

DISCUSSION PAPER Board meeting – Wednesday 21st March 2018

Subject: Decision Paper 3 - Theme 1 - Clean, Green and Safe Projects update

Points to be note:

In the business plan for Kings Heath BID 2018 to 2023, under Theme 1 - Clean, Green and Safe Projects it was said we would deliver:

- **Safety and Security Warden** employment of a security warden working **six days** a week cracking down on shop-lifting and anti-social behaviour including begging – expanded from **three days** a week in the second term - *'Expanded from BID 2'*
- **Pubwatch, Betting and Shopwatch** – regular meeting for businesses to share intelligence and ideas to combat crime - *'New for BID 3'*
- **Defibrillators** - provision of 4 life-saving defibrillators in the shopping centre, with training available to all businesses on how to use them - *'New for BID 3 subject to in kind or grant funding'*
- **Cleaning operative** – employment of a cleaning operative for five days a week, who will each day do: a quick litter pick; remove and wash away any substances from the pavement; remove any graffiti; remove any fly-posters or stickers and regularly wash down street furniture - *'New for BID 3'*
- **Floral Planters & hanging baskets** – planting of 20 planters along the High Street and side roads and the annual display of hanging baskets - *'Continuation from BID 2. Hanging baskets to resume in year 2'*

The finances for this theme were:

2018 -2019 - £40k
2019 – 2020 - £45K
2020 – 2021 - £45K
2021 – 2022 - £45K
2022 - 2023 - £45K

Current status

- **Safety and Security Warden**
Under reserve business, the contract to increase our anti-crime street warden from 3 days a week to 6 days a week, starting 1st April 2018 is presented.

- **Pubwatch, Betting and Shopwatch**

No change from the report at 5th March 2018 Board meeting.

- **Defibrillators**

No action

- **Cleaning operative**

Philip Osman has been volunteering since the week beginning 12th March, helping to remove graffiti and other grot spots. He is taking photos before and after and I hope to be able present these at the April board meeting.

- **Floral Planters & hanging baskets**

Philip Osman has kindly updated the stocktake sheet of the planters.

The sheet is attached as Appendix A.

As you will see from the sheet, we have 32 planters in the Kings Heath BID area. 31 of these were purchased by Kings Heath BID.

Out of the 28 planters, 25 are planted up twice a year by the Four Seasons Horticultural Project on Queensbridge Road. This project helps adults with learning difficulties by involving them in growing plants.

You will see from the stocktake, the condition of the planters varies enormously. The five planters along The Parade are in excellent condition, due to them having a plastic liner, which protects the wooden structure from water ingress.

Three planters need immediate action in decommissioning them:

- planters 16 and 17 – in front of the Poundland & More shop, next to Johnstans Butchers. Both these planters are on the verge of collapsing.
- Planter 28 – in front of the Hare and Hounds pub. The pub needs this space and has asked for it to be removed. The planter itself is in poor condition and will be decommissioned.

There are two planters in the rear courtyard of All Saints Community Centre. These are out of public view and have not been planted up for years. We need to check with All Saints CDC as to whether they are happy to accept responsibility for their up keep.

