



**MY NEIGHBOURHOOD**

**Greater Fishponds Neighbourhood Partnership  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

**Report of:** Subgroup Chairs, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator.

**Title: NP Activities- Business Report**

**Recommendation:**

- 1- **Citywide NP Event:** Note update.
- 2- **Wellbeing:** NC is asked to approve Wellbeing Grant applications received since April 2016.
- 3- **Traffic & Transport:** NP members to note progress and agree recommendation. Neighbourhood Committee to approve £18,000 from the Neighbourhood Budget.
- 4- **Environment Subgroup:** NP members to consider and agree subgroup recommendations
- 5- **Co-ordinating Subgroup:** NP members to consider and agree subgroup recommendations.

## **Part 1: Citywide NP Event:**

- 1- We are organising a short Citywide Event to discuss the Citywide NP Plans and discuss what's happened since the parks investment meeting held in February.
- 2- The date for this event, will be 20th July 6.30pm – 8.30pm at Central Library. Please put the date in your diaries, an Eventbrite invitation will be coming out presently.
- 3- If any of the NPs would like to have a 15 minute slot to share key pieces of work, linked to their NP plan or any of the Citywide Priorities please contact [Hayley.ash@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:Hayley.ash@bristol.gov.uk) The Citywide NP priorities are, Community Resources, Hate Crime and Community Cohesion, Employment, Environment, Health, Highways and Transport, Parks, and Young People.

## **Part 2: Wellbeing Grant:**

- 4- The Wellbeing Grant panel met on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016.
- 5- At present the total amount of Wellbeing Grant available for 2016/17 financial year is £25,543.03.
- 6- In total six Wellbeing applications were assessed by the panel with the total value of £8,663.05. The group's recommendation is summarised in the table shown below "Funding Appraisal Top Sheet".
- 7- The NC is asked to approve recommendations from the Wellbeing Panel summarised in the table shown below.

**Greater Fishponds NP Wellbeing Sub-group: Funding appraisal Top sheet 14/07/16**

Name of organisation	What's the funding for? Brief summary of project	Amount requested	Amount recommended	Conditions
The Red Tent Project	The Red Tent Project is designed to reach women from socially excluded backgrounds who are at risk of extreme isolation. The project is seeking to run a 16 week long educational, creative and practical programme focusing on the health and wellbeing benefits of nutrition. Funding will be used to pay for Nutritionist Workshops, artist fees and plants and seeds for herbal garden.	£1,575	£1,575	N/A
The Haven	Due to increase in demand the group is seeking to build a roundhouse, which will provide an off-grid low-impact workshop space/group meeting room. The funds will be used to pay for a project Co-ordinator.	£2,000	£2,000	Subject to the group securing other sources of funding, needed for the project.
Hillfields Haween Group (HHG)	This application is to support Somali mothers and their children to access sports activities and public health workshops. The funding will largely be used to pay for venue hire.	£1,487.50	£1,487.50	Ensure the group gets support from VOSCUR.
Brook Rd & Tyndale Avenue NWG	This project involves commemorating Gordon Welchman, who was born at the St Mary's vicarage 15 <sup>th</sup> June 1906 and became Bletchley Park codebreaker during World War II. The money will be used to pay for Blue Plaque provided by Wards Sign Makers.	£224	£224	N/A
Hillfields Young Mothers Group	The group is organising a launch event for the Hillfields Community Hub, which they have been involved in developing. The funding will largely be used to pay for outdoor games, music, bouncing castle, etc.	£1,486.55	£1,200	The group to secure equipment from BAND
Playing Out CIC	The aim of this project is to give children of the NP area more opportunities to play out on the streets where they live; and for children, families and residents to enjoy all the benefits to health and well-being, community connectedness and resilience, and active citizenship that come along with this. Funds will be used to pay for	£1,890	Up to £1,890	Subject to the group working in Lower Eastville, where such initiative is needed and reducing project amount accordingly.

