian crossing at this location in early 2016, and have submitted a petition to Bristol City Council supported by 387 signatures.

BCR NP requested and paid for traffic monitoring at the site, which was carried out in September 2016. However, at the time of writing, the results have still not been sent to us. As well as showing the number of vehicles using Cranbrook Road, monitoring should also show if it is possible to have a zebra crossing at this site. As the road is on a gradient, vehicles, especially those going downhill, often exceed the 20mph speed limit. Unintuitive though it is, regulations do not allow a zebra crossing if vehicle speeds are excessive. There may not be sufficient usage to warrant a signal-controlled crossing. If a zebra crossing is not possible, we would advocate at least build-outs to enable pedestrians to see beyond parked cars and to reduce the road width to help slow traffic.

It should be noted that traffic monitoring took place at two other sites at which crossings had been requested, for which the results are also still awaited. These are at Kersteman Road (Traffic Choices Issue #1015) and at Redland Green Road (Traffic Choices Issues #1011, #1208, #1234). We have made the assumption that the monitoring will show that vehicle frequency is much higher at Cranbrook Road (classified as a B-road), making it a higher safety priority.

### **3.2. Church Road congestion** (Traffic Choices Issue #574)

The problems of congested residential streets in Bishopston was addressed at the special public forum held by the Neighbourhood Partnership in September 2016. A final report on this meeting is available on the *BCRNP.org.uk* website. Church Road is one of the streets most affected by rat-running and stand-offs between facing vehicles, and was chosen for a preliminary investigation by BCC Highways when it was within the Horfield and Lockleaze NP boundary. Two schemes were outlined to

the NP but not funded by them – one to make Church Road one-way and the other to use road markings in an attempt to slow traffic.

At the special public forum, residents living in and around Church Road indicated that they would prefer to see the road closed to through motorised traffic. We asked BCC Highways to evaluate the potential for closing Church Road between its junctions with Milton Road and Hughenden Road (though other options might be possible, such as at its junction with Wellington Hill), but after an initial exchange of email they have not had time to complete this evaluation.

We see this scheme as a good opportunity to pilot an approach to reducing local congestion that, similar to the Easton Safer Streets scheme, could be carried out with detailed consultation with local residents to find the most appropriate approach, and could be evaluated over a period of, say, a year to see if the outcome was successful. There are several other streets in Bishopston that might also welcome such measures and would eagerly await the results of such a pilot scheme.

### **3.3. Ralph Road / Muller Road junction** (Traffic Choices Issue #1086)

Muller Road is a busy road that provides a walking route to Fairfield School. The junction with Ralph Road is on the same side of Muller Road as the school, but is difficult to cross because of vehicles turning into Ralph Road from Muller Road. There is a central refuge, but the corner is shallow and vehicles are not sufficiently slowed. Because this is on a bus route, it would be difficult to make the corner on the northern side tighter, but buses do not turn into Ralph Road from the south, so the southern corner could be reconfigured to slow turning traffic and so make it safer to cross at the refuge.

Again, evaluation of this scheme by BCC Highways has been delayed. If reconfiguration did not involve changing parking restrictions on this corner, it may be possible for this to be carried out as minor works fairly cheaply, so not even require to be considered as a road scheme.

## **4. Hampton Road crossing haloes** (Traffic Choices Issue #1357)

Reports had been received about vehicles not stopping at the existing zebra crossing on Hampton Road near the Western College medical practice. This crossing is on two frequently used school routes to and from SS Peter & Paul Primary School and Cotham School. To increase the visibility of this crossing we recommend it should have LED haloes added, as has been done at two previous crossings on Coldharbour Road.

The Hampton Road crossing lies on the border with Central, Clifton and Harbourside NP. We have agreement from the CCH NP Traffic group to propose we halve the £4000 cost between us. For BCR NP, this would require £2000 spending to be

approved from the previously allocated Sustainable Travel budget limit of £7000. However, both NPs are currently under a spending freeze.

