

Bristol City Council
Minutes of the Area Committee 3

17 October 2023 at 6.00 pm



Members Present:-

Councillors: Heather Mack (Chair), Amal Ali, Marley Bennett, Lorraine Francis, Ellie King and David Wilcox

Officers in Attendance:-

Ellie Stevens (Community Resources Manager), Keith Chant (Parks Assets and Projects Manager), John Atkinson (Tree Bristol Education Lead), Charlotte MacDiarmid (Community Resources Team) and Jeremy Livitt (Democratic Services)

7 Welcome, Introductions and Apologies for Absence

The Chair welcomed all parties to the meeting and asked officers to introduce themselves.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lesley Alexander and Councillor Craig Cheney.

8 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

Councillor Ellie King declared a conflict of interest- involved in managing board of Friends of Hillfields Library .

9 Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 14th November 2022

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the above meeting be signed as a correct record and signed by the Chair subject to the correction to Councillor Marley Bennett’s name as the seconder for the nomination of Councillor Heather Mack as Chair.

10 Public Forum

There were no Public Forum items.

11 Area Committee 3 Report 2023/24

Ellie Stevens, Community Resources Manager, introduced this report and, together with Keith Chant and John Atkinson made the following points:



- Members' attention was drawn to the 6 monthly progress updates set out on the website
- The Terms of Reference had been recently adjusted to confirm that this was a formal meeting
- Section E – CIL Funding – Following the receipt of additional CIL funding since papers were prepared, there was now a total of approximately £59,300 for use, with £19,395 available for tree planting, including £18,982.92 available for time-limited use for a specific provision and maintenance scheme of off-site tree planting at Bonnington Walk, Lockleaze to be concluded by 14th October 2026
- It was noted that tree planting locations listed under 16,17 and 18 on Page 34 were incorrectly listed under Lockleaze and should be listed for Eastville
- Officers would check to confirm whether or not one of the proposed trees in Stoke Park (identified on Page 35) could be replaced with a tree in Stanfield Close which had a greater need for additional trees and whether or not there was additional money to replace a fallen tree in Snowdon Road. The Bristol Tree officer confirmed that checks would be required to ensure that all trees were viable for planting. **ACTION: Jon Atkinson**

Proposals considered, by ward:

Eastville

It was noted that there were four proposed schemes for this ward as follows and which needed to be prioritised:

AC323P09 – Rose Green Leisure Centre BWIPCC – Using Cricket to Engage Disengaged Young People in Schools – CIL Amount Requested £10,000 – The Planning Department had indicated that this was not eligible for CIL funding which is for capital projects (not for services or activities, which would be classified as revenue)

AC323P17 – Crofts End Church - Double Yellow Lines – CIL Amount Requested £15,000 – Joint Priority 1 for Eastville

AC323P37 – Friends of Royate Hill Local Nature Reserve – Installation of council waste bin inside entrance at Clay Bottom end of reserve - CIL Amount Requested £1,500 (Bristol City Council cost estimate higher) – Joint Priority 1 for Eastville

AC323P39 – Friends of Eastville Park – Eastville Play Renovation Part 2 – CIL Amount Requested £25,000 (Bristol City Council cost estimate higher) – It was noted that whilst only the sand pit area was requested by the organisation to be replaced, the entire play area would also need to be renovated as it was rotten, meaning costs would be substantially higher than stated (£136,308.00) – Joint Priority 1 for Eastville

Frome Vale

There was one scheme to be prioritised: AC323P59 – Friends of the Park Oldbury Estate/Vassals Park – Benches and Bins - CIL Amount Requested £8400 (Bristol City Council cost estimate higher).

It was noted that estimated costs were not always thoroughly checked by groups requesting funding and therefore it was important for officers to provide a more thorough assessment.



Hillfields

There were three schemes to be prioritised:

AC323P126 – Sarah Rogers – Signs and Trees for Hillfields – CIL Amount Requested £10,000 – Priority 1

AC323P127 – Friends of Hillfields Library – Hillfields Library Improvements - CIL Amount Requested TBC – Priority 5

AC323P148 – Sarah Matthews – Hillfields Bins – CIL Amount Requested £4,000 (Approximately) - Priority 3

The Committee noted that any funding for Bristol Waste to provide bins would need to include a commuted sum for maintenance over the 15 year lifetime of the bins.

Lockleaze

There were five schemes to be prioritised:

AC323P34 – Rosalind Roberts – Bonnington Walk Traffic Calming – CIL Amount Requested £1,000 (Bristol City Council estimate costs are considerably higher) – Priority 3

AC323P35 – Laura De Hondt – Shaldon Road Welcome Sign – CIL Amount Requested £1,000 (Bristol City Council estimate costs are considerably higher) – Priority 4

AC323P36 – Adrian Andrew – Shaldon Road Traffic Calming – CIL Amount Requested – CIL Amount requested for £1,000 (Bristol City Council estimate costs are considerably higher) – Priority 5

AC323P38 – Rosalind Roberts – Bonnington Walk Welcome Sign – CIL Amount Requested – CIL Amount requested for £1,000 (Bristol City Council estimate costs are considerably higher) – Priority 2

AC323P60 – South Lockleaze and Purdown Neighbourhood Group CIC – CIL Amount Requested for £30,000 – Priority 1

Multiple Wards

AC323P19 – Ridgeway Road Positive Action Group – Vehicle Activated Speeding Signs Ridgeway Road – CIL Amount Requested for £12,000 (Bristol City Council estimate costs considerably higher) - Transport quote for £30,000 – Joint Priority 1



AC3233P40 – Great Western Air Ambulance Charity Provision of Public Access Defibrillators – CIL
Amount Requested for £3,600

Area Committee 1 and Area Committee 6 have already considered the proposal for Defibrillators, which is a citywide initiative. Area Committee 1 support the proposal, and are willing to increase their deficit to support the initiative. Area Committee 6 have stated that they will defer to reconsider the proposal next year due to a deficit of funds.

