

## DISCUSSION PAPER Board meeting – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, a paper is presented on the options to increase our anti-crime street warden from 3 days a week to 6 days a week, starting 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018.

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- **Defibrillators**

No action

- **Cleaning operative**

No Action so far has taken place on this issue. It is intended that for year 1, this will be one-hit jobs. For example removing the graffiti off the roof tops and ensuring security measures are in place to stop it happening again.

- **Floral Planters & hanging baskets**

The pavement planters are planted up each Spring and Autumn by the Four Seasons Horticultural Project. The project is based in the grounds of Highbury Hall and use horticulture to help adults with learning difficulties. They are competitively priced and I would recommend continuing to use them.

There will be no hanging baskets in year 1, since we are too late to book hanging baskets off the council. In addition, it is worth holding back one year to see what other BIDs in the city are doing on this issue. The council have significantly increased the price for hanging baskets and the other BIDs are using private sector companies this year for hanging baskets