

Horfield and Lockleaze Neighbourhood Partnership
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AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

Title: Business Report

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- 1- **Environment Group:** To note
- 2- **Horfield Forum:** To note
- 3- **Lockleaze Forum/ Special Bus meeting:** To note
- 4- **Stoke Park Activities and Events** – To allocate £14000 from the Dowry Fund for events from May to October 2017
- 5- **Maskelyne Avenue Green Space** – To allocate £1000 s106 for improvements following the removal of the MUGA
- 6- **Finances:** To note the Neighbourhood Budget, s106 and CIL to date
- 7- **Community-led Action and Decision making (post BCC led Neighbourhood Partnerships)** - For discussion

1.0 Environment Group

1.1 The Environment Group met on the 30th January 2017. Attendees were Anna George (Horfield), Val Revell (Horfield) and Jane Cunningham (Horfield) and Mike Lawlor (Neighbourhood Officer).

1.2 The group put forward suggestions for Bristol Noise projects and litter/ flytipping hotspots that could be targeted by Bristol Waste.

1.3 The group would like to continue meeting as an Environment Group and are going to decide amongst themselves how they might achieve this and how to widen engagement in the group. The group also looked at s106 and talked through a few ideas.

2.0 Horfield Forum

2.1 This was held on 9th February, with 12 residents in attendance.

2.2 MUGA Avenue green space – the Forum told that work to remove the MUGA would commence on 20th February following a Court ruling to abate noise from this site. Residents were not happy about the decision to remove and felt that they should have been consulted about this first. Caroline pointed out that consultation on the MUGA, but not specifically its removal had been carried out with all neighbours in June.

2.3 The police reported back on the last 12 months reports. They specifically noted that shed break-ins had increased significantly, particularly between the hours of 7-9pm and asked people to be vigilant. Figures for Hate Crime and Anti-social behaviour were also quite high and residents requested whether the data for Southmead Hospital could be presented separately to reflect true figures.

2.4 The Forum discussed the Council's budget cuts, the end of Council supported Neighbourhood Partnerships and the future of community lead action and decision making. It was felt that the Forum was a useful place to get together and share ideas and issues and there was some concern about "getting things done", particularly without a strong community organisation to be a voice for local residents.

3.0 Lockleaze Forum and Special Bus meeting

3.1 This was held on 27th February, with 12 residents in attendance.

3.2 James Freeman (First Bus) and Stephen Pick (BCC Public Transport) came to follow up on the Bus Survey carried out in 2016. The meeting was informed that the Romney Avenue bus link would be open in time for the change in First's bus timetable on the 30th April. However, Network Rail works which will close the Constable Road bridge mean that until these works are complete, the 72 will follow the 24 route and then onto UWE. 2 of the 72 buses are electric but are extremely expensive, First are looking at converting their whole fleet to gas powered buses. Both James and Stephen responded to specific issues during the meeting.

3.3 Jo Dainton, Engagement Officer from Bristol Waste Company presented her role. She took away some specific issues and also promoted all the local litterpick events happening as part of the Bristol Clean up weekend on the 3-5th March.

3.4 Kai Hendy, Police, said that his team had carried out 4 visits to the No Entry on Glenfrome Road, catching 11 people; each driver was issued with 3 points and a £70 fine. The team have been leafleting in the area to advise residents to be aware of the increase in shed breaks in Horfield that may spread to Lockleaze. Kai advised the Forum that the Neighbourhood team are temporarily moving from Southmead to Bridewell. The Response team will be based in Patchway.

3.5 Gill Kirk and Estella Tincknell updated about Muller Road Rec Playing Fields which has been consulted on and has passed the first Planning Stage with little opposition; the Dings Rugby Club are hoping to complete the first phase of the works by mid October; the closure of the Lockleaze Community Association is being resolved and there will be an announcement in mid March; Buzz Lockleaze have been making links with the Eastgate Centre to maximise local employment opportunities; Lockleaze is a priority for housing development and the Gainsborough Pub requires a Compulsory Purchase Order. This was followed by a discussion about Bristol City Council budget cuts and the Bundred Independent Report into the Council's finances.

3.6 Sam Parker described the Community Research that is being carried out by Network Lockleaze and encouraged residents to fill them in and get their friends and neighbours to complete it.

