

Western Harbour
Western Harbour Advisory Group



Minutes

Meeting	Date	Time	Location
Western Harbour Advisory Group	30 th September 2020	4pm – 6pm	Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/4139321167 Meeting ID: 413 932 1167

Attendees	<p>Advisory Group Chair John Savage, Executive Chairman - Bristol Chamber of Commerce & Initiative</p> <p>Advisory Group Members Paul Baker, Bristol Property Agents Chris Bond, Hope Community Church Gareth Blacker, Homes England James Durie, Business West Chambers initiative Dennis Gornall, Cumberland Basin Stakeholder Group Alex Hearn, North Somerset Council John Hirst, Destination Bristol David Mellor, Architect David Turner, Ashton Gate Ian Wilkinson, Underfall Yard</p> <p>BCC Representatives Stephen Peacock, Executive Director, Growth & Regeneration Nuala Gallagher, Director, Economy of Place Simon Cowley, Mayor's Policy Manager Abigail Stratford, Head of Regeneration Jon Severs, City Design Manager Rozina Akram, Senior Project Manager Jane Greenaway, Senior Consultation Communications Officer</p> <p>Invited Non Members - Presenting/Updating Only David Carter, West of England Combined Authority Joanna Plimmer, BCC Cultural Engagement Officer Julie Witham, BCC Urban Designer Mathew Sugden, BCC Flooding Engineer Abbie Doherty, Minute taker (Chairs) Rachael Hooper, Minute taker</p>
Apologies	<p>Member Apologies Marti Burgess, City Centre Revitalisation Group Simon Dicken, Bedminster BID Sandra Meadows, Voscur Matthew Tanner, SS Great Britain Adam Crowther, Head of Strategic City Transport Alice Towle (replacing Siena Jackson-Wolfe), Youth Mayor John Wayman (replacing Mohamed Aidid), Youth Mayor</p> <p>Invited Non Member Apologies Sarah Driscoll. Strategic Planning, BCC – Invited Non Member</p>

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1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies – John Savage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions were made and apologies stated by the chair (see above)
2.	<p>Previous Minutes – John Savage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 29th 2020 and February 26th 2020 minutes agreed as an accurate record and signed off. • Noted any previous minute actions would be addressed as and when they arise during the meeting.
3.	<p>Covid-19 Impact – All</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The impact on tourism and retail has been massive and now slowly returning. However the outlook is looking bleaker again. • Ashton Gate has seen a significant commercial impact but has responded by expanding their community role. This has strengthened their business as a whole and the role they play in the community. • Nuala Gallagher reassured that no work had been progressed on Western Harbour. Staff had to be redeployed to other roles due to capacity issues over COVID. Confirmed WH is a key priority for BCC, who are now in a position to move forward with this in collaboration with the Advisory Group.
4.	<p>WECA Infrastructure Investment Strategy (For info/awareness) – David Carter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Carter updated on the Infrastructure and Investment Strategy for South West Bristol. • WECA in collaboration with BCC and N Somerset Council produced a tender brief. The brief includes three phases of work: baseline, infrastructure capacity study and the infrastructure investment strategy. It is currently at tender stage to procure consultants to develop the strategy. • A key objective is to consider the infrastructure required to achieve net zero and support utility providers to understand how they can decarbonise areas of the city. Overall the programme timeframes will be look at achievable outcomes for 2030 2040 and 2050 to deliver net zero. • The strategy will form an understanding of the development potential of the area and what may come forward in the period is a valuable part of the work. The strategy will be complete by June 2021. • As Western Harbour comes forward through the planning system the strategy will support understanding on infrastructure capacity and what infrastructure may be required to facilitate this as well as the wider potential for the area. • The appointed consultants will present to the Advisory Group on how they intend to undertake works and engage with the group. The Chair welcomed this helpful approach. <p>Action One: Organise a presentation from Infrastructure Investment Strategy consultants following appointment.</p>

