



**Avonmouth & Lawrence Weston Neighbourhood Partnership
Wednesday 14th December 2016**

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Title: Avonmouth & Lawrence Weston NP Plan Update Report

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Recommendations

1. The NP considers the report of the 22nd October NP Plan and Development Event and approves the focus on 'legacy' impacts and the priorities identified as most significant to deliver them up to July 2017 (**Item 1 & Appendices 1 & 2**)
2. The NP is invited to consider the BCC Corporate Plan consultation and to encourage members to respond to the online and paper consultation before the deadline of 5th January 2017. (**Item 1**)
3. The NP Councillors are requested to approve the £10,000 budget allocation to employ a Fundraiser and the NP is recommended to approve the actions set out to develop a brief and explore partnership working with Henbury, Brentry & Southmead NP (**Item 2**)
4. The NP is requested to approve the proposed actions recommended to explore the SCAF request for funding (**Item 3**)
5. The NP to note the updates on elements of the NP Plan, in particular the Environment Agency considerations of the Avonmouth Days Bottom Ash processing facility at **4.6b**.
6. To note the delivery and attendance at Neighbourhood Forums and SCAF events in October/November and the highlight from the Avonmouth Forum (**Item 5**)
7. To note the launch of the Mayor's Clean Streets Campaign and to agree the recommendation to contribute to this, which aligns with an existing NP Plan priority and current work arising from Forums (**Item 6**)
8. To note the delivery report from Learning Partnership West on their Youth Links work, July – Sept 16 (**Item 7**)

1. NP Plan and Governance and Equalities/Engagement Event: 22nd October Meeting

1.1 The NP Councillors and Resident Members met on Saturday 22nd October to consider:

- In light of the potential Budget cuts in the Corporate Strategy 2017-2022, consider the delivery priorities from the current Neighbourhood Partnership Plan and reduced staff resources now available
- Explore ways of increasing engagement and communication, particularly in the light of the Equalities information we got from the monitoring in the April-June quarter of 2016

1.2 The group agreed to refine the delivery priorities of the NP Plan to this areas of activity which would be likely to produce the most lasting benefit to the four village areas in Avonmouth & Lawrence Weston and to focus on a time scale up to July 2017. The understanding was that the future of NPs and potential reduced budgets and/or staffing resources would be clearer at that point – the group wanted to focus on leaving a useful legacy in the event of the NP closing. **See Appendix 1 and 2 for report of the 22nd October event and revised delivery plan for the Neighbourhood Plan**

1.3 The group agreed to recommend the following priorities for action from the NP Plan to focus on to deliver:

Definitely Do:

- Deliver Richmond Terrace Play area
- Support Avonmouth Industries Liaison work
- Deliver St Mary's Recreation Ground Parks improvements & East Lawrence Weston Play
- Improve the influence of young people
- Shape/influence the design and delivery of Port Communities Resilience Fund
- Support delivery of Community Plans – Shirehampton, Sea Mills, Avonmouth
- Deliver Forums and SCAF forum
- Support improved communication work in neighbourhood
- Employ a fundraiser

Definitely Don't Do

- Bristol Ageing Better work
- Recruiting new NP members
- Dust monitoring work – BCC will deliver that
- Developing a new name for the NP
- Equalities Training
- HGV lorries – influencing Sth Gloucestershire
- Support library review and enhanced community facilities

This programme is expressed in the revised delivery Plan in **Appendix 2**

Recommendation: That the NP considers and agrees the proposed priorities for delivery from the bigger NP Plan up to July 2017

1.4 The meeting also considered the BCC Corporate Plan 2017-2022 and the potential budget cuts which would directly affect Neighbourhood Partnerships, extracted below:

Action:	2017/18 cuts proposed	2018/19 cuts proposed
Remove funding for local traffic schemes currently devolved to Neighbourhood Partnerships	£410,000	
Reshape our approach to civic engagement and local empowerment and reform Neighbourhood Partnerships. (£1.1 million current budget)	£206,000–£618,000	£69,000–£207,000

1.5 BCC Corporate Strategy 2017-2022 is now out for consultation until **Thursday 5th January 2017**. Online at: <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/council-spending-performance/corporate-strategy-2017-2022-consultation> Paper copies available in Libraries and Citizen Service Points or phone **0117 922 2848** for paper copy – available in other formats on request

2. NP Fundraiser

2.1 The option of using funds from the available **£24,813** of currently-uncommitted NP Neighbourhood Budget to employ a Fundraiser was agreed in principle at the June NP meeting.

