



MY NEIGHBOURHOOD

St George Neighbourhood Partnership
Wednesday 12th October 2016

Report of: Subgroup Champions, Neighbourhood Partnership Co-ordinator.

Title: NP Activities- Business Report

Recommendation:

- 1- **Citywide NP Event:** NP members to note update
- 2- **NP Equalities Review 2016:** NP members to note update
- 3- **Operation Subgroup:** NP to note progress.
- 4- **Meadowvale Steering Group proposal:** NP members to note progress and NC to approve funding to support proposal.
- 5- **Environment:** NP to note progress and NC to approve Environment subgroup recommendation.
- 6- **Traffic and Transport:** NP to note progress and NC to approve subgroup's recommendation to fund Lyppiatte Rd scheme.
- 7- **Wellbeing:** NC is asked to consider the Wellbeing subgroup recommendation for grant applications received since July 2016.

Part 1: Citywide NP Event

- 1- On a hot and sunny 20th July, 47 NP members came to the Central library for the 4th Citywide NP event. The evening started with an introduction by Marg Hickman (then Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods). Roger Gimson from Bishopston, Cotham and Redland followed with an introduction to the Bristol Walking Alliance. Deana Parry from Southmead then spoke about the work they had been doing in Southmead to make parks more accessible and Lindsay Hay informed the group about the guide to investing in parks that her team is putting together.
- 2- The next topic of conversation was about NPs themselves. This took the biggest chunk of the evening, looking back at the last review and what had been achieved, and then in smaller groups 4 conversations took place exploring Communications, Engagement, the Cuts and NP structures, full report is available from Hayley Ash..

Part 2: NP Equalities Review 2016

- 3- Equalities monitoring is an essential tool used to help identify if NPs are representatives of their neighbourhood; are addressing issues affecting different communities and are fair and equitable.
- 4- Between the periods of April 2016 to June 2016, the first quarter of this year the Neighbourhood Management team piloted new way of collecting this data. This involved completing Equalities Monitoring forms for all NP activities including online and face to face.
- 5- The exercise captured for the first time a snapshot to provide a baseline of participation on NP work. The full report across the city is available from equalities monitoring report
- 6- During this period 1,531 equalities surveys were completed across the city and NP Officers carried out 6,146 face to face engagement.
- 7- For St George NP we had a monitoring return of 34.9% (52 out of 149) (average return was 23.9%).The main results of that quarters monitoring are:

- i. Disabled People engagement: The percentage of disabled people engaged was lower than the NP Census proportion.
- ii. Age – under 50 engagement: Less people under the age of 50 were engaged in comparison to the NP profile.
- iii. Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic engagement: percentage of BME engagement was lower than the NP Census proportion.
- iv. Gender engagement: males were engaged in line with the Census proportion and females were engaged at lower levels than the Census proportion.
- v. Sexual Orientation: there was no breakdown of sexual orientation by NP area because of low numbers. 5.09% of monitoring returns across the city were from Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community. There are no Census statistics available for sexual orientation. The estimate for the City is 6%.

8- Obviously a three-month monitoring provides a variable level of the overall picture of engagement. It's affected by specific pieces of work taking part in the neighbourhood at that time and by how efficient the completion of monitoring is and who chose to complete it.

9- However, this exercise provides the first concrete information which the NP can use to set a baseline on its engagement and plan work to bring engagement closer to the real population groupings in our NP area as evidenced by the 2011 Census.

Part 3: Operation subgroup

10- Operation subgroup met on Thursday 21st July 2016.

11- The group received an update on the preparation the St George in Bloom is making for their South West in Bloom and RHS National awards entry. The group received donations from the St George Town Team and Aveva Insurance.

- 12- The group also discussed organising an informal NP member's meeting. It was suggested to set-up a doodle pool to find best possible date most people could attend. Following the Doodle Poll Monday 24th October 2016, 7pm is set to be the best date for majority people.

