

Bristol City Council

Minutes of the Area Committee 4

15 November 2023 at 6.00 pm



Members Present:-

Councillors: Jenny Bartle, Nicola Beech, Fabian Breckels, Amirah Cole, Asher Craig, Barry Parsons, Ani Stafford-Townsend and Tim Wye

Officers in Attendance:-

Ellie Stevens (Community Resources Manager), Louise deCordova (Democratic Services Manager) and Charlotte MacDiarmid (VCSE Investment & Social Action Officer)

6 Welcome, Introductions and Apologies for Absence

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Yassin Mohamud, Steve Pearce, Farah Hussain and Jude English.

7 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

8 Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the previous meeting, 25 May 2023 be agreed as a correct record.

9 Public Forum

Public Forum statements were received from:



1. Tom Horn - Proposal for bike parking enhancement at Kingsway Parade
2. Harry Simpson - Proposals for St Matthias and the Dings parks improvements

RESOLVED:

That the Public Forum statements be noted.

10 Community Resources Manager Update and Decision

The Community Resources Manager provided an update and asked Members to note the decisions required as follows:

1. Progress updates on CIL & S106-funded projects approved at previous Area Committee Meetings

- a) Progress updates are published every six months on previous schemes approved by the Area Committee. The latest was published in August 2023. The next will be published in February 2024. Updates can be found at: <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/people-communities/area-committee-progress-updates>.
- b) For progress updates outside of these reporting timescales, Councillors are advised to contact their individual project contacts direct.

2. Updates to Area Committee Terms of Reference

- a) In August this year the Area Committees Terms of Reference were changed to make both Area Committee meetings formal public meetings.
- b) The Communities Team were in conversations with Area Committee chairs about the process for Area Committees to move to the committee model; with a revised timetable likely to start in the new municipal year after the elections.
- c) It had been proposed that Area Committees could have a fallow year where they would not hold formal public meetings. However, it was recognised that each Area Committee would need make their own decision based on the funds available in their area, in February 2024.

3. Request for change of use of funds - Meadow Vale Park improvements

- a) Members considered the request for change of use of funds for a Neighbourhood Partnership project for Meadow Vale Park. The original allocation of £37,600 S106 in 2017 was to install a Pump track. However, the presence of drains under the proposed track site had delayed delivery.
- b) The community therefore requested that the funding be used instead to upgrade the play area and add to the outdoor gym area.

RESOLVED:



- (i) That the progress update on previously approved AC projects and the publication of 6-monthly updates published on BCC webpage be noted.
- (ii) That the update to the Area Terms of Reference be noted.
- (iii) That the request for the change of use of funds for Meadow Vale Park improvements be approved.

4. Note the CIL and S106 monies available at 30th September 2023

- a) Members noted the changes to the CIL and S106 monies available, since the publication of the report.

CIL available:

- b) There was an overall sum of £860,905.44 available to Area Committee 4, which breaks down as follows:
 - For General AC4 expenditure: £466,821.94
 - For Old Market Neighbourhood Development Plan expenditure: £394,083.50

Section 106 available:

- c) There was a total of £270,322.92 uncommitted Section 106 Agreement monies available to Area Committee 4, of which £182,539.78 is designated specifically for tree planting and tree replacement.

5. S106 tree funding

The Community Resources Manager introduced the Tree Officer who asked Members to consider the requirement for a decision on tree replacement using earmarked Section 106 funds, which could be planted in good time when the winter planting season began and which would be unacceptably delayed if decisions were put back to the February Area Committee meeting.

In discussion the following points were noted:

- a) There was concern that tree planting in Castle Park should ideally be covered by Strategic CIL
- b) Planning restrictions and conditions on the use of the funds within a mile radius of Victoria street meant there were limited places to spend the monies which had therefore been allocated to Castle Park
- c) Members requested that a report was brought back to the February meeting which set out how many trees had been planted per ward alongside the cost, to understand if there was any disparity in the numbers of trees being planted or the allocation of tree funding across the wards.
- d) Easton had lost trees to disease and the plans to replace these would be picked up as soon as possible.
- e) There had been delays in delivering the trees in Lower Castle Street but officers now had access to the site
- f) Residents at Dove Street high rise flats had proposed a scheme based on previous work carried out at Carolina House.