2.2 The 22nd October NP Plan & Governance Event confirmed that the Fundraiser post was an important part of the ‘legacy’ which our NP wanted to achieve to add value to the NP Plan aspirations and bring in additional funds to support the Community aspirations in our NP area

2.3 Recommendation:

- **that the NP sets aside a budget of £10,000 to support a Fundraiser post**
- **that the NP sets up a working group of NP members and other people from the neighbourhood to develop a brief for the commissioning of a Fundraiser**
- **that the working group explores the option of working together with Henbury, Brentry and Southmead NP to see if a joint piece of work with them would be an effective way of securing a better service or not**
- **that the working group should bring back a full report setting out options and recommendations to the NP meeting in March for the NP to take this forward.**

3. SCAF Funding Request

3.1 Shirehampton Community Action Forum (SCAF) sought £5,000 funding from the NP to support the continuing employment of their Community Development Worker in 2015. This request was turned down. One key reason for this was that the NP considered that the future sustainability of the role was not very strong and that any NP funding would not make a significant difference to that situation.

3.2 Since then SCAF have successfully obtained a proportion of the funding they need to maintain their staff post – but not all the funding and, given that the sustainability case is now stronger, have asked the NP to re-consider the option of funding

the post.

3.3 The 22nd October NP Plan & Governance Event supported the development of Community Plans as a strong element in the 'legacy' strategy for managing the uncertainty about future funding and continued BCC support to NPs. As a result the option of re-considering SCAF's request in the light of enhancing the delivery of a Community Plan for Shirehampton was put forward.

Recommendation:

- **that the NP asks the NP Co-ordinator to work with a sub-group of NP members to explore the potential of SCAF taking a lead role and receiving funding to devote paid worker time to ensuring a high-quality process and end product in the Shirehampton Community Plan and any additional value which might be delivered to strengthen the legacy of the NP Plan priorities within Shirehampton.**
- **That the working group delivers a report with recommendations to the March NP for decision**

4. NP Plan Activities Update:

1. Theme: Active Citizenship, Equalities and Community Cohesion

Activity/Description	Cost to date £	Update
1.1 Priority 1 : Support local residents to set up more local events and activities which bring residents together		
		Wellbeing Priorities advertised and round 2 recommendations in NP papers
1.2 Develop a Communication plan and deliver improved communication between service providers and the community,		
a. Bring together key community groups/residents to develop a Communication Plan which links NP communication with existing networks and identifies clear improvements and actions incorporate into NP Plan		Prioritised at the 22nd October meeting

1.3 Develop resident membership of the NP and sub-groups to ensure Avonmouth Village, Shirehampton, Lawrence Weston and Sea Mills communities are well represented		
1.4 Support residents to influence decisions and service provision through the NP, in particular to increase the engagement of minority or more marginalised communities		
a. Set NP Governance meeting to consider NP membership recommendations and Sub-Group structures to take to NP AGM meeting 2015 – as agreed at Dec 2014 NP meeting		Completed for 2016/17. To be reviewed in time for 2017 AGM meeting
1.5 Explore the option to create a Community Plan in Avonmouth (Sea Mills also mentioned)		
a. set up meeting to consider applying for First Steps support from Community Development Foundation to follow on from Community First programme in Avonmouth. Potential to develop further project work.		Avonmouth Community Plan has not yet been published and publicly launched. Shirehampton have formed a group and are developing their Community Plan work. Sea Mills have decided to develop a Community Plan, also
1.7 Develop an Equalities Action Plan as part of the NP Plan – to be agreed at the June NP 2015 (include Community Cohesion)		
a. Develop an Equalities Action Plan as part of the NP Plan – to be agreed at the June NP 2015 (include Community Cohesion)		see above Recommendation Training in September and October for new NP members to feed into action plan. Our new NP members (and existing ones if they want) to attend. Now suspended – but will focus work through the Communication plan work (1.2 above)

