

One City Children and Young People's Board

Date/time	15:30-17:30, Wednesday 23 rd November 2022	
Location	Room 1D01	
Co-chairs	Councillor Asher Craig (Deputy Mayor), Jeremiah Dom-Ogbonna (Youth Mayor)	
Meeting Attendees:		
In Attendance:	Asher Craig [AC] (Bristol City Council), Benjamin Breeze [BB] (Bristol Sport Foundation), Mark Coates [MC] (Creative Youth Network), Margaret Simmons-Bird [MSB] (Education Specialist), Rachel Robinson [RR] (Playful Bristol), Sam Rae [SR] (The Prince's Trust), Lucinda Parr [LP] (University of Bristol - UoB), Alistair Dale [AD] (Youth Moves), Anne Malindine [AM] (Raised in Bristol), Ruth Pickersgill [RP] (BDEC), Emily Bailey [EB] (South Bristol Consortium for Young People), Melanie Vaxevanakis [MV] (The MAZI Project), Desmond Brown [DB] (Growing Futures UK), Victoria Bleazard [VB] (Public Health England - PHE),	
Observers		
Invitees	Sarah Lynch [SL] (City Office), Octavia Clouston [OC], (City Office)	
Apologies	Jeremiah Dom-Ogbonna [JDO] (Youth Mayor), Richard Harris [RH] (City of Bristol College – CoBC), Karen Black [KB] (Off the Record - OTR), Martin Bisp [MB] (Empire Fighting Chance), Amanda Coffey [AC] (University of the West of England - UWE), Fatima Mohammed Ali [FMA] (Cotham Gardens Primary School), Afzal Shah [AS] (Wellspring Settlement), Fiona Tudge [FT] (Bristol City Council),	
ITEM	ACTIONS	
1) Welcome		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SL gave apologies on behalf of the chairs and gave an overview of the agenda as a result of those changes. 	
2) BCC Budget Update		
<p>SL explained that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There's a £30-80 million savings pressure on the Bristol City Council Budget – this is a nationwide issue facing local authorities across the country. As a consequence of the savings that need to be delivered, there are sacrifices that have to be made such as parks and library provision, pending the results of the public consultation which is currently active. There will be Cabinet and Full Council meetings in January and February to approve the final budget. <p>See Paper 1 for details of individual proposals.</p> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RP asked how any of these proposals are making savings? - SL answered that the City Office is not the budget team and does not have the granular detail as Asher is not present to lend her expertise, but offered to take questions away to the budget teams. LP asked what will be the impacts of the proposals? - SL reiterated the above response. AD stated that most of the proposals are decreasing spending outside of Bristol to focus on inhouse expenditure. 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RR asked why the budget savings could be £30-80 million? - OC answered that there are many contributing factors which mean that a spectrum of different potential costs need to be provided for, OC also flagged the impact of the autumn mini-budget on the budget projections. • MV raised the mental health impact of moving children in care from one location to another - SL answered that safeguarding is always the main priority • DB asked what's been done to protect the areas of significant risk? • DB flagged that the social work model isn't working for young people and that the value of this board is that people on the ground have access to decision makers and can communicate things that the council is unaware of. • RP asked when the EQIAs for these proposals will be done - OC answered that the Equalities Team have been involved in and have publicly commented on each of the budget proposals within the consultation. Full Equalities Impact Assessments will be presented for every Budget Proposal ahead of the February Cabinet Meeting. • LP asked what proportion of the cuts are being made to children and young people? - OC answered that the City Office does not have the specific numbers but that the People budget is the largest one in the council but also contains the most statutory work which is protected. • RP asked where the partners will get budget from? RR answered that the not for profit sector will step up to provide services that the council no longer can. • LP flagged how difficult this is for the council and for the One City Team and recognised that this must be a huge challenge - SL and OC thanked LP. 	<p>City Office encouraged Board Members to send in questions about the budget proposals which can be forwarded to the budget team.</p> <p>City Office encouraged the Board Members to engage with the budget proposals via the open budget consultation, and give their thoughts through this medium.</p>
3) Task and Finish 2: Improving the curriculum in Bristol's schools	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LP offered contacts for this work. • RP asked why we are focusing on the One Bristol Curriculum and not others? - SL answered that we are open to all resources and partners engaged in this work but flagged that this team was well placed to work with the CYP board due to existing connections. SL asked RP to help identify other teams and workstreams to engage with. • EB flagged the need to embed careers in the curriculum. • MV asked what is included in the One Bristol Curriculum that sets it apart and asked if it is an online resource for those who want to implement new things or something that will change teaching in schools - SL answered both. • MV asked if food education is included in the curriculum and if not is it something that she can get involved with embedding - SL answered that she would get in touch with the food equality team to follow this up. • SR asked about the 2024 goals and flagged the need to include mental health - SL agreed • DB flagged that his organisation have conducted studies that have found that there are serious issues within disproportionality in university staff and micro-aggressions and racism in university and the board shouldn't look to those universities to create curriculums that are the gold standard when these are organisations that are promoting institutional racism in their systems. We're looking to implement standards that these institutions don't adhere to themselves. • LP stated that it would be really helpful for DB to share the results of these studies with her so that she can address this within the University of Bristol - RH agreed and asked for the same for the City Of Bristol College. • DB stated that this information has been shared and ignored. • LP flagged that this has never been shared with her and she would be very happy to take it to the anti-racism steering group - DB answered that the information has already been shared with the steering group - LP stated that she would address this with the steering group. 	<p>SL to contact the food equality team to ask about embedding food education in the One Bristol Curriculum.</p> <p>LP to follow up with the University of Bristol Anti-Racism Steering Group regarding the report on Racism in the university.</p>

