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Title: Lockleaze & Manor Farm Community Research

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Section A. Summary of the Group and what it does

Network Lockleaze membership includes Lockleaze Neighbourhood Trust, Buzz Lockleaze, North Bristol Advice Centre, United Communities, Bristol City Council, Neighbourhood Partnership, Connect Lockleaze, Learning Partnership West, BOING, Stoke Park School, local Councillors and other local and city wide partners. We are particularly keen to reach out and to include SLAP, the Police and Lockleaze Voice as part of this work.

The aims of Network Lockleaze are:

- To improve coordinated working in Lockleaze between all sectors and the community
- To work together to improve communication with residents and all stakeholders
- To look at and address the gaps in service delivery in Lockleaze where ever possible
- To build participation and capacity of residents in Lockleaze to ensure that residents have a strong voice and feel able to influence what happens in the neighbourhood including taking action themselves
- To encourage and support partnership projects and activities which strengthen the provision of activities and services in Lockleaze
- To influence the commissioning and funding of activities and services in the area
- To hold agencies to account in the delivery of services in Lockleaze
- To find ways of reaching out to residents (including hard to reach) to better understand their needs and aspirations
- To ensure that local organisations and groups have appropriate open and transparent governance arrangements which means so that they have a legitimate mandate to represent the people of Lockleaze
- To explore the appetite amongst residents and partners to develop a Community Plan in Lockleaze
- To plan for the future population growth in terms of community activities and infrastructure
- To strengthen the voice and influence of Lockleaze residents on the Neighbourhood Partnership and to support the NP to improve its effectiveness

Lockleaze Neighbourhood Trust will be the managing organisation for the project. LNT's vision is that "Lockleaze residents are resilient, skilled, confident and able to achieve positive change for themselves and their community. LNT brings people together and supports residents to deliver projects and activities that support families, improve health and wellbeing, reduce isolation and promote community cohesion and inclusion. This is achieved through delivering activities both within the Lockleaze Hub and Cameron Centre and through events and activities throughout the neighbourhood and in partnership with others.

Manor Farm Community Hub will be the managing group for the Manor Farm project. Manor Farm is a fairly new constituted group campaigning for better facilities and delivering community activities in Manor Farm.

Section B. About the Project

Name of project:

Network Lockleaze and Manor Farm Community Hub Community Research and Action Project

Geographical location:

Lockleaze ward and Manor Farm, Horfield ward

1. Why the project is needed

Lockleaze

There are 12,000 people living in Lockleaze. The neighbourhood has seen significant changes over recent years both in terms of developments within the neighbourhood (Gainsborough Square) and developments across the border into South Gloucestershire. Lockleaze is now one of the most diverse neighbourhoods in Bristol with 30% of residents coming from a Black or other Minority Ethnic (BME) background.

Lockleaze is increasingly seen as a great place to live with more community activities and a once again growing community spirit. However, whilst overall, deprivation in Horfield is average for Bristol Lockleaze ward has two pockets of severe deprivation - Lockleaze South and Filton Avenue North Local Super Output Areas (LSOAs) that fall within the most deprived 10% in terms of multiple deprivation of all LSOAs in England. Also, of the seven LSOAs in Lockleaze, all fall within the most deprived in England for some aspect of deprivation. Thus there are still a significant number of residents who require additional support for example with their housing, employment, debt advice, and education or health issues. Historically it has been difficult to engage residents in Lockleaze as reported by local organisations, the Council and the Neighbourhood Partnership. Thus investment is required in order to address this historical trend. Recent research by the Neighbourhood Partnership identified that the NP particularly need to improve engagement with BME communities in Horfield and Lockleaze.

We know this from the work we do with local residents and through the outreach we have undertaken over the last year. The BCC ABCD work in Lockleaze has highlighted the value of working with residents to develop ideas and solutions and the value of community led projects in terms of local ownership, sustainability and ensuring the "right fit" for the local area. The ABCD work, and our other community work, has already identified residents who would be ideal candidates for the volunteer community research roles.