2. Theme: Community buildings and facilities

Description of works	Est cost	Update
2.1 Support the development of quality Library services which enhance community facilities in Avonmouth,		

Shirehampton Public Hall and Sea Mills		
<p>a. deliver community engagement and support to community groups emerging from Phase 2 of BCC Libraries for the Future consultation:</p>		<p>NPC is exploring how investment from the Libraries for the Future fund could link to the Mayor's £1million Port sale to improve community facilities at these libraries. Both Shire Hall and Avonmouth Community Centre are going ahead with new building work which improves library provision.</p> <p>Priority in new draft NP Plan.</p> <p>Propose that the NP invites both to the next NP meeting to share their plans and how the NP can support them.</p> <p>Potential to support via the Port Communities Resilience Fund</p>
<p>2.2 Support resident groups to enable them to improve local facilities</p>		
<p>c. work with BCC to develop a community-focused process for using the £1million Port sale fund proposed by Mayor</p>		<p>Community Conversation event took place on Saturday 19th November. See Port Communities Resilience Fund Report, Item 4</p> <p>Board is being set up to provide governance for this Fund and NP resident members invited to sit on it, alongside NP Ward Councillors</p>
<p>Developing Avonmouth toilets</p>		<p>Application was not successful. The Port Communities Resilience Fund is a potential route through which this work can be realised</p>

3. Themes: Families, younger & older people.

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3.3 Increase activities and events for young people		
b. re-introduce the Young People's Wellbeing Fund, via Juicy Blitz		NPC – and NP member? – to meet with Juicy Blitz to explore – bring recommendation to September NP meeting. Still to take place – see Delivery Plan schedule Arrange to explore with Juicy Blitz in December with NP members who volunteered See Transformers Fund item in Business Report – opportunity to carry forward this priority
3.4 Engage young people's voices in all relevant aspects of NP work and evidence how the voice of young people has influenced and is reflected in the final product		
a. connect LPW Youth Forums; Juicy Blitz and BCC Youth Links and Mayor's Youth Parliament reps to agree way of increasing yp influence on neighbourhood development		Deliver via Transformers Fund and Communication work

4. Environment: Streetscene; Parks & Open Spaces; : Pollution & Quality of Life; Green Capital

Description of works	Est cost	Update
4.1 Develop a 'litter/dog mess reduction campaign' with the local residents and agencies and track impact and what works		
b. recruit resident volunteers and agencies to design A&K campaign		See Delivery Plan schedule – February/March 2016 delivery Propose that this is now developed between December 2016 – December 2017 Potential to link into Mayor's Clean Streets Campaign – Gloucester Road clean-up project taking place in Avonmouth – multi-agency work

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		linking to concerned residents
4.3 Work with community groups and residents to enhance the appeal of streets through wildlife-friendly planting and growing in public spaces		
b. Support through Clean and Green Fund – ‘wildlife friendly’ planting		NO is developing work using the Clean and Green/Environment Fund – will focus on Lawrence Weston and other areas where there has been less activity – see Clean and Green report
4. 4 Review Parks/Open spaces priorities across Avonmouth/Kingsweston and develop new priorities April/ May 2015: identify priority locations for spend of existing NP Section 106 funds – decisions to June 2015 NP meeting		
a. Set Parks Priorities Review meeting to: - look at existing and potential new priorities – identify use of current and likely NP S106/CIL funding and £1million Port fund - make recommendations to June 2015 NP meeting		First meeting 4 th June; set immediate priority recommendations to 30 th June NP; Agreed to set up Parks/Environment Sub-Group. NPC to set future meeting schedule. Initial recommendations proposed and agreed. See Business Report – planning to consult on priorities is being taken forward to produce new set of priorities. This will come to the NP i March 2017
4.5. Identify potential sources of funding to support aspirations which cannot be funded by available NP funds Parks/Open spaces		
a. research potential funding support from external sources, local business, regional and national funds and submit bids/support bids		Richmond Terrace Bid successful: £50,000 agreed July 2016. Fundraiser proposal in Business Activities paper to take forward using NP Budget