4) Update from Youth Council	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MJ stated that he’s been working with the Youth Council to put together a workshop to take into junior and eventually senior schools. • MJ distributed Inclusive Bristol – a piece of work that the Youth Council supported which showcases a network of individuals, clubs and organisations working together to make Bristol a more disability inclusive, active city. • MJ explained that their inclusion group has flagged the lack of Black, Minority, Ethnic role models in schools and stated their goal to talk to people who are recruiting teachers to communicate the way young people feel about this. • MJ reported that 100 young people came into City Hall to talk about what they want to see happening within services for young people in the council. • MJ reported an emphasis on area forums with parent youth workers and explained that the Youth Council is looking to take a targeted approach to youth work going forward, partnering up with youth forums to involve young people in the decisions about where money is being allocated. • UK Youth Parliament had their annual sitting in the House of Commons where they choose their campaign for the new year: this year it will be Cost of Living and health. Both youth mayors spoke at this event. • MJ played a VIDEO of the Youth Parliament. 	
5) Updates about T&F: activities and SEND	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RR explained that the group was looking at how to map the different mental health services that are available but this has moved into looking at the accessibility of this information where it does exist. • RR flagged that one of the functions of family hubs is piloting information and explained that the key is resources for people to find out what’s going on: a mapping of the mapping. • RR reiterated the importance of equity and equality of access to information – it’s great to have databases but who is out there who needs information and can’t get it and there are a lot of groups that we can go to, to ask for this resource. • RR explained that, within family hubs we can go and ask people how they do/don’t get information. If there are people who already know what is available then let’s build their capacity. • RR reiterated that the council does a lot of work mapping but we need to look at the next stage which is equality and equity of access to information and we need to stay connected into those conversations. <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MV flagged that the MAZI project is running a winter event at the Trinity Centre and wants to attract as many young people as possible and asked RR where to send the invitations. SL suggested that MV should let the City Office distribute the invitation to the group who can circulate it within their networks. <p>SEND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AC gave a presentation on SEND in Bristol (see paper 2) • AC flagged that, in 2019 Ofsted said that Bristol SEN process needed to improve and there were 5 areas identified for improvement. Between then and now the subsequent 	

