



Bristol One City Children & Young People’s Board

Date/time	Monday 22 nd March 2021, 4.00-6.00pm	Venue	Zoom Call
Co-chairs	Councillor Helen Godwin Youth Mayor John Wayman		
Agenda Item			
1)	<p>Update from the Chair – Cllr Helen Godwin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes agreed and signed off • Everyone confirmed via chat/email for their name to be included on the Bristol One City website • Brief mention of City Gathering and the top 3 goals voted in 		
2)	<p>Belonging Strategy – Alison Hurley & Ann James (standing agenda item)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bristol’s Belonging Strategy for Children and Young People 2021 – 2024. • Content, intent, vision, strategic alignment, children and young people’s engagement, the four pillar strategies, governance and communication and engagement. • These strategies are co constructed with children, young people and their families at the centre of helping us to unpack what that term belonging means in the city. • One of the things following inspection is that we didn't have a citywide inclusion and equalities strategy for children, young people. So how do we transform from the language of income equality and inclusion into something that has that kind of emotional connection and is meaningful to children, young people and families in the city. • It is a very ambitious and wide-ranging strategy. It provides a framework for strategic alignment underneath this board the children young people’s partnership board but also the keeping Bristol safe partnership. It was conceived prior to COVID, but now more than ever it's something that we need as a vehicle as we recover from COVID. We want to put children young people at the heart of the city's recovery. • It is a city strategy. • The hard launch is going to happen at the Bristol Old Vic in July with a whole host of community and creative opportunities e.g. working with lots of young people right across the city, and bringing different groups together as a safe room school settings, youth organisations different ages, different experiences to create a film that will go alongside the strategy as the voice of the children 		

young people that hopefully will bring some of the language in that strategy to life, leading us to September, and a worldwide launch of it.

Questions and comments from the Board:

- It is our responsibility to take it further and how other apparent factors such as environmental and economic factors affect children and young people.
- We need to be intentional on what the inputs are going to look like over the next few years, with a view of knock on effects on some of those factors and out outcomes in the strategy.
- Emotional, social and engaging response is needed for tangible actual deliverables, whilst measuring our progress (with action plans).
- From an education perspective and in terms of developing relationship based policies, looking at Trauma Informed recovery from COVID, looking at system wide pieces that include our young people across the sector, in a more meaningful way, consistently, equitably, across all areas.
- Senior level discussions to take place right the way through, so work is not replicated.
- We need to work on how to build power within communities and how to integrate services around communities.
- Ensure consistency of language so our children and young people feel as if they belong.
- The strategy will have a local authority lens for everybody, and varied perspectives are welcomed.
- How do we know that things are changing, and have changed for the better for children and young people?
- We are faced with some very significant challenges in this city around inclusion for kids in schools.
- We're working differently with police base structures and in a trauma informed way, building safety and belonging for children, locally and nationally.
- We need to focus on post 16 and careers sectors and where children and young people see their futures.
- [YW] What measures is the strategy going to have to make sure young people's views aren't just considered in its inception, but are continually sort of woven into it, as it evolves as a document.
- This will be a dynamic document, the governance element of it is going to be important and there will be a cycle of review, identifying and working with young people, to identify emerging needs is necessary.
- As part of a One City Approach we will be having an annual review of it as well, particularly thinking about what those priorities need to be for them propel us forward for the next 12 months.
- Ensure that all age groups are involved from birth to old age, frequent or at least annual opportunities will be provided to revisit it in the way that we are we're going to be setting it up. It'll be interesting to see how engaged young people and people from other sectors/areas are in that process and what comes out of it and how we can build on it, as this strategy's intention is to promote a shared vision.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The continued focus will be how we might come together and what your role might be in helping to deliver that sense of belonging for children and young people. <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides that we took to the City Council's Community Recovery Board will be shared. DRAFT strategy to be sent. Members to think about what the belonging strategy means for them, their sector and organisation, and how it can be brought to life from September. As a group, to make sure that we build on this over the coming months and for continual involvement.
3)	<p>Digital Inclusion – John Bradford</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DigiLocal has been working over the last 5 years through community clubs and pre COVID very much by taking equipment into communities and giving them access in their locality. Working with the tech community and industry, volunteers, Cllr Cleo Lake, Avon Fire and Rescue Bristol, Jane Taylor, Employment, Skills and Learning team, the One City Economy Board, schools and many other partners to tackle this issue. Whilst the city has taken action since January where intergenerational digital exclusion has been highlighted. The aim is to have a city-wide view on this and work towards better digital inclusion and this was presented at the City Gathering. Since July last year, DigiLocal have repurposed and distributed 900 laptops all donated from general public and companies. DigiLocal is a twin track charity, still working with our coding clubs online but repurposing is now quite a substantial activity for us. Partnership in place with Bristol Sport Foundation to support with some space and in conversation with Quartet about some funding that will bring in additional people to help move equipment. In addition, there is a network of about 20 partner charities and community organisations distributing, working as outreach and engagement advocates. <p>Questions and comments from the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With children back at schools the fear is that this issue will go silent and hidden as it was for so long. During lockdown there was a huge surge of donations of laptops and devices and we need to ensure this continues, alongside providing digital skills learning. It's not just about devices, it has to be about upskilling children and families, and to do that in a safe but also engaging way and presented in a non-threatening and easy way. Community based approaches is the best way to do that as well because then we're not just necessarily putting pressure on the school to deliver all of that to families but we're actually thinking about how we can help through community centres such as Greenway.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [DS] in addition to Community Centres, we could add Educational Charities such as We The Curious, SS Great Britain and Bristol Zoo. Offers to progress this with these venues. • Access to MiFi dongles are underway. • Data issues and cabling issues are being discussed at central government level. One of the local MPs, Darren Jones, is chair of the business energy innovation skills committee at the House of Commons. • City Office are in the middle of creating a digital board which will be a further discussion space surrounding digital exclusion and inclusion. <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Bradford to link up with MP Darren Jones. CYP Board want to join him with the wider city effort and know if there are any direct asks to the CYP Board and as individual organisations. • City Office and DigiLocal to continue linking up. • City Office to update re Digital Board.
4)	<p>Youth Transport – Youth Mayor John Wayman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CYP Board priority focuses on bus travel, walking, cycling and on connectivity in general. • Proper bus networks, pedestrian and cycle lanes, are going to be continually important for young people. • Youth Mayors in discussion with Transport Board chairs re arising issues e.g. clean air zone. • Considering who is using public transport and who is travelling to and from places in a post COVID world, with more people working from home but young people still having to travel to school. • Asked youth councillors what their priorities for transport were and met with the Public Transport Safety inequalities group, particularly around buses. Concerns were raised about: the price of buses in the city, especially for people from low income families; having to get across the city for disabled young people with the diamond travel card only working after 9am; and the potential issues around no enough publicity on First Bus Youth ID. • On the walking and cycling side of things, the youth council are involved with the Environment and Transport Boards and are currently running a survey that's gone out to schools across Bristol, trying to gather young people's views on what they see as the barriers stopping them from walking and cycling to school. • Over 800 responses have been received so far. The survey closes at the end of this month. The aim is to take the results of the survey and put together a focus group of young people from around the city and brainstorm solutions to those problems.

