



**GREATER BRISLINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP
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RECOMMENDATIONS – to note and discuss the updates and dates for diaries on the following:

- 1. Bristol 800, Mansion House Visit**
- 2. Proposal to join the Bristol Walking Alliance**

1. Bristol 800, Mansion House Visit

As you will be aware, we are celebrating 800 years of mayors in Bristol this year.

To mark the event, jointly with the Guild of Guardians, a very special piece of wrought iron garden furniture has been commissioned for the Mansion House Rose Garden and the Guild of Guardians are very generously making some changes to our museum (located on the first floor of the Mansion House).

I am going to hold a special 'At Home' home on Saturday 15 October, 3pm-4pm and would love to welcome Bristol residents to the Mansion House, both to take a look at our new installation, the house and enjoy a cup of tea. I would like to extend this invitation as widely as possible, reflecting how the Lord Mayors position represents the whole city.

I would like to offer 6 places to local residents of each Neighbourhood Partnership and as such, ask for your help. Could you please talk to your respective councillors and between yourselves, identify names of those who would like to join me at the Mansion House for this special event.

The format of the event will be very straight forward, with the emphasis being

on guests enjoying the house and grounds. Full details will follow once you have submitted names.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Cllr Jeff Lovell, Lord Mayor of Bristol 2016-2017

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2. Proposal to join the Bristol Walking Alliance

Background

The Bristol Walking Alliance (BWA) has been up and running since last year, though not officially 'launched' until May 17 2016. In its own words, "The Bristol Walking Alliance is a consortium of organisations and individuals campaigning to improve Bristol's walking environment. We want to create an environment for pedestrians that is welcoming, safe, convenient and inclusive." Its aim, set out in its manifesto is 'to make Bristol the best city for walking in the world.'

This proposal, recommends the Neighbourhood Partnership to join the Alliance, and commit to its aims – just as six other NPs have already done.

Why do it?

- Because everyone walks. So it's important that walking shouldn't be made more difficult by obstructed pavements and other hazards
- Because walking is one of the healthiest activities for all age groups and all abilities
- Because the motorised alternatives to walking all bring health and environmental disbenefits
- Because Neighbourhood Partnerships have a role in advising the council and others in all those local decisions that affect walkers – and the Walking Alliance can help channel our concerns
- Because our NP area already includes a number of active walking groups.
- Because walking locally strengthens a sense of 'place'.

Council context

Cllr Fi Hance is now the Cabinet Member who leads on City Health & Well-being. Her brief will include implementing the Mayor's public health agenda, which has specific 'asks' such as:

- an accelerated updating of the Walking Strategy;
- progress on the Living Heart agenda for the city centre;

- encouragement for Neighbourhood Partnerships to develop their approaches to walking, including support for Bristol Walking Alliance's 'Walkable Neighbourhoods' event later this year;
- adoption of appropriate design standards for infrastructure works; (not sure what that means)
- recognition that walking is not cycling, although the interests of the two are often aligned.

What is the ask?

The Neighbourhood Partnership is asked to appoint one member to convene a group of NP members and residents with an interest in promoting walking, or this could be with an existing meeting of the NP such as at the Forum and to represent it at meetings (currently monthly) of the BWA.

3. Future Meetings 2016/17

Please see appendix 13a for dates of future NP related meetings