The Committee noted that they were considering which proposals to invite to Stage 2 to develop full project proposals for a formal decision on funding at a future meeting. They discussed all the proposals and made the following comments:

Defibrillators

The Committee noted that Councillor Lorraine Francis had recently fundraised £3,000 for defibrillators in her ward and promoted greater community involvement in this area. She indicated that she supported the placement of more defibrillators throughout the city, but not of using scarce CIL funds to do so. Furthermore, she drew attention to the difficulty in finding locations for them and pointed there were other urgent schemes that needed a high level of prioritisation.

The Committee noted the difficulty for each area to support in their wards given the difficulties in finding locations. In addition, some Area Committees felt there were enough defibrillators in their wards and were happy for them to be introduced elsewhere.

It was further noted that there was an ambition to have a defibrillator within 3 to 5 minutes walk of everywhere in the city and the purpose was to find an appropriate part of the city for each of these.

The Committee were advised that there is a massive backlog with transport schemes due to difficulties in not being able to agree prices with contractors and with shortage of staff.

As there was not enough funding available to fund all the Outline Proposals received by the committee, a discussion took place about which should be invited to Stage 2 to develop full project proposals. It was agreed that each ward would invite forward one Priority 1 proposal. In addition, Eastville and Hillfields would invite forward a second priority proposal given that their first choices were Transport proposals which may be significantly delayed or not come to fruition given the challenges outlined above.

The Committee considered the proposal for funding £3,600 for defibrillators (AC323 P40), as well as the schemes for the following projects (indicated by code below):

AC323 P17
AC323 P37
AC323 P59
AC323 P60
AC323 P126



AC323 P148

In addition, discussions were taking place with key Councillors concerning arrangements for next year's devolved CIL/S106 funding process following the forthcoming change from a mayoral to a committee system. Options being discussed include delaying the start of the process until after the May elections, taking a fallow year, or taking a fallow year for CIL funding while continuing to approve S106 spend. This would enable funding for tree planting to continue.

The Committee moved, seconded and upon being put to the vote, it was

RESOLVED (unanimously except where indicated) –

- (1) that progress be noted on updating the previously approved Area Committee projects and the publication of 6-monthly updates published on Bristol City Council webpage
- (2) that the Committee notes the CIL and Section 106 monies available at 30th September 2023
- (3) that the Committee notes the outline proposals submitted to Area Committee 3 for 2023/24
- (4) that the Committee notes the legal information concerning the Public Sector Equality duty in reaching all its decisions
- (5) that £18,749.88 be allocated to TreeBristol from S106 20/02523 / Land at Bonnington Walk, Lockleaze for various tree planting sites across Area Committee 3 area
- (6) that the following outline proposals be invited to Stage 2 to develop full project proposals:

Eastville

AC323P17 – Crofts End Church - Double Yellow Lines – CIL Amount Requested £15,000 – Priority 1 for Eastville

AC323P37 – Friends of Royate Hill Local Nature Reserve – Installation of council waste bin inside entrance at Clay Bottom end of reserve - CIL Amount Requested £1,500 (Bristol City Council cost estimate higher) – Priority 2 for Eastville

Frome Vale

AC323P59 – Friends of the Park Oldbury Court Estate/Vassals Park – Benches and Bins - CIL Amount Requested £8400 (Bristol City Council cost estimate higher) – Priority 1

- Invited to submit a proposal to the value of £27,223 to reflect quote provided by BCC parks service.



Hillfields

AC323P126 – Sarah Rogers – Signs and Trees for Hillfields – CIL Amount Requested £10,000 – Priority 1

AC323P148 – Sarah Matthews – Hillfields Bins – CIL Amount Requested £4,000 (Approximately) - Priority 3- It was agreed that Ellie Stevens would work with Councillor Ellie King to get an accurate quote for this proposal from Bristol Waste Company ahead of a full proposal being developed, so that the stage 2 full proposal can consider a proportional ask from the Area Committee.

Lockleaze

AC323P60 – South Lockleaze and Purdown Neighbourhood Group CIC – CIL Amount Requested for £30,000 – Priority 1

Multiple Wards

- (7) (voting – 5 for, 1 against) that the following proposal for Multiple Wards be invited to Stage 2 to develop a full project proposal including greater detail on possible locations for defibrillators within the area wards, for consideration at the next Area Committee 3 meeting :

AC3233P40 – Great Western Air Ambulance Charity Provision of Public Access Defibrillators – CIL Amount Requested for £3,600



Meeting ended at 7.20 pm

CHAIR _____