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4.6. track Air Quality monitoring, support clear reporting to the community about the results and review future of Air Quality monitoring from Sept 2015		
a. support up to 3 Public meeting to report back results during the remaining 9 months of the Air Quality monitoring in Avonmouth and future work		Meeting held in May. Second Phase of Dust monitoring began in July 2016
b. work with BCC to deliver clear communication plan on results emerging and their health implications		New Bulletin to be produced for Summer 2016 with details of above work. Bulletin still to be produced – to link with BCC presentation of monitoring results in early 2017
4.6. monitor ‘nuisance’ dust, noise and smell impacts in partnership with local residents and report back on findings; work with Port and local agencies/industry to minimise the negative impact on residents quality of life		
a. . support the community and BCC to work together to identify sites for dust monitoring; set up report back process and action planning work agreed by residents, BCC and Port		BCC Pollution Control currently monitoring visible dust in Avonmouth – report due early 2017
b. New Bottom Ash Recycling Facility being developed by Day Aggregates at their site in the Port adjacent to Avonmouth residential area (King Street)		NPCoordinator has worked with new Avonmouth Planning Group and Day Aggregates to encourage Community Information event and visits to other sites for residents. Information Drop in at Avonmouth Community Centre on 8 th September being held. The Avonmouth Planning Group will continue to explore with Day Group and with BCC Planning Team.

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		<p>The Environment Agency considering issue of licence for this facility. They will hold a public consultation in Autumn before deciding this.</p> <p>Environment Agency Consultation has now closed, 16th October 2016. See below:</p>
<p>From Environment Agency Briefing 4, 17th November:</p> <p>We also consider the information and comments sent to us during the consultation. Some of these responses are complex and detailed and we are going through them thoroughly to ensure we consider all the issues raised. For example, we are aware that local people have concerns about dust and we take these concerns seriously. Day Group Ltd have submitted a Dust Risk Assessment as part of their permit application and we are considering whether we need to request any additional information from them about their proposals.</p> <p>All this may take some time and we will not issue an environmental permit unless we are satisfied the company can manage their operation without impacting on the environment.</p> <p>What happens next</p> <p>We will continue to assess this permit application from Day Group Ltd and request any additional information from them we require. We are committed to keeping local people informed about this issue and we will send out another briefing note as soon as there is any more to tell you.</p> <p>How can I get further information?</p> <p>Please address any questions about this permit application to pscpublicresponse@environment-agency.gov.uk.</p> <p>For general information about our permitting process please see www.gov.uk/topic/environmental-management/environmental-permits</p> <p>For enquiries about our work on other issues please email Wessexenquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk.</p>		

5. Traffic and transport – Keep Bristol Moving

Description of works	Est cost	Update
5.2 Explore how HGV impact on streets could be reduced by measures to deflect lorries from unsuitable routes and onto more appropriate routes		
a. explore potential action through Traffic and Transport Group and put in Mayoral Request		Consider at next Traffic & Transport Sub-Group, Wednesday 18th January 2.00pm – 4.00pm This issue is de-prioritised for delivery until after July 2017
5.5 a. Invite First Bus to relevant Neighbourhood Forums to influence and link into BCC service review and Neighbourhood Forums to influence		
a. Invite First Bus to relevant Neighbourhood Forums to influence and link into BCC service review and Neighbourhood Forums to influence		Traffic & Transport Sub-Group to set up a bus-services focused meeting with BCC Passenger Transport and bus companies to explore services, need and how gaps might be filled. For New Year - 2017
Activity 5: Keep community informed and enable them to influence the introduction of a Henbury Loop rail service		
a. produce updates through Forums, local websites and local newsletters		No further work at present
5.7 Deliver following identified Traffic improvements: o Shirehampton Village Improvements; o Work with BCC Highways to produce a scheme to improve the junction of Shirehampton Road, Westbury Lane junction		
a. Delivery of Shirehampton village scheme		Update: Delivered –see Business Report.

