



AGENDA

<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
Advisory Group	26 th February 2020	4pm – 6pm	Osborne Clark, 2 Temple Back E, Bristol BS1 6EG

Attendees	<p>Bristol City Council Stephen Peacock, Executive Director, Growth & Regeneration Nuala Gallagher, Director Economy of Place Adam Crowther, Head of Strategic City Transport Jon Severs, City Design Manager Alison Butts, External Communications Manager Jane Greenaway, Communication and Consultation Project Lead</p> <p>External Chair - John Savage, Executive Chairman - Bristol Chamber of Commerce & Initiative Gareth Blacker, Homes England John Hirst, Destination Bristol Chris Bond, Hope Community Church Dennis Gornall, Cumberland Basin Stakeholder Group Matthew Tanner, SS Great Britain David Mellor, Architect Paul Baker, Bristol Property Agents Simon Dicken, Bedminster BID Abbie Doherty, LPW</p> <p>Invited Freddie Palmer, Social Ben Lowndes, Social</p> <p>Apologies Rozie Akram, Senior Project Manager Alex Hearn, North Somerset Council (Replaces Lucy Shomali) David Turner, Ashton Gate Ian Wilkinson, Underfall Yard Sandra Meadows, Voscur Colin Molton, Bristol City Council Siena Jackson-Wolfe, Youth Mayor Mohamed Aidid, Youth Mayor Simon Cowley, Mayor's Policy Officer James Durie, Business West Marti Burgess, City Centre Revitalisation Group</p>
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Item	Item
1.	<p><u>Welcome and Apologies – John Savage</u></p> <p>The Chair led introductions and stated apologies (noted above)</p>
2.	<p><u>Meeting Note Update (27th November 2019) - John Savage</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signed Off & Uploaded <p><u>Meeting Note (26th January) – John Savage</u></p> <p><u>Review & Comments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Agenda Item 5, Upcoming Engagement, pg.5</i> – note that the idea of a Bristol Tate was challenged in the meeting.
3.	<p><u>Engagement Update - Freddie Palmer</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently at the beginning stage of organising engagement meetings • BCC has written and invited all businesses and residents in area identified as Western Harbour in the Local Plan Review to meet, and have started to receive responses. • All businesses have been invited to the Riverside Garden Centre meeting on 26th February 2020. Currently 23 businesses have registered to attend the meeting. • The stakeholder list has been updated with all the comments received since the previous Western Harbour Advisory Group meeting, such as the addition of Baltic Wharf Association, Bower Ashton Campus and local schools. • BCC has sent out engagement letters from John Savage to the identified stakeholders. • Advisory Group members advised if they wish to attend the stakeholder engagement meetings to contact BCC. • Confirmation from board members that they would like to be updated on dates of engagement meetings, to see if they are able to attend. <p>ACTION 1: Share these letters sent to businesses and residents with Western Harbour Advisory Group.</p> <p>ACTION 2: Share copy of John Savage’s stakeholder letter, distribution list and meeting dates.</p>
4.	<p><u>Communications Update –Alison Butts</u></p>

- Discussion around new updates in communications
- Additional functionality has been added to the feedback form on the BCC website, allowing people to register interest in the project.
- The leaflet is being finalised – it’s just waiting on image choice. It’s then planned to distribute it to a range of stakeholders, including all members of the advisory group so they can share copies themselves with interested individuals. The leaflet will also be circulated to libraries, key venues and via email to identified stakeholders.
- One of Alison’s colleagues, Angie Burton (BCC External Communications is working on a strategic narrative for city regeneration that describes the council’s vision to future-proof the city for population growth and climate change. The focus on the narrative will be:
 - Innovative, sustainable mixed-use communities that offer quality of life and minimise the need for travel by car
 - Building much-needed homes
 - Inclusive growth so everyone can share in the city’s success
 - Underpinned by improving quality of life (air) and building resilience around the city’s harbour.
- Projects such as Western Harbour and Temple Quarter have been working in parallel. The strategic narrative will give them a strategic focus and ensure there is consistency about how the council communicates and works with communities/businesses/stakeholders.
- Noted that previous link sent out for Western Harbour webpage did not work so needs to be re sent

ACTION 3: Stephen Peacock/Alison Butts to share the regeneration and growth work with the board including leaflet.

ACTION 4: Alison Butts to check Western Harbour webpage link and re-send to board members.

