



Horfield and Lockleaze Neighbourhood Partnership
Wednesday 5th October 2016

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

Title: Stoke Park funding

Report of: Stoke Park Delivery Group - Caroline Hollies, Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator

Contact details: 0117 92 23977 or caroline.hollies@bristol.gov.uk

- 1- To note progress
- 2- To allocate £3000 from the Stoke Park Dowry to produce a fundraising strategy
- 3- To reallocate the £2000 allocated for Summer Events and Activities in June 2016:
 - £500 to support the Friends of Stoke Park and Purdown
 - £1,500 to support a programme of events to last until Summer 2017

1.0 Stoke Park Delivery Group

1.1 This Group met on 6th September 2016.

1.2 The Group discussed the report following on from the summer consultations around the Stoke Park Dowry. The group agreed that the Friends of Stoke Park and Purdown will be about volunteer led activity in the park; while the Delivery Group will work at a more strategic level with Councillors, Council Officers to deliver the Stoke Park Management Plan using the Stoke Park Dowry. The Terms of Reference for the Delivery Group will be agreed at the next meeting in November.

1.3 The Group also heard an update from the Friends Group and Steve England about activities in Stoke Park. Andy Gordon updated the group on the work that has been going on in the Estate by the Council and Metrobus.

2.0 Fundraising strategy

2.1 During the summer, Neighbourhoods and Parks carried out a consultation about what park users and local residents, with a particular focus on young people, would like to see in Stoke Park. The report identified 6 priorities for the park:

- Youth Engagement
- Sustainable Volunteering
- Events/activities/tools to celebrate, educate - archaeology, history, fauna and flora
- Café/ Visitors Centre
- Art in the Park
- Woodland Management

2.2 Consultees clearly identified a need for a strategic approach to delivering these elements in the park using the remaining £23,000 of the Stoke Park Dowry. The first stage of this would be to produce a fundraising strategy. This will set out what projects could be delivered in the park over the next 3 years, identify grants that could support these projects and a list of fundraisers who could write out the applications.

2.3 Stoke Park Delivery Group therefore request that £3,000 from the Stoke Park Dowry is allocated to producing this strategy. Lockleaze Neighbourhood Trust has agreed to act as the accountable body for this funding and to manage the process of writing the strategy. **The Neighbourhood Committee is asked to approve this request and allocate this funding to LNT.**

3.0 Activities and Events 2016-17

2.1 In June 2016, the Neighbourhood Partnership allocated £2000 from the devolved Dowry fund for events and activities in Stoke Park. Members of SDPG were unhappy with the procurement process used, so this funding was not spent.

2.2 At the meeting in September, the Group felt that they would like see a programme of organised events in the Park before the more strategic approach can be applied. Therefore, Stoke Park Delivery Group would also like to allocate the remaining £1500 to a programme of activities and events up until summer 2017. This would include events that have been identified through the consultation that the Friends group are unable to run. The events are expected to attract local residents and equalities groups who do not usually engage in Stoke Park and attendees can also be linked with the Friends Group.

2.2 Stoke Park Delivery Group would also like to support the newly formed Friends of Stoke Park and Purdown and would therefore like to allocate the remaining £500 to the Friends of Stoke Park and Purdown eg provide refreshments at events, produce publicity etc.

2.2 The Neighbourhood Committee is asked to approve these requests and reallocate this funding to be spent on a programme agreed by Stoke Park Delivery Group.

3.0 Stoke Park budget £30,000

NP Date	Project	Expenditure	Balance
25 th June 2015	Walks and Talks	£2000	£28,000
17 th September 2015	Youth project	£2000	£26,000
17 th September 2015	Sculpture Trail	£1000	£25,000
20 th June 2016	Summer Events and Activities	£2,000	£23,000
5 th October 2016	Friends of Stoke Park and Purdown	£500	
5 th October 2016	Programme of Events and Activities	£1,500	
5 th October 2016	Fundraising Strategy	£3,000	£20,000
Amount remaining			£20,000

Items in blue are budget allocations suggested at this meeting.