



**Henbury, Brentry & Southmead Neighbourhood Partnership
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Recommendations:

1. The NP is asked to note the Wellbeing Fund balance and the suspension of the Wellbeing Fund from 29th November because of the BCC Spending Freeze (**1.1 & 1.2**). Note that CIL and S106 monies are not affected by the freeze.
2. The NP is recommended to accept the £5,000 Transformers young people's funding for decision at the March 2017 NP meeting. (**Item 2**)
3. The NP is asked to note the risk to future NP budgets and potential restrictions to fund future Highways schemes (**Item 3**) and the further delay in finalising the for Sth Glos traffic modelling and to approve the recommended timetable to hold a further Traffic and Transport sub-group with the BS10 Parks and Planning Group.
4. The NC & NP to note the latest S106 contributions and the latest statement on Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), including the new contributions (**Items 4.1 & 4.3**)
5. To approve the recommended action to identify improvements to Henbury Library which can be brought to the March NP meeting for decision (**Item 4.2**)
6. To note the legal information in **Item 5**: due regard to Public Sector Equality Duty

Item 1: Wellbeing Fund

The NP agreed at its meeting on 28th March 2016 to retain a Wellbeing Fund of £20,000 from its Neighbourhood Budget for 2016/17

1.1 2016/17 Wellbeing Balance:

		Running Total
Devolved budget for 2016/2017	£20,000.00	£20,000.00
£ underspend from 2015/16 Budget	£951	£951.00
Total 2015/16 available:		£20,951.00
£ allocated 28 th June	£6,730	£14,221
£ allocated 27th Sept	£7,812	£6,409

Divided as follows:

Ward	Amount	Running Total
Southmead	£10,742	
£ allocated 28th June	£3,035	£7,707
£ allocated 27th Sept	£2,406	£5,301
Henbury/Brentry	£10,209	
£ allocated 28th June	£3,695	£6,514
£ allocated 27th Sept	£5,406	£1,108

1.2 Wellbeing Fund and Bristol City Council Spending Freeze:

1.2.1 The City Council announced a **spending freeze on Tuesday, 29th November 2016**. Stephen Hughes, the Chief Executive, confirmed that this means that no spend from neighbourhood partnership budgets from the general fund will be authorised (this includes wellbeing grants, highways money, clean and green and any other neighbourhood budget money). The mayor has the delegated authority to take this decision, it does not need to go to cabinet or full council.

1.2.2 The background to this decision is the Council's need to save £27.5 million from the 2016/17 budget in order to balance its books. By the end of December 2016 the Council has identified savings but still has to find £16.5 million by end of March 2017.

1.2.3 Unfortunately this freeze directly affects NP spend and we have had to advise all Wellbeing applicants as follows:

As of the 30 November Neighbourhood Partnerships are not able to approve wellbeing small grant applications or consider new applications. that the Wellbeing Fund

1.2.4 All Wellbeing Grants approved by the NP at the September 2016 meeting have been processed and successful applicants have all received Funding Agreements. This commits the Council to honouring their grants and they are all going ahead as agreed.

1.2.5 **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and Section 106 monies:** these are not part of the Council's General Fund and the Partnership can continue to make decisions to allocate these funds as normal.

Item 2: Transformer Young People Funding Report (see Appendix 1)

2.1 The NP is being offered £5,000 from Avon & Somerset Police Community Trust to support projects which benefit young people (Appendix 1)

2.2 The NP is recommended to accept this funding and use it to:

a. increase links with young people's and youth groups and organisations as set out in the NP Plan

b. seek to set up a Youth Wellbeing Panel alongside an NP Wellbeing Panel to assess and make recommendations to the NP in March 2017 for decision

c. Please note that this funding is for decision by the whole NP, not only the NP Councillors, as it's not from a Council source

Recommendation: That the NP accepts the £5,000 Transformers funding offered and explores ideas for outreach to young people's groups at the NP meeting which can be agreed to be actioned by the NP Co-ordinator, NP Councillors and other NP members or NP residents

Item 3. Refining the NP Plan, 2016/2017 Budget/resource allocation and Fundraiser proposal

3.1 The situation with the NP budget freeze has significant implication for the NP Plan priorities and the availability of the budget to fund them, in particular the Fundraiser proposal. The NP met on Wednesday 4th January to consider its Plan priorities – see NP Plan Update (Item 3)

Item 3: Highways Schemes & Traffic & Transport sub-group

3.1 The Traffic and Transport Sub-Group agreed the following options for a Local Traffic Scheme at its meeting on Monday 6th June:

- Charlton Road pedestrian crossing, including Charlton Mead Drive/Charlton Road parking TRO (if possible)
- Kingsweston/Hallen crossing
- Lyppincourt/Wyck Beck parking restrictions
- Speeding in Brentry Lane

3.2 The BCC spending freeze makes it impossible to take any of these schemes forward. In addition, the BCC Corporate Strategy proposes cuts to BCC budgets over the period 2017-2022 to contribute to a cut of £92million from its budget

3.3 One of the key cuts proposed in the Strategy in 2017/18 is:

Remove funding for local traffic schemes currently devolved to Neighbourhood Partnerships: £410,000

This proposal, if agreed by Full Council on **21st Feb 2017**, will remove a significant proportion of the NP budget which

has historically funded highways/traffic schemes.