Manor Farm

Manor Farm is a council estate where there is still a significant number of families and individuals living in social housing (predominantly council housing). It has often been described as the “forgotten estate” with particular concerns regarding anti-social housing and historic neighbourhood disputes. Manor Farm has no indoor community facility as such, where the community can come together for activities and celebration. Over the last couple of years local residents have formed the Manor Farm Community Hub and have been campaigning for better facilities and activities and have begun developing an offer for the community including a community fun day to bring everybody together. Developing a community plan would, for the first time, galvanise a collective voice and vision for the Manor Farm area and would help secure investment and develop partnership working to improve the area.

Current context

Over the last decade the public sector has faced huge cuts to its budgets. Where once communities could call on public sector workers to address and lead improvements and strategic planning at a local level, this is no longer the environment within which we live. Over the next three years BCC will face another round of severe cuts with further cost savings to be made.

This project is seen as an important part of developing a more resilient and self-reliant Lockleaze and Manor Farm; communities better able to take a lead in delivering local projects and take forward local initiatives. We have made a really good start and have been working collaboratively through Network Lockleaze to encourage improved working together (avoiding duplication and competition for funds, volunteers and resources). Residents are stepping up. We have also been working hard to strengthen Lockleaze Neighbourhood Trust as the local development trust for the area. LNT, alongside other Network Lockleaze members, will be key to ensuring that the priorities coming out of the Community Action Plan are taken forward.

Manor Farm has also made good progress but this project would provide a real step change for this community where capacity is currently limited.

In Lockleaze much work has gone into the **Lockleaze Vision and Neighbourhood Development Plan** written by **Lockleaze Voice**. The NDP will set out the planning policy for the neighbourhood. **This proposal will build on this work**. The research and action planning will **take things a stage further** by shaping what the community want to achieve beyond the development of sites and buildings ie, community activities, employment prospects, arts and sports project – some of which could be funded through potential S106 funding from the development of the sites allocated in the NDP.

2. How do we know that this project will make a difference?

We have based our project on successful community research and community plan initiatives developed in Lawrence Weston, Southmead and Henbury & Brentry. In each of these areas, the community has come together to gather resident views, to build consensus about future community initiatives and to ensure that the community has a strong voice in the decisions that affect their neighbourhood. For details visit:

Henbury and Brentry - http://henburybrentrycommunity.org.uk/wordpress/?attachment_id=1037

Southmead - <http://www.southmeadcommunityplan.co.uk/>

Lawrence Weston - <http://www.ambitionlw.org/community-plan/>

The community research gathered from each of these communities has enabled resident groups to bid for and successfully secure significant external funding. Thus these neighbourhoods have become less dependent on the local authority to take the lead and have been able to tap into funding sources not available to the local authority. The work in other areas has also increased the number of people volunteering and involved in community life with local organisations having a stronger mandate in developing activities and projects with the knowledge that this is what local people want to see. There has also been significant benefit for individuals who have volunteered on the projects, on a personal basis (less isolated) and in terms of getting back to work, making new friends etc.

By way of example, since completing the community research and planning in Lawrence Weston, the neighbourhood has gone on to secure a broad range of funding streams for projects included; £1m Lottery funding for a 10 year community involvement project (BIG LOCAL - this fund supports art clubs, youth work, older people's activities, work with families, celebration events), £180k to bring forward a planning application for a new community hub, £1.2m for new sustainable transport solutions to help get workers to the jobs at Avonmouth plus a job club and funded employment advisor, funding for a new solar energy farm that will generate income for the community for years to come. The list goes on.

In North Bristol the community action developed within these neighbourhoods has been impressive. As a result of the work of these local communities city wide providers have been keen to work with these neighbourhoods as they are perceived as places where residents are clear about their vision for the neighbourhood and proactive and productive in the way that they work. We don't want Lockleaze to miss out or fall behind in this respect.

3. What the project will achieve

We will deliver a successful and high quality community led community research project with the aim of:

- Gathering up to date information on **residents views**
- **Generating ideas and enthusiasm** for sustaining existing and developing new community led initiatives
- Developing **residents as community leaders**
- Developing **Community Action Plans** for Lockleaze and Manor Farm to inform and strengthen the Neighbourhood Partnership Neighbourhood Plan
- Working with residents to deliver a number of **priority projects** identified within the Community Action Plans
- Using the Community Action Plans to **inform future investment in the area** (including future external funding bids) to support community activities, employment and economic development initiatives, arts and sports activities, community facilities, future library provision, a cultural offer for the neighbourhoods etc.