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b. follow through progress with feasibility of delivering Shirehampton/Westbury/Kingsweston junction and identify alternative schemes if not feasible to NP		This scheme will now happen. Date of implementation not yet clear. See Business Report
c. New Traffic Scheme for 2017/18 recommended in Business Report –		Kingsweston Lane/Long Cross roundabout crossings recommended for NP approval. Rockingham Park S106 recommended in principle to contribute to eventual costs – final decisions in March 2017 NP

6. Housing, Planning and major projects

Description of works	Est cost	Update
6.2 Support the setting up and successful running of a resident-led Avonmouth Planning Group (Sea Mills too)		
a. recruit resident members to launch Avonmouth Planning Group and broker support with Bristol Neighbourhood Planning Network		New Avonmouth Planning Group combined with Avonmouth community/industry Liaison Group established. Liaison Group structure and how it will work to be developed. Group is continuing to meet.

7. Employment, training and economic development

Description of works	Est cost	Update
7.1 Explore ways to support High Streets/local shopping centres to thrive		
a. Set up meeting with Jason Thorne via Economy Group to explore potential activity and options to support shopping centres		See Delivery Plan See Port Communities Resilience Fund Item 7 – Thriving High Streets has been included as a focus for the use of Mayor’s 1million Port monies
b. NP Co-ordinator and NP support delivery of Coastal Communities Fund to maximise benefits for A&K residents and request information from CC Fund deliverers to support the delivery		NP is a member of the Coastal Communities Team – SevernNet Working - working to develop a Plan to gain an understanding of the overall area and its needs, learn from progress already made, what works and what doesn’t, and enable more co-ordinated support based on the combined resources of the team members and other stakeholders across the area including the business community. The Co-ordinator is contributing to development of the Plan.

8. Crime and Community Safety

Description of works	Est cost	Update
8.1 Reduce Sale and use of drugs		
b. raise issue through Forums and communicate community priority to Police and Crime Commissioner		Henbury, Brentry and Southmead NP has asked if other North NPs would want to join together to invite the Police and Crime Commissioner to attend a public meeting to explore the impact of drugs dealing in North communities and why Drugs have been

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		removed as one of her priorities A meeting is now being sought with the Police Crime Commissioner - date and venue to be advised
8.2: Anti-Social Behaviour: To use Forums to identify Anti-Social Behaviour to task Police and agencies to address community concerns and report back		
a. report via Forums as issues arise; b. Report via NDT as they arise		Taking place via Neighbourhood Forums

5. Neighbourhood Forums in November:

5.1 Forums were held in November in Avonmouth (17th); Sea Mills/Coombe Dingle (7th) and Lawrence Weston (14th): Shirehampton Community Action Forum held their AGM on 5th October and a Community Safety Action Group on 17th October.

5.2 Attendance at the NP Neighbourhood Forums was as follows:

Avonmouth: 26 residents; 2 Councillors; 15 agency officers. Total: 43

Lawrence Weston: 11 residents; 2 Councillors; 5 agency officers. Total: 18

Sea Mills/Coombe Dingle: 26 residents; 2 Councillors; 3 agency officers. Total: 31

5.3 Shirehampton Community Action Forum AGM: 2 Councillors; 12 residents; 1 officer Total: 15

Community Safety Action Group Meeting: 3 Councillors; 3 residents; 2 officers Total: 8

5.4 The future delivery of Neighbourhood Forums – how many, how often and where; the relationship between NP-delivered Forums and the SCAF Forum – should be explored and actions agreed over the coming year at the 22nd October event

5.5 Issues arising in Forums:

Avonmouth: a particularly difficult issue in Avonmouth was resolved with some Instant Problem Solving at the Forum!

Closure of Avonmouth rail crossing: Network Rail are going to be repairing the rail lines through Avonmouth in December, which will reduce train noise. This will involve closing the crossing, cutting residents off. A major complaint of residents was that the Port was unwilling to let people enter and exit via Port land. The Forum brought residents, the Port and Network Rail together and resulted in a breakthrough! The Port and Network Rail agreed to go away and sort out how access via the Port could be achieved and announced the successful resolution of all difficulties a week later.