8- The following table sets out the principal benefits to Equalities groups and groups with protected characteristics as described in Section D of the application form. Protected characteristics the Equalities Act 2010 covers are age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

PROJECT	CONTRIBUTION TO EQUALITIES
The Red Tent Project	The nutrition project (of The Red Tent) is aimed mainly at women from excluded groups. In addition to this they may have experienced gender specific issues such as working in the sex trade and are/have been victims of domestic and sexual abuse. Women are one of the equalities groups.
The Haven	The project is accessible to all sections of the community and offers facility within a safe, inclusive and supportive environment. Once a week the Haven is open for Women only to support the Red Tent Project, extra measures are also taken to accommodate over 50s.
Hillfields Haween Group (HHG)	This project is developed by BME community members, in particular women and their children, it aims to improve access to public health and young people activities. Women and young people are covered by the Equality Act 2010 as protected characteristics.
Brook Rd & Tyndale Avenue NWG	Women are involved in this project and takes into account needs of wider community, including elderly community members who their role will be acknowledged, BME and disabled community members.
Hillfields Young Mothers Group	The group is organising an event accessible to all the sections of the community, including equalities groups and groups that are protected characteristics.
Playing Out CIC	This project is targeting all sections of the community and have taken extra measures to target the hard to reach including mothers with young children, young people, older people and BME community members.

9- If the NC approve the Wellbeing subgroup's recommendation of £8,376.50 the NP will have £17,166.53 for the rest of 2016/17 financial year.

10- As part of the Wellbeing Subgroup members Mo Lewis, Kate Brooks and Scott Jacobs-Lange assessed the Wellbeing applications.

### Part 3: Traffic and Transport:

- 11- The Traffic and Transport subgroup met on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016.
- 12- The group were updated that previously suggested piloting proposal to get the buses travelling outbound to go through the Straits Parade were rejected. The group requested formal written decision.
- 13- The group spent some time reviewing the NP Plan and have recommend the following priorities to be included in the NP Plan:

Priority	Activity Description & Brief reasons.	New Activity
<b>13.1- Traffic and Transport</b>		
P1: Pedestrian Safety.	New activity	<b>New Activity 1:</b> Develop schedule of educational and enforcement programmes targeting primary schools during drop offs and pickups.
P2: Maintenance of roads and pavements.	New activity	<b>New Activity 1:</b> Clean and maintain signs in the NP area including the cycle track and by the Vassall Centre.
	New activity	<b>New Activity 2:</b> Create where necessary signage to improve none vehicle travelling mode to different parks and local public facilities.

- 14- Measures to improve pedestrian access on Forest Road Bridge and between Briar Way and Staplehill Road have been prioritised by the Neighbourhood Partnership. Subsequently the NP received £75,000 of IBFF funding to carryout improvements.
- 15- The group were informed that additional £18,000 was needed to complete phase two. Following discussion the group agreed in principle, however requested more information to be made available at the NP meeting in what the money will be used to pay for.
- 16- Phase one of the works was carried out in 2014 where the narrow footway across Forest Road Bridge was widened to a width to accommodate pushchairs and wheelchairs. This work required significant changes to the traffic signals and the construction of a retaining wall on the southern side of the bridge to facilitate part of the footway widening, subsequently this substantially increased amount spent in phase one.
- 17- Moreover, initially Phase two proposal entailed one way restrictions for Forest Road and neighbouring roads, which were largely rejected by local residents during the consultation. This latest design is in response to objections received from local residents and involves footway widening as shown in below table.
- 18- The Neighbourhood Committee is hereby asked to approve Traffic and Transport Subgroup recommendation to make available additional £18,000 to finish of Forest Rd North Scheme as summarised below.

<b>2016/17 Local Traffic scheme: Neighbourhood Budget £55,327.82 + £3,796.93 underspend</b>			<b>£59,124.75</b>
<b>NP Plan Priority:</b>	<b>Activity/Description of works</b>	<b>Amount £</b>	<b>Running Balance £</b>
<b>Traffic &amp; Transport P2: Forest Rd North Footway widening.</b>	The second phase aims to provide wider footways between Beachgrove Road and Staplehill Road. The existing parking along this stretch of Forest Road creates an informal system of priority narrowing's, we propose to construct the footway widening's in such a way so that drivers continue to wait to give way to one another in the same places they do now.	£18,000	£41,124.75
<b>Remaining Neighbourhood Budget</b>			<b>£41,124.75</b>

19- Finally the group nominated David Mock as the subgroup Chair to represent the group at the NP meetings.

#### Part 4: Environment

20- The Environment Subgroup met on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

21- The Neighbourhood Officer, Georgie Bryant explained at the meeting that all large project works in parks will need to be identified as a need in the neighbourhood plan. This is a new approach, which BCC is taking in order to support Neighbourhood Partnership priorities and to ensure other BCC department can plan their workload.

