



MY NEIGHBOURHOOD



Bishopston, Cotham and Redland NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

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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

Working Group	Spend limit for 2016/17	Notes
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
TOTALS	£148,847.50	Agreed expenditure = £127,091.94

2. Future meeting dates

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

	Meeting Round 3 2016/17	Meeting Round 4 2016/17
Neighbourhood Partnership	7.00pm Monday 23 rd January 2017 Glos CCC	7.00pm Monday 10 th April 2017 Venue tbc
Neighbourhood Partnership Review meeting	tbc	tbc
		
Combined 3-ward Forums	7.00pm Thursday 8 th 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:

Action:	Outcome:	2017/18	2018/19
Remove funding for local traffic schemes currently devolved to Neighbourhood Partnerships	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.	£410,00	

Reshape our approach to civic engagement and local empowerment and reform Neighbourhood Partnerships.	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.	£206,000–£618,000	£69,000–£207,000
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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 7th February Cabinet meeting. The new council budget will be debated and passed (with any agreed amendments) at the Full Council Meeting on 21st 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 4th 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 21st 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 21st 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 thorough 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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Site/park name	<i>Ashley Down Green</i>
Address	<i>Dirac Road, Bristol, BS7 9LP</i>
Contact Start Date	<i>August 2016</i>
Contract Duration	<i>2 months</i>
Date of site opening	<i>October 2016</i>
Project Value	<i>£110,000</i>
Contractor name	<i>BCC Landscape Team</i>
Project Funder	<i>Section 106, BCC Play Fund</i>
Project Brief	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Objectives and expectations • What did they want to achieve? 	<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><u>Reason(s) why this project is needed (including strategic need):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was part of the original planning conditions set down in 2003 • Provides better access to the green space in line with BCC Parks and the Green Space Strategy • Provides safer routes for school children in the area who otherwise have to use the main road • Supports the BCR NP walking strategy for the area • Improves safety of the park by having another exit point • Encourages residents in the local area to access the space by foot rather than

	<p>driving and parking on Dirac Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Links to Neighbourhood Partnership priorities: Promote increased number of active travel journeys, walking strategy. <p><u>Objectives (Include strategic objectives)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parks and Green Spaces Strategy: <p>IG3 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"> • The Area Green Spaces Plan states: <p>.....an area of green space has been created to provide informal green space and a children’s play area.....</p> <p><u>What were the objectives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consult with all stakeholders over options for the access improvements and the play area • To create and improve the access to the green space though the existing allotment site at the Stoney Lane end of the site. • To install a new play area in keeping with the budget and the budget allocated <p><u>What were the expected outcomes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement to access to Ashley Down Green. • New play area • Enhancements to the environment and surroundings of park and streets around the park • Increased sense of user ownership of the park by Friends of Group • Increased positive engagement of people with the management and improvement of the park.
<p>Project Details</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age range • Key activity (MUGA, Fitness, Play) • Equipment (Urban, Natural, Traditional) • Products(Bloqx, playhouse) • Other Elements (surfacing/landscaping) 	<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>What were the site’s constraints or opportunities? How were these overcome or utilised?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited access • Existing gradients 	<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 20th 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**

<u>Income</u>	Brought fwd from 2015-16	New in 2016- 17	Total for 2016-17
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>

<u>Expenditure</u>	NP Limit	NC Approved	From CIL	From S.106	Date
Highways Scheme - Sommerville Rd	30,000.00	30,000.00			26.1.15
Communications & Engagement	3,250.00				20.6.16
Community Fair		2,500.00			20.6.16
	<u>3,250.00</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>			
Parks					
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>			
Small Grants	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>			
Street Scene	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>			
Sustainable Travel	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>			
Trees					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>			
Young People	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				