	<p>Questions and comments from the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do young people think transport issues around walking, cycling, are linked to getting in and out of the city, rather than moving in and between neighbourhoods and making that easy? • The survey doesn't have a question that would provide data to back that up but with the focus very much on walking and cycling to school with a lot of schools not in the city centre. If it comes out of the survey that roads are being too busy and the lack of access to cycle lanes on journeys to and from school is a big issue raised by young people, then the aim would be to take that and think about where do we need to prioritise funding for temporary or permanent cycle lanes within neighbourhoods, to make those routes more accessible for young people. <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth council to link up with new director of First Bus. • To invite the Cabinet member for Transport to a future board meeting and then link up with First Bus to have a workshop session to collaborate. • John Wayman to share survey results. • Cross reference with other cities and their bus prices etc
5)	<p>Holiday Activity and Food Fund – Tommy Jarvis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local government run programme. • In Bristol, we've got 15,401 children young people who are currently in receipt of free school meals in the city. And in our 10 most deprived wards of the city, 27.8% of citizens experience some level of severe food insecurity. This is according to the quality of life survey, and 13% in those wards have experienced moderate food insecurity. • When we talk about food insecurity we look at: mild - variety within food; moderate - going without food for several days; and severe food insecurity is being hungry. • The government have been doing a lot of work around piloting free school meal provision and holiday provision. Each local authority is given funding based on the number of children young people entitled. Bristol is being given 1.8 million to deliver provision over Easter, the summer and winter holidays. Need to provide a minimum of one week during Easter, four weeks during the summer and one week during the winter holiday. • In the run up to Easter, 35 organisations will volunteer including the delivery of 400 activities; 66,000 free lunches; 500+ food parcels and 1200 activity packs will be created and distributed, focusing our provision in the 10 wards with the highest needs in the city. • The aim for the summer is to promote the Belonging Strategy and think about how we can get young people and children to reconnect with their communities and the city; improve health and well-being, and focus on fun and play and not on the stigmatising element of food and hunger.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestion to think about the whole education for sustainable development agenda. • Would like to celebrate diversity via food or cultural trips. Thinking how that can be coordinated geographically. • This is an opportunity to build up our infrastructure in the city and support children and young people. <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Nelson and Growing futures and Thomas Jarvis to link up.
6)	<p>One City Board Links – Cllr Helen Godwin</p> <p>Our aim is to link up to each One City thematic board to ensure that children and young people are at the heart.</p> <p>Suggested CYP Board links with the other 5 thematic boards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poku Osei, Steve Nelson – Economy Board • Rachel Robinson and Steve Nelson – Health and Wellbeing Board • Dom Wood – Homes and Communities
7)	<p>AOB and close</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wesport - working with Off The Record to deliver a workshop for sports clubs, volunteers, instructors and coaches - sport clubs will have a huge role to play in supporting the mental wellbeing of its junior members - https://www.wesport.org.uk/events/on-and-off-the-pitch-webinar-bristol/ • Babbasa - the fortnightly youth led digital discussion taking place on Thursday. Great opportunity to hear directly from young people - link is here: https://www.youtube.com/user/BYEPUK <p>Action: Colston statue anniversary approaches. Members to think whether there should be engagement with young people on this and whether that might be linked with the launch of the belonging strategy.</p>