- g) At the sites proposed for the Horsefair a larger tree stock had been agreed with the City Design Team to realise efficiencies due to collaboration.
- h) Officers requested that where specific locations identified in the report could not be progressed that Members authorise that other locations could be identified in as close proximity as possible to the intended site
- i) The Friends of Rodney Road CIC St George School Street Trees could not be delivered this year due to a backlog with the contractor delivering the civil engineering works required for the street pits.
- j) The City Docks planting referred to replacements on the St Philips side of the river

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the full funding to deliver the Tree Bristol Tree Planting Proposal as set out in the report was agreed**
- (ii) That where specific locations identified in the report could not be progressed, that other suitable locations be found in as close proximity as possible to the intended site**
- (iii) That a report is brought back to the February meeting which sets out the number of trees planted and associated cost spent per ward.**

6. 2023 Stage 1 Outline Proposals submitted for consideration

Members noted the Outline Proposals submitted this year for each ward and the subsequent Officer comments on these. Members were asked to agree which organisations/persons would be invited to Stage 2, to submit full project proposals, with conditions attached where appropriate.

In discussion, the following points were noted:

- a) The St George Trooper Hill bus shelter proposal would require a feasibility study. It was confirmed that funding can be used for feasibility studies subject to leading to tangible outcomes. This would require an agreement with the Council's transport team as they would become liable for costs should the proposal not go ahead.
- b) Delivery of transport projects was taking a long time due to a backlog of existing projects.
- c) It was agreed that Public Health colleagues would be best placed to identify suitable locations for bleed kits to accompany the defibrillators and that Great Western Ambulance (GWA) should be encouraged to collaborate with public health on the best way to take this forward with the support of Cllr Steve Smith and Cllr Ellie King.
- d) There was also an opportunity to find out from GWA, how much the bleed kits cost and whether insurance was included. Other Area Committees to be advised of the bleed kits if they wish to have them. Locations for Bleed kits should be identified based on work already done by the Safer Communities and Public Health teams.



RESOLVED:

That the organisations/persons which had submitted the following outline proposals would be invited to Stage 2, to submit full project proposals, with conditions attached where stated.

Ward	Project Code	Project Title	Description	CIL amount requested	Conditions
Ashley	AC123P138	Docklands Community Legacy Investment	Refurbishment of Beggarswell Close Office/Space and replacement of the drains in the Docklands Community Centre	£35,000	
Central	AC423P67	Willow Park Kitchen upgrade	Upgrade of the Kitchen of Willow Park school including new oven and washing machine	£15,000	
Easton/ Multiple	AC423P12	Felix Road Gates 2	Replacement lift at Easton Community Centre which has reached the end of life.	£72,000	
Lawrence Hill	AC423P16	Bristol Somali resource centre	Partnership with a Housing Association to build social housing units and a culturally sensitive community space.	£150,000	
St George Central	AC423P65	St George School Street Trees	Planting of street trees along two key walking routes connecting Two Mile Hill Primary School and Air Balloon Hill Primary School.	£40,000	Up to £40K; delivery body will be Tree Bristol



St George Troopers Hill	AC423P43	Bus Shelter for Harcourt Avenue bus stop	A two-bay bus shelter for buses heading towards Hanham	£18,000	
Multiple	AC423P50	Provision of Public Access Defibrillators	The project provides 40 defibrillators to contribute to a city-wide pool of public access defibrillators to be installed in every ward. The funding would provide for the purchase of equipment including a secure case, installation, registration with the national database to ensure visibility to 999 service and local training.	£80,000	Up to £80,000, but must include bleed kits as needed to accompany 40 defibs. Work with BCC Public Health and Safer Communities to identify those areas that need bleed kits.
Ashley	AC423P49	The Coach House Refurbishment Project	BSWN are planning a refurbishment of the Coach House. The building is in a poor condition, much of it is inaccessible, and it has a poor thermal rating. It has also been rated High Risk in a recent fire risk assessment.	£100,000	£50K is the definite budget, but if funding is available will fund up to £100K



Central	AC423P10	Repairs and remedial work to Church Garden.	Remedial work to Saint Stephen's church garden which includes levelling of pennant stone pathways which have become a trip hazard and installation of drainage to resolve waterlogged problem.	£12,000	
Central	AC423P24	Improvements to Portwall Lane Open Space	Make Portwall Lane Open Space a more user-friendly space to enjoy via cost effective, high impact changes. The main features of the project would be a new entrance onto Portwall Lane, new seating, and planting on the Redcliffe Way side of the park.	£15,000	Will need to find match funding to fully fund costs estimated by BCC Parks
			TOTAL	£537,000	
		Old Market NDP			
	AC423P21	St Matthias Park improvements	Pedestrianisation of St Matthias Park, reversal of New Street, segregated bike lane installation and bike parking.	£300,000	
	AC423P23	Dings Park Improvements	Project is made up of 4 elements. 1. Install outdoor gym equipment in	£22,719	



			the park. 2. Installation/ repair of table tennis table. 3. Installation of post/gate to park entrance. 4. Repair of Arm of turning swing.		
			TOTAL	£322,719	

Meeting ended at 7.45 pm

CHAIR _____

