

Bristol City Council

Minutes of the Area Committee 4

8 May 2019 at 7.00 pm



Members Present:-

Councillors: Nicola Beech, Fabian Breckels, Asher Craig, Kye Dudd, Jude English, Margaret Hickman, Hibaq Jama, Carole Johnson, Steve Pearce, Ruth Pickersgill (Chair) and Paul Smith

Officers in Attendance:-

Keith Houghton (Community Resources Manager)

1. Draft Minutes of 13th September 2018

Cllr Ruth Pickersgill continued as Chair.

The meeting was quorate therefore continued to consider formal discussion on one item.

Declaration of Interest:

None

Public Forum

None

Minutes

Resolved to agree the minutes of the 13th September 2018 as a true record.

- Castle Park Improvements: Ward members sought clarity on the actually amount designed from s106 and CIL fund to this project. The Community Resources Manager advised that the bid was for £30k, as allocated and it further sum required would need to consider along side other proposal received for this years allocation.

2. AC 4 update report for Councillor Decision



Keith Houghton, Community Resources Manager, Neighbourhood & Communities Service, addressed the report that asked Committee to:

- Note the update on projects approved at the 13th September 2018 AC4 meeting
- Note the CIL and S106 fund available at 31st March 2019; the project funds available to end August 2019; consider pre-committing future CIL receipts; note the role of Committee in making decisions about all delegated S106 contributions
- To approve the funding for the Redcliff Hill Underpass project
- To note legal information on Public Sector Equality duty

1) Update on 2018 Projects

- a) Members were asked to note the progress report.

2) CIL Fund

- a) That the projected sum(to August 2019) of £1,042.000 would be available for allocation.

3) S106

- a) The schedule noted in bold type those projects already earmarked for funding.
- b) Members queried the process for determining the sums that developers pay in compensation; ward members are rarely involved in the discussion between planning officers and developers on the actual need in a ward.
- c) The sum for S106 is based on Planning Officer recommendation with the actual allocation deemed to be Councillor decision.
- d) Members shared views on this process; sharing the work of the Architect Centre with stakeholders in the Ashley ward, although not policy but deemed beneficial to all parties.
- e) Chair summed up on behalf of ward members that the process needed clarification and this may be a piece of work that the joint chairs of AC committee may consider pursuing.
- f) Chair advised that all have noted the funds available for allocation and all proposals would be looked at in the informal meeting.

4) Redcliff Underpass

- a) Committee received a presentation from Transport officers on the proposal to gate off both ends of the redundant under pass.
- b) The introduction of a crossing has resulted in the redundant under pass, attracting increased numbers of reported incidents of antisocial behaviour. The metrobus development has resulted in the improvement to the amenities in the area and to the public realm. The option of gating the entrance to the underpass is not possible without an application to the magistrate court. The project does not meet the strict criteria for use of CIL funds. The underpass in-filling in the Old Market area was funded from a central government grant that is no longer available for new projects.
- c) The project would involve
- i) Filling in the gap & Paving to cover the area
 - ii) Addition of possible cycle parking for use by the students at the 6th form college
 - iii) The Hotel on the west side of the road is looking to make improvements to its frontage; by opening out its frontage the intention is to improve the public realm; consultations to take place all aspects of that project.



- iv) Committee was asked to note that the underpass was not key to the metrobus scheme so removed from the project.
 - v) In order to fund the infilling approaches could be made to the cycling ambition fund, as the route in question would be deemed a key walking & cycling route.
 - d) Ward Members enquired as to other available source of funding to avoid using S106 funds for this project
 - e) Cllr Smith & Dudd local ward Councillors; noted members comments; thanked Officers for the work undertaken to look for a solution; agreed with members that alternative source of funding should be considered to avoid taking any sums from the funding pot;
 - f) It was moved that the project would be deferred to enable alternative source of funding to be found.
 - g) When put to the vote
Resolved (unanimous) that the project would be withdrawn and that funding would be sourced from other grants/areas.
- 5) Committee agreed to note the Equalities/Public Sector Equality Duty

Formal meeting ended 7:45pm

3. Public Meeting Ends 7:45pm

Meeting ended at 7.45 pm

CHAIR _____