3.4 CIL and Section 106 funding can continue to be used to support highways schemes.

3.5 The previous NP meeting was looking to hold a Traffic/Transport sub-group to a. consider future highways schemes and b. hear about the South Gloucestershire traffic modelling with a view to developing a public meeting to share the options being considered and their impacts on our NP area.

3.6 The latest information from Oliver Coltman, City Transport's Strategic Projects Team Manager, on the likely completing of this traffic modelling (as of January 2017) is:

'The modelling is due to be complete in mid-February with the Final report at the end of the month. My current thinking is to arrange a Councillor briefing at the end of February prior to issue of the final report, and then meet with the affected communities in March to present the result of the study.'

Recommendation: given this new timescale that the NP sets up a Traffic and Transport sub-group in partnership with the BS10 Parks and Planning Group in early March 2017 and any Public Meeting around traffic/transport options in April 2017

3.7 Update on Southmead Hospital S106:

Helen Minnery, the BCC Highways Project Manager for the Southmead Hospital parking mitigations, updated:

The schemes we installed in summer 2016 focused on parking restrictions and cycling routes. The ideas about installing limited waiting areas were the most controversial of the proposals amongst residents. Given this, BCC decided not to deliver any of them until we could monitor the impact of the lining restrictions that we have put in. At present we have no particular timescale in mind for them as we want to give the chance to let the new restrictions settle down and the Hospital car park to open.

We'll consult with Councillors before any further proposals are brought forward and we are checking if Southmead Hospital S106 will still be available if it becomes necessary to install any limited waiting.

Item 4: Latest Devolved Section106 Contributions and Community Infrastructure Levy contributions

4.1. Section 106: The table below sets out the actual S106 funds which remain unallocated for its use. **The NP should note the new S106 contribution of £57,460.70 for Parks/Open Spaces arising from the Brentry Hospital development and the date limit for its use & the £19,683.81 from the same source to improve Henbury Library:**

Henbury & Southmead Neighbourhood Partnership
Devolved Section 106 monies held as at 30th November 2016

Permission / Site / S106 Code	Purpose of Contribution	Total devolved contribution value	Date to be Spent / Committed by	Agreed spend by Neighbourhood Committee	Notes - £ remaining
PARKS					
07/01415 - 46 Fonthill Road, Southmead / ZCD...616	The provision of improvements to Parks and Open Spaces within one mile of 46 Fonthill Road	£16,482.17	No Limit	11/10/2012: £9,163.68 of this contribution to be applied to Doncaster Road Childrens Play Facilities and drawn down as the scheme progresses	
				12/03/2013: £200 allocated to add to the Clean and Green money already put towards the repair of the S Bench in Southmead	£7,118.49

Permission / Site / S106 Code	Purpose of Contribution	Total devolved contribution value	Date to be Spent / Committed by	Agreed spend by Neighbourhood Committee	Notes - £ remaining
06/05013 / Former Severn Way Filling Station, Wyck Beck Road, Henbury / ZCD...834	The provision of improvements to Parks and Open Spaces within one mile of the former Severn Way Filling Station	£20,475.78	No Limit	11/10/2012: £14,251.90 of this contribution to be applied to Okebourne Open Space improvements and drawn down as the scheme progresses	
				04/12/2012: £1,900 to install two litter bins on Barnards Park using available Section 106	
				24/09/2013: £2400 (from the Section 106 money) to be allocated to fund additional work on the Okebourne Road Open Space Play Area.	£3,823.88
11/00555 / 235 to 241 Charlton Road, Brentry / ...SC32	The provision of improvements to Parks and Open Spaces within one	£10,387.90	No Limit		£10,387.90