4. How we will deliver the project

Phase 1 Community Research

- Recruiting up to 20 local people as volunteer community researchers
- Organising and deliver high quality community research and community development training for the volunteer community researchers (Autumn)
- Door knocking Lockleaze and Manor Farm homes gathering the views and ideas of local people and encouraging participation in the project (Winter/Spring)
- Reaching out to underrepresented and hard to reach groups (e.g. young people, new families, older people, recently arrived residents, BME residents) – including making use of a

S106 fund for public art focussed on engaging interest and involvement by the community in the development of a community plan using the arts.

- Analysing the results of the research (Spring)
- Organising and facilitating community planning days in Lockleaze and Manor Farm involving residents and other important stakeholders (Council, Police, others) to develop an Action Plan for the future that will set out community aspirations ensuring that all initiatives in Lockleaze and Manor Farm are linked together to maximise impact (e.g. strengthening the delivery of the proposed social prescribing work). The artist appointed through the S106 funding will be able to play a role in engaging the wider community in the planning process.

We have budgeted £14,000 for this element of the project.

Phase 2 Getting on with it

- During the community planning day we will work with residents to **prioritise projects** and will use the additional money allocated the budget (£6,000) to take forward priorities identified by residents (so that they immediately see the value of their involvement). We would involve the Neighbourhood Partnership in any final decisions/sign off for these projects and/or this could be decided using a **participatory budgeting process**.

We have budgeted £6,000 for this element of the project.

5. How many people will benefit from the project, and who they are

Our aim is to recruit 20 volunteer community researchers across the two areas. We aim to door knock all households with the target of involving **1,000 residents in the research in Lockleaze and 300 in Manor Farm**. We will carry out additional outreach to contact hard to reach groups including working with Learning Partnership West to gather the views of young people. We anticipate that around 150 people will attend the action planning days.

a. Involving the wider community

This project is **all about** involving the wider community with the project. It is the overall aim of the project. To ensure that the project benefits and welcomes everyone who lives in the neighbourhood we will work with the following Equalities groups:

Equalities Groups	Tell us how your project will benefit these people OR tell us what you will do to make sure people from these communities feel welcome and choose to get involved
Women	We will gather equalities data on all participants and periodically we will review who is and who isn't participating and we will develop outreach approaches to address any equalities groups who are underrepresented.
Young people	As above – in particular we will be working with Learning Partnership West to gather views of young people. The public art project that we shall work with is funded by Bristol City Council with funds that are linked to the development of training initiatives, with a focus on young people.

Older people	As above – in particular we will work through existing groups (NBAC, LNT, Churches and others). The public art project that we shall work with is funded by Bristol City Council with funds that are linked to the development of training initiatives, with older groups.
Black and minority ethnic people	As above – in particular we will work with local groups, refugee support organisations and SARI to inform both outreach and actions in relation to BME priority areas of work.
Disabled people	As above – in particular we will work with local partners (Bristol Ageing Better, LNT and others) to ensure our approach meets the needs of people with a broad range of disabilities.
Lesbian, gay, bisexual people,	As above – in particular we will involve LGBT Bristol as a stakeholder
transgender people	As above and again involving LGBT Bristol
People with religion or belief	As above and through existing Church and other faith groups.
Other groups (for example: ex-offenders; single parents; substance users, current or ex; men's groups)	As above, and through schools, other partners (e.g. Golden Key, Housing Associations etc).

b. Advertising the project

We hope that an outcome of our work will be more residents involved in the neighbourhood partnership as well as other community projects and initiatives. Thus we are very keen to involve the Neighbourhood Partnership as a key partner in the project and will promote the NP involvement and make it clear that the NP is a major funder of the work.

