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Filwood / Knowle / Windmill Hill NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

Wednesday 21 September 2016

Report of: Use of the capital receipts from the sale of the Salcombe Road Recreational Ground

Officer presenting report: Andrew McLean

Recommendation:

- a) To **note** contents of the report
- b) To agree the recommendations from the Environment Sub Group for the use of the capital receipts from the sale of the Recreational Ground.



Background

At the 22 June 2016 Neighbourhood Partnership meeting, the following was noted:

- 21 March 2016 Bristol City Council sold the recreational ground site on Salcombe Road in Knowle for £787,450 to Knightstone Housing Association (HA) who will be developing thirty five homes on the site.
- Two thirds of the funds raised from the sale of the land can be used by the Neighbourhood Partnership to carry out improvements to parks and open spaces in the political wards of Filwood (not the regeneration area), Knowle and Windmill Hill.
- It has been agreed that the funds will be split 34.2% (£274,210) for the Capital Parks Programme and 65.8% (£513,240) for the Filwood Knowle and Windmill Hill Neighbourhood Partnership.

Current financial position

The Neighbourhood Partnership has used an advance amount of money from the sale of the land to carry out developments to:

Perrett's Park

Redcatch Park

Salcombe Road Recreational ground

Marksbury Road Open Space

Northern Slopes

The current financial position is made up of the following components (provided by The Neighbourhood Management Service):

- A 65.8% share of the land sale - £513,240
- Funds spent as an advance for the above parks' developments - £224,325
- A commitment has been made to install a new playground on the Salcombe Road site, once the thirty five homes have been built. This is estimated to cost £80,000

The Neighbourhood Partnership has access to £208,915 to allocate for improvements to parks and open spaces in the political wards of Knowle and Windmill Hill.

Allocating capital receipts from the sale of the Salcombe Road site

At the Neighbourhood Partnership meeting on 22 June 2016, there was an agreement to allocate 75% (£156,686.25) of the available funds to parks and open spaces in the area of benefit. The remaining 25% (£52,228.75) will be made available at a future date to be determined by a future Neighbourhood Partnership meeting.

Neighbourhood Partnership allocation process

The Neighbourhood Partnership sub group used the following process:

- **Publicised the process** – Neighbourhood Partnership staff/members and Environment sub group members promoted the opportunity online, through existing networks, and communication channels. The process involved the completion of a Microsoft Word document and submitting it to Bristol City Council before Friday 5 August 2016.

- **Assessment and recommendation process** – the Neighbourhood Partnership Environment sub group met on Wednesday 24 August 2016 and used the agreed criteria to assess and arrive at a series of recommendations to the wider Neighbourhood Partnership.

Neighbourhood Partnership approval

The Neighbourhood Partnership is asked to approve the following recommendations from the Environment Sub Group.

See appendix 1