

DISCUSSION PAPER Board meeting – Wednesday 11th April 2018

Subject: Discussion Paper 7 - 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**
Our anti-crime street warden has now started working 6 days a week, as of 1st April 2018.
Partnership scheme with Kings Heath Job Centre to give support to Simon will begin on week beginning 9th April. Our warden will give work experience for 16 hours per week, to long term unemployed who have

been trained up to Security Industry Authority (SIA) level by the Job Centre. In the two weeks between completing the course and receiving their badge, they will work with our warden.

We are starting with one person per week, with our warden, so that we can tweak the scheme.

- **Pubwatch, Betting and Shopwatch**

Investigative work is ongoing to make our ShopWatch and WhatsApp security group compliant for the introduction of the General Data Protection Regulations on 25th May.

We will most likely have to replace both systems with a 'cloud based' internet system.

There are two known 'cloud based' computer systems designed for ShopWatch schemes. Your town centre manager has had a presentation by one company and will be having a presentation by the other on 20th April.

- **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**

Since the last Board meeting, the three planters that were recommended for decommissioning have now been removed.