5.	<p>River Avon Flood Strategy– Stephen Peacock / Matt Sugden (For info/awareness)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The complexities of the strategy and the solutions needed to meet the future needs of the city have taken time to work through. BCC is now in a position to engage with the city on one of the most important considerations for the next century. • BCC are keen to engage and understand the views of the WHAG and the city as whole. • BCC in partnership with the Environment Agency have worked to understand the complexities of the flood risk emanating from the River Avon and it's large catchment area. • Recent years have been focused on developing a strategic approach to managing this flood risk over the next 100 years. • Public consultation on the strategy starts on 26th October. The first three weeks will focus on business and residents around the harbour, those at most risk of flooding. Citywide engagement will follow, running for 8 weeks. WHAG will be consulted during this period. • In parallel BCC will present the strategic outline business case to Environment Agency to access DEFRA funding to support the delivery of elements of the strategy. • The full cost is still to be determined, the strategy includes solutions that give a reasonable prospect of funding. The assembly of funding solutions and costs will happen as solutions come forward. • In the consultation itself it is more about presenting the approach to flood mitigation and how we propose to deliver the flood defence measures that work for city as whole. • A consultation toolkit is being developed for stakeholder groups which will be shared with WHAG. <p>Action Two: Circulate Flood Strategy consultation stakeholder toolkit. Flooding team to present on the strategy at the next meeting.</p>
6	<p>Spatial Development Strategy– Sarah O'Driscoll (For info/awareness)</p> <p>Sarah O'Driscoll unable to attend item postponed it will be updated on at a future meeting.</p>
7.	<p>Engagement Update / Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nuala Gallagher introduced Abigail Stratford, as the new BCC Head of Regeneration. This is a new service area set up to oversee major regeneration schemes coming forward in the city to enable a comprehensive regeneration approach. Abigail set the context for Western Harbour in the regeneration service and its future aspirations. • A new proposed engagement approach was presented by Rozina Akram WH Project Manager, Jo Plimmer Arts Engagement Officer and Julie Witham Urban Designer. • The meeting recognised that the Western Harbour engagement needed to: capture a diverse range of voices from across the city as whole, create opportunities for these voices to be heard, enable citizens to feel engaged and shape the future of Western Harbour and the need to move forward in collaboration not in isolation. • The proposals outlined creative arts and meanwhile use led approach to engagement, underpinned by a meaningful process. A process based on four key foundations of Engaging, Listening, Collaborating and Co-creating. • Jo Plimmer shared a range of examples to illustrate how creative arts can engage more effectively, capture diverse audiences, develop skills and connect and importantly involve communities in a meaningful way. Examples included Tideway project, London, Grand Paris Express project, Paris, Newhaven Vision in Sussex and Olympic Games engagement,

London.

- Julie Witham shared a range of examples from across the city to illustrate the benefits of using Meanwhile Use as an approach to engagement; animating and re-imagining places and the role they can play to support the recovery of the city. Local examples included: Bristol Beach, Creative Common, Breaking Bread, Hotwells and Cliftonwood Community Association.
- Future engagement plans would seek to harness and build existing activity.
- The benefits of this type of approach were shared as: capturing a diverse range of voices from across the city, supporting economic recovery, providing opportunities to engage, trade, test, learn, build skills.
- The approach could achieve a range of outputs such as:
 - Co-create a city wide vision for Western Harbour
 - Re-imagine Western Harbour through meanwhile uses that support economic recovery & local businesses.
 - Co-create a Community Involvement Plan
 - A map ideas and opportunities for collaboration and co-creation
- Nuala Gallagher confirmed BCC's commitment to engaging with the city to set out a vision for the area. This reflects one method of capturing a diverse range of voices and encouraging greater inclusion of people across the whole city. Reaching out to people who are not as familiar with Western Harbour, to change perceptions and getting a shared view on what this important part of the city will become.