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	mile of 235 Charlton Road				
12/01932 / Brentry Hospital, Brentry Ln, Brentry / ...SC40	The provision of improvements to Parks and Open Spaces within one mile of Brentry Hospital	£57,460.7	12/09/2021		£57,460.70
Sub-Total					£78,790.97
TRANSPORT					
09/02748 / 115 - 117 Station Road, Henbury, / ZCD...877	The provision and/or improvement and/or maintenance of the following: a) supporting the orbital bus route which passes through the local area b) pedestrian and cycle provisions in the local area c) bus stop infrastructure upgrade.	£11,494.35 *	No Limit	12/03/2012: allocate funding of £3,417.63 to install High Friction surfacing to the Aldi crossing	£8,076.72
06/05013 / Former Severn Way Filling Station, Wyck Beck Road, Henbury / ZCD...835	The provision of traffic management and/or highways measures in the vicinity of the former Severn Way Filling	£ 31,126.56*	No Limit	24/05/2011: £20,000 allocated to Charlton Lane / Swanmoor Cres mini roundabout, and £10,000	£15,350.92* Note: due to underspend on Charlton Lane/Swanmoor/Brentry Lane

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	Station			allocated to Knole Lane pedestrian refuge. Funding forms to be completed once scheme implementation becomes imminent.	scheme
12/01932 / Brentry Hospital, Brentry Ln, Brentry / ...SC21	The cost of improving facilities for pedestrians and cyclists on Public Right of Way BCC/542 including surface treatment and lighting	£42,618.45	17 Nov 20		£42,618.45
12/01932 / Brentry Hospital, Brentry Ln, Brentry / ...SC22	The cost of works to upgrade the footway on the northern side of Brentry Lane	£15,981.92	17 Nov 20		£15,981.92
Sub-Total					£82,028.01
OTHER					
12/01932 / Brentry Hospital, Brentry Ln, Brentry / ...SC42	The cost of improvements to the local Library (Henbury Library)	£19,683.81	12/09/2021		£19,683.81
Total					£180,502.79
		*includes interest added			

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4.2. Actions to identify Henbury Library improvements

4.2.1 The new S106 monies (£19,683.81) enable to NP to engage with Henbury Library to identify concrete physical improvements which will take forward aspirations in the Henbury & Brentry Community Plan and the library's own aspirations. Ideas can be sought at the Henbury/Brentry Forum and via Facebook and other organisation's communication

Recommendation: that the NP identifies a small group to meet with the Henbury Library team to develop a recommendation which can meet the above criteria and to bring a recommendation for use of the Section 106 to the 28th March 2017 NP meeting

4.3. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

4.2.1. The NP should note the new CIL contributions from Henbury Road and Chakeshill Drive added in October and November 2016.

HENBURY & SOUTHMEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

CIL monies held - 30 November 2016

Monies to be spent on measures to support the development of the Neighbourhood Partnership's area, by funding:

a) the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or

b) anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area

Date Received	Application	Site Address	Amount
28/08/13	12/05146	515 Southmead Road, Southmead	£997.50
13/06/14	13/02000	Land to rear of 237b Charlton Road, Brentry (1)	£1,479.00
05/09/14	13/05086	2 Chakeshill Drive, Brentry	£539.60
13/10/14	13/02000	Land to rear of 237b Charlton Road, Brentry (2)	£1,479.00
14/04/15	13/02000	Land to rear of 237b Charlton Road, Brentry (3)	£2,218.50
22/09/15	14/03086	Former Bourne End PH, Okebourne Road, Brentry	£3,356.62
03/11/15	13/02000	Land to rear of 237b Charlton Road, Brentry (4)	£2,218.50
26/11/15	14/06105	81 Wigton Crescent, Southmead	£1,182.12
22/02/16	13/00292	115 Chakeshill Drive, Brentry	£1,012.50
05/05/16	14/01312	98 Brentry Lane, Brentry	£785.59
17/06/16	14/05109	6 Wyck Beck Road, Henbury	£349.15
13/10/16	15/00633	231 Henbury Road, Henbury	£857.25
10/11/16	16/00678	2B Chakeshill Drive, Brentry	£532.10
		Total	£17,007.43
Less		£5,000 allocated to Henbury Centre equipment	
		Total currently available to spend	£12,007.43

Item 5: Legal Information

When councillors decide how the wellbeing fund (or any other NP Budget) is spent they should have due regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty that applies to all public bodies. This duty is contained in the Equality Act 2010 and

came in to force on 6 April 2011. It replaces previous equality duties under the Sex Discrimination, Race Relations and Disability Discrimination Acts.

The duty means that councillors are required to have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited under the Act
- Promote equality of opportunity between different groups
- Foster good relations between people from different groups

The duty covers the following protected characteristics:

- Disability
- Sexual orientation
- Age
- Gender reassignment
- Religion and belief
- Sex
- Race
- Pregnancy and maternity

It also applies to marriage and civil partnership, but only in respect of the requirement to eliminate discrimination and harassment.