4.0 Stoke Park Activities and Events

4.1 The Stoke Park Delivery Group met on 23rd February 2017. The group discussed the results of the recent consultation. There were 700 responses and the majority were in-line with the Conservation Management Plan. The Group are excited that the Council will be proceeding with the bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund on this basis.

4.2 The group agreed that prior to undertaking any further work on projects for Stoke Park the Funding Strategy needed to be completed to inform this work and it would be useful to know the outcome of the Heritage Lottery bid. However, this would not in place in time to organise a programme of summer events. The Stoke Park Delivery Group therefore request that £1,400 be released from the Stoke Park Dowry to commission a programme of events and activities from May half term to October half term. This would complement the Transformers and the Heritage Lottery funding. The Stoke Park Delivery Group will put together a brief for this programme in a similar way to the winter series of events and will be responsible for ensuring the delivery of the programme.

The Neighbourhood Partnership is asked to approve this request for £1,400 for a programme of events and activities from May to October 2017 on Stoke Park, to be commissioned and monitored by Stoke Park Delivery Group from the Stoke Park Dowry.

5.0 Maskelyne Avenue Green Space

5.1 In response to a Noise Abatement Order by the Magistrates Court the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) on Maskelyne Avenue will be removed during Spring 2017.

5.2 Residents living around the park and park users have expressed their dismay that this facility is being lost in an area that does not have many resources. Some residents have requested that if the MUGA is removed it could be replaced with a set of small 5-aside goal posts. Parks are supportive of this request, which will cost approximately £1000 to install. Further consultation will need to be carried out to ensure this is what residents want and that it does not breach the Noise Abatement Order.

5.3 In order to establish something positive on the site quickly following the removal of the MUGA the Neighbourhood Partnership are asked to allocate £1,000 to Maskelyne Avenue. In the event that the community and Parks agree on a different solution instead

of the goalposts, the Neighbourhood Partnership are requested that the terms of this funding can be flexible, providing they still benefit the Maskelyne Avenue Green Space.

The Neighbourhood Partnership is asked to approve the request for £1,000 for improvements to Maskelyne Avenue Green Space following the removal of the Multi-Use Games Area from s106 07/01523 / Prefab Site, Dorian Road, Horfield / ZCD...914 for The provision of improvements to Parks and Open Spaces within one mile of the former Dorian Road Prefab Site.

6.0 Finances

6.1 Neighbourhood Budget

The table shown below shows the 2016/17 Neighbourhood Budget, updated with the proposals for funding to date.

2015/16 Neighbourhood Budget Amount					* £68,462.66
Project	Description	Date approved by NP	Spent £	Left to spend £	Lost to cuts
Young People's Grant Panel	Devolved to Charlene Richardson to administer and carried over to 2016 calendar year.	27 th January 2016	£1500	£3500	£0
Clean and Green	Annual meadows £770 (currently overcharged by £220) 6 hanging baskets for Filton Road £1080	3 rd March 2016	£1,850	£0	£150
Local Traffic Schemes	Allocated to the Romney Avenue Road Safety scheme	3 rd March 2016	£?	£0	?-£4000
Minor Works	Devolved to the Highways Officer to deliver agreed specific agreed projects.	3 rd March 2016	£?	£0	?-£4000
Wellbeing Grant	Allocated to the Wellbeing Grants fund	3 rd March 2016	£13,671	£0	£6329
Emerson Square	Support for resident-led activities	20 th June 2016	£1000	Withdrawn Dec 2016	£0
NP Plan	Devolved to the Neighbourhood Officer to deliver minor projects in line with the NP Plan.	20 th June 2016	£110	£0	£1890
Horfield Christmas lights	Install lights in the 4 trees on Filton Road opposite Boston Road – With One Voice Partnership have agreed to be the accountable body and come up with a more sustainable, community project instead.	5 th October 2016	£5700	£5700	£0

Transformers fund	To deliver activities for young people	13 th March 2017	+£5,000	£5,000	£0
Not Allocated					£20,762.66
Total				£14,200	£29,131,66 (+ up to £8K Highways)

* The Neighbourhood Budget will be confirmed once Highways figures are received (includes £5000 Transformers fund).

