



One City Children and Young People's Board

Date/time	4 th April 2022, 16:30-18:30	
Location	The Puerto Morazán Room, City Hall (BS1 5TR)	
Co-chairs	Cllr. Asher Craig – Deputy Mayor, Jeremiah Dom-Ogbonna – Youth Mayor	
Meeting Attendees:		
In Attendance:	Asher Craig [AC] (Bristol City Council), Jeremiah Dom-Ogbonna [JDO] (Youth Mayor), Benjamin Breeze [BB] (Bristol Sport Foundation), Emily Bailey [EB] (South Bristol Consortium for Young People), Sarah Parker [SP] (Bristol City Council), Richard Harris [RH] (City of Bristol College – CoBC), Mark Coates [MC] (Creative Youth Network), Alison Hurley [AH] (Bristol City Council), Margaret Simmons-Bird [MSB] (Education Specialist), Karen Black [KB](Off the Record - OTR), Rachel Robinson [RR] (Playful Bristol), Victoria Bleazard [VB] (Public Health England - PHE), Anne Malindine [AM] (Raised in Bristol), Martin Bisp [MB] (Empire Fighting Chance), Melanie Vaxevanakis [MV] (The MAZI Project), Amanda Coffey [AC] (University of the West of England - UWE), Afzal Shah [AS] (Wellspring Settlement)	
Observers		
Invitees	Sarah Lynch [SL] (City Office), Octavia Clouston [OC] (City Office)	
Apologies	Desmond Brown [DB] (Growing Futures UK), Sam Rae [SR] (The Prince's Trust), Lucinda Parr [LP] (University of Bristol - UoB), Alistair Dale [AD] (Youth Moves), Fatima Mohammed Ali [FMA] (Cotham Gardens Primary School)	
ITEM	ACTIONS	
1) Welcome and Icebreaker – Cllr. Asher Craig (AC) and Jeremiah Dom-Ogbonna (JDO)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Chairs and Board Members introduced themselves and their organisations 		
2) City Office Introduction – Sarah Lynch (SL)		
SL introduced herself and her role and gave a presentation introducing the City Office (See Paper 4) Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AC asked for questions. AH asked if there was still time to change the language of the top 3 priorities going to the City Gathering - SL confirmed. MSB flagged that there is a need for a focus on social and emotional health for children alongside mental and physical health (particularly post pandemic). 		
3) The Belonging Strategy – Sarah Parker (SP) and Alison Hurley (AH)		

- SP and AH Introduced themselves and gave a presentation on the Belonging Strategy (**See Paper 5**).
- SP flagged that this strategy has brought the city together and become the lexicon for the aspiration of so many different partners, professionals, and colleagues across the city.
- SP flagged that, in cities that have a partnership approach around values and goals for children, there is a tremendous difference in the outcomes for children.
- SP explained that, while we have a shared understanding of what we want for children in this city, the challenge is where we go from here.
- SP Flagged that this strategy is a golden thread rather than a standalone plan.
- SP explained the sub-divisions of the plan:
 - **Belonging from the beginning/ in family** includes pre-natal, births, post-natal and childhood – focusing on what it means to be a parent, a young child, a member of a family, having the tools, technique and support to navigate family – knowing that the support is there and looking at family in the wider sense – the extended family and what that means – and linking across to being healthy, resilient, economically active.
 - **Belonging in education** is where we need to come together as a group of partners and influencers and setting the bar very high for what belonging in education looks like for our children – its more than just learning, it's about growth and socialisation and relationships.
 - **Belonging in communities** is the area where children live as part of the neighbourhood – looking locally but also as a city – giving young people a sense of place and civic pride – strengthening that community and togetherness.
- AH stated that this is a city strategy rather than a BCC strategy and explained the process of creating it which involved a yearlong consultation with young people.
- AH flagged that the strategy has influenced the outcomes section of the integrated care framework as well as the strategies that sit beneath the belonging strategy.

(See paper 5 for more detail)

Discussion

- AC expressed the importance of young people's views on life in the city and encouraged members to be 'adults in the room'.
- AC endorsed the Task and Finish structure as a facilitator of delivery and explained that this is the only meeting where members will be talking only rather than working on goals.
- MV asked what age group is considered 'young people' - AH answered up to 25 within the strategy.
- MV explained that she works specifically with ages 16-25 and felt that the strategy focused too much on education and that the conversation needs to focus more on leaving school and stages after that - AH and SP flagged that the education strategy is one of the 4 strands of the strategy and that others, such as the community pillar, address the later stages.
- SP explained that we have a statutory responsibility to care leavers up to the age of 25 and agrees that young adults in their early 20s are still making very childish decisions.
- AC flagged that members can amend and strengthen the workplan as they see fit and encouraged them to bring forward priorities that are planned for later years and vice versa.

4) Discussion of the Board draft workplan including Goals for 2022 and 2023

Members split into 3 groups to discuss edits to be made to the workplan (see Paper 1) - 1 member from each group fed back:

Group 1

- SP asked what the education ambition looks like and asked if there's an opportunity to capture the strengths and opportunities of all children who's needs might not be met within the current curriculum.
- SP highlighted the importance of apprenticeships.
- SP flagged that the workplan is aspirational and long term and asked what we can start now.
- SP raised the Cost of living crisis in relation to immediate action that could be taken by the board and flagged the role of private, public and businesses in lessening the impact of the crisis on less advantaged families.

Group 2

- AH explained that the group focused on the first 2 goals and felt that the first was too narrow.
- AH suggested that there needs to be an organised approach to identifying gaps in the opportunities being created for young people through building on the mapping work that is already happening.
- AH suggested looking at the social and emotional element of good health and establishing a definition for 'good'.
- AH's group suggested that the second goal is out of date and that focusing on curriculum is not going to fully address the deep-rooted inequality across the city. They suggested starting with a blank piece of paper for this goal.
- AH's group suggested that representation is missing and suggested 'people like us' as a strap line. They asked how the board can create a representative city where young people can see people who look like them in positions of power and suggested broadening out the workplan and addressing intersectionality.
- MSB flagged that, without ambition for representation in the spaces that we move in, we can't affect change and suggested a representation element to the second goal.

Group 3

- AC raised the topic of mental health and wellbeing and suggested that we need wider collaboration groups across the whole system rather than silos to address the issue.
- AC flagged the work done between BCC and Thrive which was a successful collaboration between public and private
- AC suggested a Task and Finish group focused on mental wellbeing and suggested inviting the chair of Thriving at Work West of England to talk about how they brought together their resources to provide training to staff around mental health.
- AC flagged that the Thrive work sits with the Health and Wellbeing Board which represents an opportunity for cross cutting work.
- AC's group also discussed inequality of opportunity and suggested that work around Goal 3 is already occurring as parent organisations are being heard and influencing the work done in that space.