Part 4: Meadowvale Steering Group

- 13- Steering Group managing the development of Meadowvale Community Centre has been working hard to ensure they meet the Reaching Community Lottery Funding application criteria.
- 14- One of the key elements to help with the group's application is having planning permission to develop the Community Centre in place along with long lease on the community centre. The Planning application requires design concept and a set of scaled drawings along with Energy Survey, Coal Mining survey and Structural reports. It is estimated approximately £10,308 inc VAT is required to get professional support to pull this together.
- 15- The group is in contact with property services and began negotiations on the lease. With the help of the Rotary Club and UWE, the group also managed to fund raise £7,000, leaving them £3,308 short.
- 16- The timescales the group is working to is to ensure planning application is granted before December 2016, with the view of submitting the Lottery application in the first part of the new-year.
- 17- Given the group is working on one of the key NP Plan priorities and will be drawing money into the NP area, the group would like the NP to support with the aforementioned shortfall amount.
- 18- The NC is hereby asked to approve proposal from the Meadowvale Steering Group summarised in the table shown below.

2016/17 St George NP Budget			£22,986.84
NP Plan Priority Ref:	Activity/Description of works	Amount £	Running

Communication			Balance £
P1: Activity 2: Support the Meadowvale Community Association management committee to recruit volunteers and increase their capacity.	Funds to contribute £10,308 pot needed to pay for hiring professional support (architect) to pull together requirements for full planning application to develop Meadowvale Community Centre.	£3,308	
Remaining St George NP Budget			£19,678.84

Part 5: Environment subgroup

- 19- The Environment Sub-Group met on Thursday 1st Sept 2016, a full report is available at www.stgeorgenp.org.uk/subgroups/environment.
- 20- The group received an update on current live projects and grant applications Friends of Park groups submitted. For more information about the funds raised see Fundraiser Report attached.
- 21- It was noted that some more work was needed to complete the entrances for Plummer's Hill and Rodney Rd.
- 22- The group considered detailed breakdown of S106 expenditure to date and discussed needs for parks/open spaces in the NP area.
- 23- Following discussion it was agreed that the sub-group would recommend to the next NP meeting that £15,000 of the remaining S106 should be ring-fenced for use at Colebrook Road. This would be used either as match funding for play equipment or for other uses depending on the outcome of planned consultation with local residents.

24- The NC is hereby asked to approve recommendations from the Environment subgroup summarised in the table shown below.

2016/17 St George NP: S106 Ref: 10/00121 / 89 Two Mile Hill Road, Kingswood / ZCD...988			£16,657.54
NP Plan Priority Ref: Communication	Activity/Description of works	Amount £	Running Balance £
P1 Activity 1 & activity 5. P3: Activity 5: Refurbish/Renew play area at Colebrook Rd Green Space.	To ringfence £15,000 for Colebrook Rd greenspace either as match funding for play equipment or for other uses to improve provision at Colebrook Rd greenspace.	£15,000	£1,657.54
Remaining S106 89 Two Mile Hill Rd, Budget			£1,657.54

Part 6: Traffic & Transport:

25- The Traffic and Transport subgroup met on Tuesday 30th August 2016.

26- The group received an update on live schemes. The group also revisited the Lyppiatte Rd scheme and learnt that there is no regeneration funding available to pay or carryout improvements in Lyppiatte Rd.

27- Funded feasibility study estimates the cost of Lyppiatte Rd improvements £25,000. The Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Partnership Traffic and Transport subgroup members are supportive of the proposal. It is hoped they will contribute 50% of the scheme. The NC for Ashley, Easton & Lawrence Hill will consider the subgroup recommendation on Monday 3rd October 2016.

28- The amount of Neighbourhood Budget available to the St George NP is £22,986.84. This can be used to pay for the remaining 50% of Lyppiatte Rd scheme, amounting to £12,500.