Comments on proposed engagement approach

- This looks strong and quite exciting. We are fighting against cynicism and is BCC doing consultation just to tick a box.
- This looks great and as if it could build confidence that the council wants to engage in a meaningful way and this is a quality way to engage with the city
- Meanwhile can play a role in providing a space of the community to connect in this area of the city and this was seen as encouraging. Meanwhile can facilitate people to see change in the positive light and great way to support economic recovery during this time
- Agreement by all that this new approach is welcome and refreshing and could re-build trust as well as undertake effective engagement.
- Creative arts approach great way to get grass roots understanding of the area.
- Alex Hearn commented on how the Weston Vision utilised a creative engagement approach. It has been immensely powerful for all involved. Allows for good constructive conversations about complex issues, for people to participate in a meaningful way and changes the temperature of the conversation. Welcomes this excellent approach for Western Harbour.
- Important to consider the development proposals planned for the area and the bigger vision. How this sits in supporting the cities bigger challenges of managing flood risk, climate change, providing places for people to live a priority area for economic growth and jobs.
- Considering how this vision aligns and works with adjacent sites and their visions and aspirations e.g. Ashton Gate and other sites and projects.
- Concerns over the definition of the Western Harbour Area and conflicting views on what this area was. This needs defining and a consensus agreed.
- Warehouses should be included as part of this engagement/meanwhile approach.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there project partners being considered as yet. • Comments on the importance open space provision in WH, lack and loss of this. • Discussion on the road options and responding to the community on these. It was confirmed that this discussion on the road will follow, once we have looked at and developed a shared vision and aspiration for the area. • Confusion of the Harbour Review and how it interfaces with Western Harbour, suggestion to include an update on this. <p>BCC Response to comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Mayor and BCC are clear on importance of bringing people back in the city, climate priorities and addressing our housing crisis in the city. The aspiration is do develop a mixed area, to bring people, homes, jobs and vibrancy to WH. • Harbour Review will be an operational review and will be in a position to report back on this in around nine months from now. • In relation to the Harbour and wider place making story to join this part of the city together. This is being considered by the team it is seen as an important piece of work and is being looked at as to how is it brought forward. • BCC team are looking at a joined up comprehensive approach to place making, aligning timescales with emerging strategies and investment, linking into other sites within the area to integrate aspirations across the area. • BCC team will look to bring forward an approach for engagement and meanwhile that is integrated and the warehouses will be a key consideration in this. There are no partners being brought on board as yet. • The road configurations will not be revisited for now, the focus needs to look beyond this work and start to create a vision for what this area has the potential to become; Meanwhile use will help us to do this through allowing us to reimagine the space in a different way and understand it's potential. <p>Webpage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair commented on updating the webpage and the need to respond to this with more fluidity. • BCC communications team are reviewing all communications and assessing how this would now sit alongside a new approach, the leaflet and website will be reviewed as part of this. • A report capturing the online share your views form feedback is being developed, this will be shared with the Advisory Group and uploaded on to the webpage when complete. <p>Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request made to share the presentation. • Agreement that the presentation will be circulated to the group status as confidential until the approach has been worked up in more detail. • Engagement approach will need to be COVID compliant to ensure things keep moving. <p>Action Three: Circulate engagement approach presentation</p>
8.	Programme/ Next Steps
9.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCC to Circulate details of the Gorham Homes Scheme consultation with minutes. <p>Action Four: Circulate link to Gorham Homes engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashton Gate plan to do a further round of engagement to create a sports quarter. David to

	<p>provide a link to this to circulate to the group.</p> <p>Action Five: Circulate link to Ashton Gate engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A request for a schedule of meetings in advance. <p>Action Six: Circulate schedule of meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair confirmed no substitutes to be allowed by members in order to maintain continuity and in line with the ToR
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Action Log

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Action Two	Circulate Flood Strategy consultation stakeholder toolkit. Flooding team to present on the strategy at the next meeting.	Matt Sugden
Action Three	To Circulate engagement approach presentation	Rozie Akram
Action Four	To Circulate schedule of meetings	Rozie Akram
Action Five	Circulate link to Ashton Gate engagement David to provide.	David Turner Rozie Akram
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