6. Mayor's Clean Streets Campaign – Launching 21 November 2016

1. The Mayor has made a pledge that Bristol will be measurably cleaner by 2020.

a. Measurably cleaner means less litter, fly tipping, fly posting, graffiti, dog fouling, gum and weeds in the city; as well as much more reuse, repairing and recycling so that less waste is produced and disposed of in landfill.

b. Making Bristol and its streets cleaner is something that everyone who lives, works, learns, or plays here contributes to, supported by those that have the job of keeping the city clean and tidy and working. To make the city cleaner we will:

- Provide a quality cleansing service with clear standards. We also want to tell you what we are doing and how well we are doing it, whether that be cleansing or recycling. We want residents to tell us where what we do is not working or could be better so that we can get better. We also want you to tell us when you see problems like fly tipping or graffiti so that we can do something about it;
- Work with residents, community and faith groups, Universities, schools, and businesses to help them to do their bit whether large or small to improve the look and feel of the city. This could be done through picking up one piece of litter, community clean ups, planting, painting or just sweeping outside their front door or shopfront;
- Spread the word about keeping the city clean and tidy far and wide, and keep doing it. If we want Bristol to be a great city then let us be clear about what we want it to look like and help it to become that. We will embed the campaign principles in the local authority and how it works moving forward and ask our partners to do the same. We will also highlight areas where behaviours like dumping waste on the streets takes place;
- We make sure that our policies and the law support our efforts to keep the city clean and tidy, are visible to the city, and are acted upon;
- We use our enforcement resources where it is needed to back up our aim which is to educate, engage and then enforce to make the city cleaner;

c. The campaign will be launched on 21 November 2016 and over the next year and beyond we will spread the campaign messaging through our networks and those of our partners, and we would like you to help with this.

d. We will do more enforcement where we need to and share the impact; involve schools and other learning institutions with the campaign and double the number of Eco-Schools; celebrate the good work that volunteers do quietly to improve their areas and support groups who want to get involved; strengthen our policy base and guidance materials to make it easier for us to manage problems and safer for groups who want to help out; and we will fix difficult problems where we can.

e. What the Mayor would like from Neighbourhood Partnerships:

As Partnerships know their areas better than anyone else and have worked hard over the years to improve your areas we wondered if you could:

- Tell us through your Coordinator how you want your area to look?
- Tell us what we need to do more of to make your areas cleaner and tidier and where this needs to be done?
- Tell us about the great work that you have done, do or plan to do large or small which will contribute to improving the look and feel of the city so that we can share this far and wide and make it a part of this campaign as we move forward?

Kurt James
Clean Streets Campaign Project Manager

Recommendation: That the NP considers any immediate response it would like to make to this invitation and makes this a specific feature in February Neighbourhood Forums

7. Bristol Youth Links



Area 1 (North)

Avonmouth, Henbury, Henleaze, Kingsweston, Southmead, Stoke Bishop & Westbury-on-Trym

Learning Partnership West, Barnardos & 1625 Independent People

Service Delivery	Target	Actual	Success
Service Targets July 2016 – Sept 2016:			
Number of Children & Young People engaging as participants	445	528	119%
Number of Children & Young People engaged in 1:1, closed or targeted groups	148	251	170%

Delivery Examples

Summer holidays provided one of the main elements for LPW delivery this period. On peak holiday days more than 140 children and young people used the Southmead Adventure Playground. LPW also took young people on weekly trips to Henleaze Fishing Lake, where they swam, played games and enjoyed picnics.

LPW worked as part of a multi-agency effort in tackling Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in the Lawrence Weston area. They carried out outreach sessions to engage some of those at risk and, as a result of consultation, they have also identified funding to renovate a local skate park which young people said they would like to use. Police have reported that ASB has dropped to below normal levels and they now receive significantly less calls which they credit to the multi-agency approach.

This period also saw the commencement of a project in partnership between Southmead Development Trust and LPW that focused on supporting the community and reducing the isolation of older men. LPW offered a shared workshop space where they can work together on projects, share skills and make new friends. A group of local men have started using it during a regular weekly slot outside of play sessions. These men have undertaken maintenance around the site and are in the process of creating small woodworking kits that they will support children to use as an activity during sessions, encouraging positive inter-generational work. All those taking part are fully DBS checked and always supported by LPW staff.