Items in blue are budget allocations suggested at this meeting.

6.2 s106

The latest Section 106 information can be found at www.bristol.gov.uk/planning-and-building-regulations/section-106-money

Expenditure in 2016-17

Project	S106 Budget	Date approved by NP	Amount approved £
Improvements to The Vench	04/00721 / Former Hewlett Packard Site, Romney Avenue, Lockleaze / ZCD...A96	12 th April 2016	£106,100.77 plus interest accrued
Play area for the Old Library	04/00721 / Former Hewlett Packard Site, Romney Avenue, Lockleaze / ...SB60	20 th June 2016	£50,000
Pedestrian crossing on Romney Avenue	04/00721 / Former Hewlett Packard Site, Romney Avenue, Lockleaze / ZCD...A46 for "The provision of improvements to off-site walking and cycling facilities within the Lockleaze Ward"	5 th October 2016	£30,000
Flood alleviation works on Station Lane in Lockleaze	04/01885 / Eastgate Market Site, Eastgate Road, Eastville / ZCD...636 for The provision of improvements to off-site walking and cycling facilities within the Lockleaze Ward	12 th December 2016	£2133.60

The total Section 106 currently available: **£338,534.47**

6.3 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

The latest CIL information can be found at www.bristol.gov.uk/planning-and-building-regulations/community-infrastructure-levy-money

The total CIL currently available: **£10,272.54**

8.0 Community-led Action and Decision Making

The City Council is facing significant financial pressures and cannot sustain the level of support provided to Neighbourhood Partnerships but wants to continue working with communities across Bristol. The Executive Summary of the Corporate Plan describes the challenge we face as a city. [Executive Summary Corporate Strategy](#)

This means that Council-led Neighbourhood Partnerships will no longer exist after June 2017. The Neighbourhood Partnership is invited to take this opportunity to discuss their views of what they would like to see following the restructure.

8.1 Moving forward

Over the coming months the Neighbourhoods team will be working with you to see if there's a way of sustaining and perhaps building on the experience, knowledge and community action that is valued but with less resource from the city council by:

- a) Making links with groups and activists who may not be involved at present and learn from others about what they do.
- b) Developing a full picture of the assets and resources locally and working out if there's scope to make better use of them.
- c) Agreeing the things that are most important for your area.
- d) Understanding the risks.
- e) Networking event/s to exchange ideas & learn from each other.
- f) Advising about organisational governance – do you need a constitution? What sort of organisation would work for you?
- g) Drawing up a plan for what needs to happen to get you to where you want to be.
- h) Identifying what help and support you need to get there (eg room hire costs for a given period, fundraising advice, contacts).

We will use this information to deploy the resources we have as a team and ensure residents are prepared for the future.

8.2 Points to note

- Horfield and Lockleaze wards are unlikely to stay together in a Neighbourhood Partnership-type structure
- Network Lockleaze is keen to take a lead on community-led action and decision making and this will be explored further at the meeting on the 28th February 2017. This will also be informed and supported by the Community Research Project that is being run by the Network during March and April 2017.
- There is no obvious group or organisation in Horfield that could lead and coordinate action and decision making across the ward. The Neighbourhoods teams have offered to work with existing groups eg Manor Farm Community Hub, UHCT, Ebenezer Church etc to support these groups to move forward individually or together. An asset mapping exercise has been started for Horfield.
- The Horfield and Lockleaze networking breakfasts are a useful way for agencies and community groups in the area to meet and communicate on a quarterly basis. This is independent of the Neighbourhoods team and there is no reason why it will not continue but consideration may be given to meeting at a time that could include residents.
- It may be useful to continue the Horfield and Lockleaze Children and Young People's Network that came together to submit a joint bid for the Transformers funding but would need to be coordinated. There is potential to expand this to a North Network to react to and feed into the new Bristol Youth Links Consultation.
- The Neighbourhoods team can support a final Council-led Neighbourhood Partnership meeting in June 2017. **Is this wanted?**

All attendees are asked to consider and bring for discussion ideas about what you would like to see following the restructure.

8.3 Devolved budgets – The Neighbourhoods team is working with the Councillors to look at the future of CIL, S106 and the neighbourhood budget (Wellbeing fund and Clean & Green).