- 29- The NC is hereby asked to approve recommendations from the Traffic & Transport subgroup summarised in the table shown below.

<u>2016/17 St George NP Budget</u>			<u>£19,678.84</u>
NP Plan Priority Ref: Communication	Activity/Description of works	Amount £	Running Balance £
P3: Activity 5: Stop vehicles from parking on Lyppiatte Rd pavement.	This is 2016/17 Local Traffic Scheme, in line with the one scheme per year per NP. It is to progress the feasibility design scheme the NP funded last year, which is hoped will stop vehicles from blocking pavement in Lyppiatte Rd.	£12,500	
Remaining S106 89 Two Mile Hill Rd, Budget			<u>£7,178.84</u>

Part 7: Wellbeing Grant:

- 30- The Wellbeing subgroup met on Monday 15th August 2016.
- 31- The total amount of Wellbeing Budget available at the time of writing this report is £8,387,11.
- 32- In total 4 applications were received during this round, of which one is ineligible as it has come from a private individual, not a community group.
- 33- If the remaining 3 applications are granted this will leave a balance of £1,851.11.

Wellbeing sub-group recommendations

- 34- The group's recommendation is summarised in the table shown below "Funding Appraisal Top Sheet".

St George NP Wellbeing Sub-group: Funding appraisal Top sheet					
Name of organisation	Declarations of interest	What's the funding for? Brief summary of project	Amount requested	Amount recommended	Conditions
Playing Out CIC	None	Paying for a local project worker to support existing local Playing Out schemes, support a primary school to start a new scheme, network with local groups to spread the Playing Out idea and encourage take up, provide road closure kits to new Playing Out streets. The aim is to work towards sustainability with Playing Out purely supported by volunteers in the St George Neighbourhood Partnership area.	£2,000	£2,000	Publicity to be shared with webteam@stgeorgenp.org.uk when a reach across St George is needed
Meadow Vale Community Association	None	To improve the look and facilities of the Community Centre to make it easier to hire out and to be able to carry out many activities there.	£2,671	£2,671	When the work is done advertising for hire of the community centre to be done locally and comprehensively including on local community noticeboards.
The Lamplighters	None	Working with local schools and community groups to create lanterns on the theme of "The World in Lights" culminating in a lantern procession on Friday 2 nd December from Redfield Educate Together Primary Academy to and along Church Rd and back.	£1,865	£1,865	Publicity to be shared with webteam@stgeorgenp.org.uk

35- 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.

PROJECT	CONTRIBUTION TO EQUALITIES
Playing Out CIC	Mothers with young children will be particularly targeted but the project will help people of all ages, religious beliefs and genders within the Playing Out street to get out and get to know each other. The project is open to all.
Meadow Vale Community Association	Advertising will be targeted to all sectors of the community.
The Lamplighters	<p>Extracts from the Lamplighters application:</p> <p>There will be specially targeted workshops at the Somali and Polish women groups at the Wellspring Centre.</p> <p>Specially Targeted workshops at Redfield Lodge with reception age children working with older people</p> <p>Free after school workshops in each of the participating local schools. These will be publicised via children's book bags.</p> <p>All our open community workshops are welcoming to all comers</p> <p>We are using the theme of the world in lights as an open welcome to people from all religions and beliefs to participate.</p> <p>Through offering the lantern kits we enable the participation of working families who find it hard to attend after school workshops etc due to time pressures</p> <p>.</p>

36- As part of the Wellbeing Subgroup members Susan Acton-Campbell, Philip Bird, Jo Webster-Green, Pete Franklin. Pete Franklin did not assess the Lamplighters application as it was likely a school of which he is a governor could benefit.

Membership of the Wellbeing sub-group

37- The subgroup are pleased to welcome Chris Deane and Diane Jones to their team. Merrill Godwin has stood down from the subgroup due to family commitments. This brings our numbers to 8, leaving 2 vacancies. New members are always welcome.