We therefore request the **Neighbourhood Committee approves the spending of £2,000 on crossing haloes, when spending is allowed.**

## **5. Response to Joint Transport Study**

After consultation amongst the working group participants and with NP members, the working group submitted a response to the West of England Joint Transport Study for transport in the Greater Bristol area over the next 20 years. The main suggestion affecting our NP area is that Gloucester Road should be a Rapid Transit Corridor, to the potential detriment of local traffic. The response document is available on the *BCRNP.org.uk* website.

Traffic Choices tracker for BCR NP is accessible at:

<https://tracker.trafficchoices.co.uk/partnership/3/show>



## BISHOPSTON, COTHAM AND REDLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

23rd January 2017

Report of: Jenny Hoadley, Chair of the Small Grants Sub Group

### Title: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ALLOCATION OF THE DEVOLVED TRANSFORMER FUND

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) That the Transformer Fund devolved to Neighbourhood Partnerships from the Police service, aimed at services for young people, be allocated to the following applicants which had applied to the Small Grants fund (now frozen) :  
Golden Hill Community garden (£2900)  
TIGER (£1924)
- 2) That the remaining £176 to be split equally between both of the above applicants
- 3) That the remaining six applicants to the Small Grants Fund be invited to re-apply if the Small Grants Fund becomes available again in the future.

#### 1 Background to the Transformer Fund Devolvement

The Transformer Fund is a budget held by the Police which it disperses to projects involving children and young people. Because the Police have been unable to allocate the budget £5000 has been allocated to each Partnership to spend in accordance with the following:

In addition to the Well Being Small Grants criteria the following additional criteria must be adhered to:

- Applicant should be working with identified group of young people
- Applicant should identify a priority from the relevant Neighbourhood Partnership Plan
- Outcomes should benefit young people in their local Neighbourhood Partnership Area
- Where possible outcomes should benefit youth provision
- That projects should be celebrated/showcased as part of other NP events, for example at NP led community events/as part of the NP meeting/other celebratory activities.
- The Avon and Somerset Police Community Trust want to see copies of all monitoring information after projects have been delivered.

#### 2 Summary of the Two Applicants

Both applicants applied to the Small Grants Fund in November and meet the criteria. In addition they both address equalities issues within the area. They were also the only applicants for the Small Grants Fund which were focussed on children and young people.

Organisation	Purpose	Priorities met (code in 2 below)	Targeted area	Amount requested	Amount recommended
<b>Golden Hill Community Garden</b>	To provide play opportunities to SEND children and their siblings over the Easter period 2017	E	Bishopston and Redland wards	£2900	£2900
<b>TIGER</b>	Gender Equality Promotion Project in Cotham School	D E	Redland ward and other wards within the school catchment area	£1924.44	£1924.44

## 2.1 Background to the Recommended Applications

*2.1.1 Golden Hill Community Garden:* The Neighbourhood Partnership funded the Community Garden to provide play activities for local disabled children and their siblings. These were a great success, so this is a follow-up application to fund something very similar at Easter: 6 4-hour sessions for 16 children (a mixture of SEND children and their siblings).

The parents and the Community Garden are funding resources, food and drink, and publicity materials. The funding is to cover staff time to prepare the programme and pay the three play leaders. It is estimated that 106 hours of volunteer time will be required.

*1.2.2 TIGER:* this is a non-profit making co-operative which works with young people to challenge sexism and gender inequality, and has worked in Bristol City Academy in Redfield, Orchard School in Southmead and various youth groups. The Neighbourhood Partnership supported its application to work with Redland Green School in October 2016. The Small Grants Group recommended, and the Partnership agreed, that it would put aside money to fund a similar application for Cotham School, if the school showed interest.

This application is in response to the interest expressed by Cotham School. The programme covers all students in years 7, 8, and 9 at Cotham School, and supports a group of Gender Equality Mentors drawn from all ages across the school. It would cover issues like sexist bullying, lad culture, pornography, and consent and gender stereotypes.

The money is to pay staff to liaise with the school, co-ordinate the programme and undertake the evaluation. It is estimated that, in addition, 306 hours of volunteer time is required to enable the programme to run.

## 2.2 The remaining balance of £176

The Small Grants Group suggests that the balance is too small to spend time allocating it elsewhere, so recommends that it should be split between the two applicants above.