- Discussion around what material will be available to board members when discussing Western Harbour with residents and the public.
- Need to have clear, coherent communication messaging i.e. what area makes up Western Harbour, who will be affected etc.
- It was noted that it is still at very early stages and not everything is ironed out or finalised.
- Recognition that the area outlined as Western Harbour is a relatively small area with small numbers so don’t want to raise unrealistic expectations.
- Discussion around the purpose of this advisory group – confirmation the board’s role is to ensure the right options are presented to the right people, in the right way and not to make decisions.

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Western Harbour Transport Options Presentation – Adam Crowther

- Adam Crowther presented and talked through the transport options in the Western Harbour Feasibility Study.
 - The brief for the work was to assess if it was actually feasible to re-configure the road network and if so, what potential could be released, in order to help determine if it was worth starting a masterplanning process.
 - The conclusion was yes, it is feasible to re-configure the network to release potential, the next stage will be to decide what we do and how we do it. This will be done through the masterplanning process.
 - The different options were explained and discussed in terms of their ranking, which was based on feasibility and meeting key objectives.
 - The feasibility scores are based on practicality and traffic impact, the objectives are scored based on desirability.
 - Nine options were discussed; of those three were considered unviable due to either being technically impossible or the costs being too high.
 - The remaining six options were taken forward and ranked. These were talked through in terms of cost of each option and how they ranked against each other
 - It was noted that all options have low level of design so there are several different ways each option can be built.
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- Also included is a potential for a 10th option – a hybrid option however responses so far are not favourable, however it still should be considered.
 - Confirmation that the repair cost of £40 million for the current structure, would last 60 years (30 years under first refurbishment, then a smaller refurbishment to maintain it for another 30 years). Need for continuity across this message.
 - Discussion around impact/incorporation of bus lanes in all options.
 - Confirmation that no option has been chosen or ruled out at this stage – all options still remain on table. Recognition that we need to re-state this message to the public.
 - The tunnel is not being considered because of feasibility issues and excessive costs.
 - All options presented were based on target of reducing traffic volume by 20-25% to and from the city centre. There is an option to reconsider this percentage and adjust the options accordingly.
 - Discussion on the need as a city to set requirements for targets on traffic reduction, despite its consequential effects on the Highway Agency.
 - Discussion on what type of bridge will be part of the designs – agreement that it needs to allow river traffic through so will need raise up and down.
 - Matthew Tanner highlighted public desire for clarity on the status of option choices.
 - Discussion around communications on the process of how we are choosing the options and the need to articulate this clearly and keep people in the loop.
 - Comments on the need to define next steps, so people are clear and understand how and when a particular option will be chosen.
 - Confirmation it will be a two year process to even start deciding on options/schemes, and overall it is a 10-15-year project.

- Public impression currently is that three options were put forward, two were unreasonable so eastern option is chosen – so if this is not the case and all 10 options are still open then this needs to be made clear.
- Discussion around what will happen to businesses that are potentially affected in the Western Harbour Area e.g. the Riverside Garden Centre going forward.
- Confirmation that BCC is committed to supporting any business in the affected area

6. **Western Harbour images – Jon Severs / David Mellor**

- Re-visiting the discussion started at the last meeting on what images should be used in communications /engagement process.
- If we do use imagery in this stage of engagement – what do we think we should use?
- Jon Severs and David Mellor presented different images that could be used.
- David presented simplified technical sketch drawings with blocked out colourful areas to highlight the free space.
- Confirmation that these areas of development will be mixed use
- Confirmation these drawings would only focus on the transport element of the story and would need to be talked through and explained.
- Nuala expressed concerned about use of technical drawings having already presented these to the public. Technical drawings can suggest things have been decided and nothing has been decided as yet. Expressing the need to think about using an image which helps the public understand what the project vision could mean for the area. It's difficult to visualise this from technical drawings.
- David also presented a possible 3D image (this was an outdated image used from the “2050: High in Hope - A Business Vision for the West of England City Region” 2011)
- Agreement that 3D images can be easier to understand.
- Discussion around keeping this outdated image, only useful if caveated that it was an old image, created some time ago (2011) for a different purpose and is not necessarily representative of current thinking.
- Need to caveat that these images aren't the finished item and work still needs to be done.
- Jon Severs then presented more aspirational photographs.
- Malmo image was seen as useful as an inspirational image.
- Used current sites in Bristol to depict what the public area could look like
- Annotations were included to highlight key ideas.
- Agreement, that these images were more representative of Bristol and comments from last meeting had been taken on board.
- Agreement that the addition of annotations was helpful and worked well and it would

	<p>be these types of images that would be useful in upcoming engagement.</p> <p>ACTION 5: David Mellor to circulate Malmo aspirational images document.</p>
7.	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>ACTION 6: Group members to feedback from Riverside Garden Centre meeting 26th February 2020.</p>

Action Log

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