We will be promoting the projects through the following channels:

- Network Lockleaze Breakfasts and in particular encouraging partners to promote (e.g. through Churches, Schools, VCS organisations, sheltered housing schemes, housing associations etc.)
- E-bulletins
- Noticeboards
- Newsletter (Horfield and Lockleaze Voice and other organisations newsletters) and other printed materials
- Door to door knocking
- Face Book
- Twitter
- Press articles
- The public art project with the appointed artist.

c. When the work will take place

Start date: Nov 2016 End date (if applicable): July 2017

Section C Making a difference

We will be working to deliver the following outcomes:

- i. **Attracting additional funding** to Lockleaze and Manor Farm (in Lawrence Weston this approach has led to attracting in excess of £3m of additional funding)
- ii. **More residents involved in community projects** (in Henbury and Brentry this has led to 10 residents stepping up and agreeing to lead on overseeing the delivery of chapters of the community plan, in Lawrence Weston residents have become involved in community projects for the first time becoming trustees, running art groups etc)
- iii. **Better understanding between people in the community and increased participation from under represented groups** (in Southmead the community plan has led to the setting up of Disability Navigation Group made up of local disabled residents who campaign and deliver activities to meet the needs of disabled people in Southmead)
- iv. **More resilient communities**, less reliance on public services (in both Lawrence Weston and Southmead the community have stepped up and taken over the management of the local youth centres ensuring that these important community assets are not lost and that services continue and new activities are piloted)
- v. **More community activities and community groups** (in Southmead new activities have been initiated – a new website, counselling for young people, family support project, trampolining coaching, football coaching, drama classes for young people, trips for vulnerable young girls etc.)
- vi. **A community with a strong voice able to influence decisions (including investment decisions) within the neighbourhood**
- vii. **New community activists trained and empowered** (in Lawrence Weston one local activities who is particularly passionate about renewable energy and sustainability issues has successfully campaigned for a new solar farm which has already generated £100,000 of community benefit).

The Community Action Plans will **feed directly into the Neighbourhood Partnership Neighbourhood Plan**. It will help make the plan more robust with more residents having had a say in setting the priorities. We could use the same theme headings as the NP Plan (e.g. community buildings, traffic and transport). **The work builds on the NDP produced by Lockleaze Voice by moving beyond land and buildings to imagine and plan what will be happening within the neighbourhood now and in the future.**

Section D Finance

8a How much are you asking for? £20,000

Please set out a breakdown of the total cost of your piece of work, showing us which items you are asking us to fund and which are being funded from another source.

Item	Cost	Please tick(✓) if you are asking us to fund this item. If you have funding to pay for an item or part of an item please say where it is coming from (e.g. reserves, Lottery, Quartet)

Activity - Phase 2		
Community research training	£1,500	In addition to these costs there will be a number of VCS (Buzz, Connect Lockleaze, LNT, United Communities) and Public Sector workers (Public Health, Neighbourhood Partnership, Major Projects). We estimate that this contribution could be valued at around £15,000.
Volunteer expenses	£800	
Volunteer support/co-ordination	£4,000	
Outreach workshops/sessions	£1,500	
Engagement of young people	£800	
Analyse and write up results	£1,750	
Event room hire	£150	
Event printing and publicity	£100	
Community arts	£300	
Management - Lockleaze	£1,500	
Management, co-ordination, event - Manor Farm	£1,600	
Phase 1 total	£14,000	
Activity - Phase 2	£6,000	
Funding to take forward projects identified (would require taking back to the NP/participatory budgeting)		
Total - Phase 1 and Phase 2 - Total Cost	£20,000	

8b. Have you applied for funding anywhere else for this project? E.g. to any other funder or Neighbourhood Partnership - Y / N

If yes please provide details:

Yes. We have secured £12k from Public Health, £3k from DCLG (Buzz Community Ec Dev Plan), £5 from Quartet. This will provide funded staff time and professional advice in order to support the project.

9. If you are awarded less money than you are asking for, will your project be able to go ahead? If it will, briefly explain how:

We would have to reconsider the scope and size of the project or consider delaying the project to see if it is possible to secure funding from elsewhere.

10. Volunteer time: We want to celebrate the value of volunteers. Please tell us how many volunteers will be included in the delivery of this project, how much time they will spend on the project and calculate the theoretical monetary value using our value of £11.06 per hour.

Number of volunteers	Number of hours per session	Number of sessions/weeks	Total volunteer time	Monetary value of volunteers' work Multiply by £11.06 per hour
Community researcher	20 volunteers estimated to give 100 hours each		2000	1200 x 11.06 = £22,120.
		Grand total	1200	£13,272.