22- Having projects on the Neighbourhood Partnership Plan does not guarantee funding or that the project will go ahead. However it does put project to the front of the queue when funding becomes available.

23- The Environment Subgroup began reviewing their section of the NP Plan since November 2015. Below table shows summary of their recommendation.

Priority	Activity Description & Brief reasons.	New Activity
<b>23.1- Environment</b>		
P1: The NP area has quality Parks & Green Spaces accessible to all.	This Priority was approved by the NP Dec 2015	<b>New Activity:</b> Commission accredited organisation to develop plans for all the parks and open spaces. Focusing Hillfields parks and openspaces and Eastville Park.
	This Priority was approved by the NP Dec 2015	<b>New Activity:</b> Upgrade play facility in Fishponds Park
	This Priority was approved by	<b>New Activity:</b> Develop new play

	the NP Dec 2015.	facility for older children in Eastville Park.
	This Priority was approved by the NP Dec 2015.	<b>New Activity:</b> Install adequate fence for the Bowling Club.
	This Priority was approved by the NP Dec 2015.	<b>New Activity:</b> New toilet facilities for Eastville Park.
P3: Improve local habitat for wildlife.	This Priority was approved by the NP Dec 2015.	<b>New Activity:</b> Develop formal area for planting for Fishponds Park and Begbrook Park.
	Activity 3: Add new locations for Tree Planting in Parks schemes.	<b>New locations:</b> Develop and deliver tree plans for Hillfields Park
	New Activity: Support the planting of suitable street trees	<b>New Activity:</b> Seek opportunities for replacing and planting additional street trees. - Brook Rd/Tyndale Avenue,
P3: The NP area has quality parks and play areas accessible to all.	New activities to include formal playing fields.	<b>New Activity:</b> Support gifted children by maintaining and improving outdoor sport facilities in area. Focusing on Barton Fields, Whitehall Rugby Football club

## Part 5: Co-ordinating subgroup

24- The Co-ordinating subgroup met on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2016.

25- The focus of the meeting was to look through the NP Achievements report and review the NP Plan. The group concentrated on the sections with no subgroups, namely Families, Young and Older People; Community Cohesion & Development; and Community Buildings & Facilities.



26- Most of the changes proposed were rewording or removing of proposed activities or refining areas to concentrate on. The group identified 1 new activity under the Community Cohesion theme and made some changes to existing activities in the NP Plans. The NP members are hereby asked to approve the group recommendation summarised in the table shown below.

Priority	Activity Description & Brief reasons.	New Activity
<b>8.1 Families, Young and Older People</b>		
P1: NP will support activities for all sections of the community.	Existing Activity 3 & 4 to be merged. They both relate to engaging with young people.	<b>Reword:</b> Develop suitable mechanism for young people to engage with the NP including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Supporting the development of Youth Forum for the NP area.</li> <li>- Supporting initiatives from young people.</li> </ul>
	Activity 7, the group wanted to change wording and wanted to include supporting gifted children.	<b>Reword:</b> Support gifted children by promoting and improving indoors sport facilities in area.
<b>8.2 Community Cohesion &amp; Development</b>		
P1: Supporting Community/voluntary groups in the NP area	Existing Activity 1: Group recommending removing this as it is covered under the Families, young and Older People theme.	<b>Remove activity</b>
	Activity 2 to include Begbrook Park, Gozzie, Ridgway Openspace and Eastville Park.	<b>Reword:</b> Support and empower local residents to set up Friends of Parks for all the Parks and Open spaces. Advising about policies and constitution matters. Target Begbrook Park and Ridgeway Openspace, Eastville Park and

		Fishponds Park.
P2: Build community resilience and enable community to engage effectively with local democracy and build social capital.	For some time the NP wanted to acknowledge the value of many volunteers and show how they are appreciated.	<b>New Activity:</b> Celebrate resident successes and volunteering.
<b>8.3 Community Buildings &amp; Facilities</b>		
Priority 1: Providing development support and opportunities for Community/voluntary organisations running community centres and help them to apply CAT in the NP area.	Activity 1: As Bristol 5 is no longer managing the Harry Crook Centre it was proposed to reword it.	Reworded Activity: Prioritise and return Harry Crook for community use.
	Given the Oldbury Court Community Centre may be sold, it is proposed emerge Activity 2 and 5 so the After School club could be turned as local community facility.	Reworded Activity: Provide advice and support to Oldbury Court After School Club to materialise local community aspirations and reinvesting any capital received from the sale of Oldbury Community centre.