## **3 The Small Grants Budget 2016/17**

3.1 The Small Grants Fund held £6,606.56 when the spending freeze was announced. The Small grants Group recommends that the applicants would be invited to re-apply if the fund becomes unfrozen.

3.2 Meanwhile the Small Grants Group has written to each applicant, stating the situation, and suggesting two or three possible sources of charitable funding relevant to their application which they might wish to follow up.

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### Spicer & Cole café

#### NOTES

- 1) I had 2 separate meetings with Philippa and Andrea. These notes summarise what we discussed (Andrea may also be sending some notes too re funding).
- 2) The attached notes on the funding information to be sent to each applicant are the summary of our combined thoughts.  
The emails will be sent out by me over the Christmas New Year period.
- 3) We agreed that the Transformer money (from the police) would be recommended to go to TIGER and Golden Hill Community Garden (£1924 +£2900). Unless the NP has a better idea, we would recommend that the remaining £175 balance should be split between those two organisations. I will write a report for the NP meeting on Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017.
- 4) We discussed the possibility of running a funding seminar on funding in 2017:
  - Target numbers were not agreed
  - Possible venues: Redland Green Church new hall and the Cricket Ground
  - Apart from RCAS not sure what other funding might be available
  - Possible format:
    - 3 hrs Friday or Saturday morning
    - Main speaker eg Lottery Fund followed by 2 workshops ( how to write an application, joint /collaborative working)
    - Break
    - Second speaker eg Quartet followed by the 2 workshops
    - Close
    - Try to invite a couple of local people who have been successful in raising funds who can speak at workshops etc
  - Possible dates: probably after Easter )– late April or May (Andrea and Philippa on holiday in January, Jenny for a week in February)
  - To test the waters, to include a short questionnaire in emails to applicants, asking if they would be interested in coming.
  - To wait until the NP has met informally in early January before thinking more seriously about this – it depends partly on whether the NP's are dissolving in March or whether they limp on.
- 5) Next meeting: if we need it, please keep free **Sunday Jan 8<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am** at Za Zus Kitchen (bottom of Pigsty Hill close to Bishospton Hardware (the next time I think we are all in Bristol is the last weekend in February!))

Jenny Hoadley

EMAIL TO APPLICANTS DEC 2016

Hi...

You probably have heard that the City Council has frozen all its budgets until the end of March. This includes the Wellbeing Fund so we are unable to allocate any grants. At this moment we think it is unlikely that the Neighbourhood Partnership will get a similar fund for distribution next year, so we encourage you to seek alternative funds for your projects from elsewhere. [For those we reject : "The Small Grants group would not be recommending your application.. as it does not meet our current criteria/as a) there is already a separate Partnership Tree Fund for street trees and b) we would not support the provision of trees on private property."] However we will be keeping all the applications until after March 2017 and reviewing them again if money becomes available.

To help you with your search for funding we have done some initial trawling of the internet to get you started. Firstly, however, we would always recommend that any group looking for comparatively small amounts of money to look at the criteria for funding from Quartet, Comic Relief and Awards for All (the Lottery).

Secondly, these are a few suggestions which we thought might be relevant for your specific application.:

Eg etc

Some might be a bit of "long shot" and perhaps the deadlines are too far off but they might be worth investigating. Given that Council funding will be ever-increasingly difficult to access whereas demand for grants continues to accelerate, the Small Grants Group is wondering if local groups might find it useful if we put on a workshop about applying for funding. We do not have any money but it might look something like this:

- 3 hrs on a Friday or Saturday morning
- Small donation for refreshments and venue hire ( less than £5,say)
- At least 2 speakers from local and national charitable grant givers
- Break-out groups to discuss how to write an application, and collaborative working to improve the chances of attracting money

It would help us enormously to decide if such an event would be useful if you could answer 4 questions for us:

- 1) Would you come?
- 2) Do you know other groups who might be interested?
- 3) Are there other topics you think would be useful to discuss?
- 4) Do you know of anyone who might like to come and speak?

Please just send me an email with your responses.

The Small Grants group from the Bishopston, Cobham and Redland Neighbourhood Partnership wish you well for your project, and we will be in touch if we have some positive news about further funding.

Best wishes