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NPs & Disposals

Following my last update I had an email from Cllr Ron Stone regarding the 27% allocation of the future Community Infrastructure Levy to Parks. He said:

"The CIL% was a debate the working group had. As you know I tried to get some front loading % into the first 5 years at least. I argued for 30 to 35% but the figure that had cross party support was 27% as currently with Section 106 Funding for Parks. As we face almost certainly a reduction in potential sales from casual spaces from NP decisions it is even more important that we make CIL at a maximum figure we can?

"So having all party support for the strategy and reports recommendations, leads me to believe that 27% is a sound figure. Clearly if we had some major disaster befall the City, like failure of flood measures or maybe a school burn down, there would be pressure to find money for repairs or rebuild. That could mean a review of the Parks CIL% but that is contingency thinking on my part."

Cllr Gary Hopkins has sent a reply to those who presented statements to the Full Council meeting setting out the current position, the letter can be seen here:

[www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/GHreplyDec11/letter.pdf](http://www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/GHreplyDec11/letter.pdf)

The documents referred to in the letter are here:

[www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/GHreplyDec11/CrossParty130911.pdf](http://www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/GHreplyDec11/CrossParty130911.pdf)

[www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/GHreplyDec11/CrossParty210911.pdf](http://www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/GHreplyDec11/CrossParty210911.pdf)

[www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/GHreplyDec11/CrossPartyReport221111.pdf](http://www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/GHreplyDec11/CrossPartyReport221111.pdf)

[www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/BPFxPartyStatementB.pdf](http://www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/BPFxPartyStatementB.pdf)

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Bristol Town Green Consultation

This closes tomorrow (13 Dec).

Details are here:

[www.citizenspace.com/bristol/consultation-research-intelligence/tvg\\_application\\_process](http://www.citizenspace.com/bristol/consultation-research-intelligence/tvg_application_process)

The BPF response can be seen here:

[http://www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/BPFStatementBCC\\_TGconA.pdf](http://www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/BPFStatementBCC_TGconA.pdf)

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BPF Meeting 14th Jan 2012

We are in the process of finalising the agenda for our next meeting, hopefully it will be available before my next update.

Items will include an opportunity to discuss how the new Neighbourhood Engagement Team is working and also to again express your views on Neighbourhood Partnerships.

One comment we have received is that all NPs have done as far as park groups is concerned is add to the number of meetings that we have to attend. In most Partnerships each year there are four Partnership meetings, four Environment sub-group meetings and up to twelve Forums. As well as the fact that volunteers have to attend all these meetings it also means a lot of time spent by officers (who cover at least two NPs). Time which may perhaps be better spent sorting things out on the ground and meeting with park groups? The idea of NPs is to devolve powers to residents, but for parks have they actually devolved powers away from park groups?

If you will not be able to get to the meeting, please let us have your thoughts by email. We will collate any comments received and distribute them at the meeting.

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What can a mayor do for your city?

Yet another Government consultation. This time on the powers that should be given to a Mayor of Bristol should the City vote for having a Mayor in the referendum that will happen next year.

Details of the consultation can be seen here:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/mayorsconsultation>

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The Bench No 72

Latest news from GreenSpace: <http://tinyurl.com/bench72>

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BIG Green Week 2012

The city of Bristol is to host a world-class festival of sustainability from 9th - 17th June 2012, bringing together leading global experts and thinkers to share ideas and inspiration on developing a green future.

Bristol's BIG Green Week will include a strong cultural element with music, theatre and comedy performances, a film festival, and new art, all reflecting an environmental theme. Street art and exhibitions will transform the city centre. And the week will culminate in the Festival of Nature, Europe's largest free natural history festival.

More details at <http://biggreenweek.com>

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Bristol Green Volunteers awards

Susan and I were surprised and pleased to win one of these awards. Details are here:

<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/node/9674>

Thanks again to those who nominated us.

Rob Acton-Campbell

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(all 9.30 to 12.30, venues tbc).

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Just a short update for the last one of the year.

The agenda for our first meeting of 2012 is now on the website at:

[www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/BPFAgenda140112.pdf](http://www.bristolparksforum.org.uk/BPFAgenda140112.pdf)

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Steve England on the Front Page

If you have seen the Evening Post today you may have spotted Steve England on the front page, the article about the effects of the mild autumn at Stoke Park can be seen here:

<http://tinyurl.com/dycw2ok>

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Green spaces are good for your health

There are a couple of videos on You Tube that you might want to send on to highlight how important getting out into green space is for health.

The first is from GreenSpace: <http://tinyurl.com/d7zct8h>

The second highlights the importance of schemes like Walking for Health

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=aUaInS6HIGo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aUaInS6HIGo)

best wishes for 2012

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