<p>inspections have been published and in 4 out of the 5 areas Bristol has made improvements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AC explained that her first priority on taking the role was to repair the fractured relationship with parents. <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RP asked: is there any work being done to address the overrepresentation of black children in diagnosis of SEND issues, where are we taking positive actions to include Black parents, and why aren't disabled adults involved in this conversation? - AC answered that the Council is aware of this issue, and she has had this conversation with the incoming executive director who is keen to be very proactive about this issue. AC suggested bringing WECIL into the Consortium of groups to create lines of communication between disabled adults and other parents. 	<p>AC suggested bringing WECIL into the Consortium of groups to create lines of communication between disabled adults and other parents.</p>
<p>6) OCP Refresh</p>	
<p>OCP Refresh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SL gave a presentation on the One City Plan Refresh Process (see paper 1) SL flagged that one issue with the Refresh model is that the current timelines are from the previous board. SL raised another issue which is that, because it's a statutory space, there are a lot of other spaces that address the same challenges which means an increased risk of duplication of workstreams SL raised the questions that were circulated to Board Members ahead of the meeting (see below): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the key challenges for Children and Young People in the next 10-15 years? - What are some of the unrealistic areas that the Board has committed to addressing through the goals? - What can you/your organisation contribute to the key challenges identified in the timeline, and in the wider city landscape? SL contextualised the work that is being done and explained that the City Office is also working with community groups, the Mayoral Equality commissions, the VCSE sector, the Cabinet members, Elected Members and more groups to get different perspectives on the refresh. AC added that we should do some facilitated conversations about the focus of the group going forwards. MV added that there has been a 48% increase in young people using their recipe kit. RP asked how the editing process for the new OCP works - AC answered that it's a case of 'we can take some out, we can add some in, we can move them around within the existing structure.' SL added that she would like to see the goals in more accessible plain English. LP flagged that child poverty should be a key priority. AC reiterated that we can't do everything, and we have to think in bite sized chunks. SL agreed and reinforced the importance of aligning these goals with partner organisation priorities and highlighted as an example that Babbasa has announced a programme of work focused on getting one young person from every inner-city family on a medium income by 2030 (Our City 2030) as a result of this alignment. 	

- AC flagged that last week she spoke to the associated European Mayors about migration and fed back their admiration of the One City Plan and reiterated how unique and important the plan is in a government context.
- AD flagged that, 4/5 years ago when the original goals were written we could not have predicted the context in which they would be addressed. AD stated that some of the goals are too big to achieve and suggested that the emphasis should shift to the tangible and achievable.
- AC stated that the autumn budget will also intensify the existing pressures.
- SL reiterated the need for a Board Support Officer to coordinate this work for the board.
- SL asked board members: what is missing, what can we do better (reporting? Joint funding opportunities?) is this what you expected? Is this enough?
- MC stated the importance of aspirational goals but flagged that it's better to be realistic in the short term particularly when we are going into crisis management mode.
- MC highlighted that there is a master plan but there isn't an action plan for each goal and suggested that there should be somebody in the city leading on each of these goals and making sure that organisations are able to tap in and be looped in on work.
- MC suggested honing in on 1 goal at each meeting and asked whether there is a mechanism for tracking achievement of goals? - AC stated that the City Gatherings used to be a vehicle for checking in on board progress.
- LP reiterated the importance of communication as a mechanism for harnessing all the power in the room and connecting people.
- AM flagged the importance of early years being included in childhood education because the impact of all the crises discussed today have hugely impacted the very young people in the city.
- AM stated that isolation and the mental health struggles associated with that is another key issue.
- AM flagged that there is nowhere to share the brilliant stories that have come out of COVID.
- AM's organisation wants to rent space in community buildings to run as nurseries and give profit donations to the community partner.

7) AOB - Global Goals Centre Update

- JF gave a presentation updating the board on the progress of the Global Goals Centre:
- JF flagged that the GGC have been awarded a meanwhile lease to run the GGC from a building in Broadmead. The building will be called Sparks in line with the department store theme and there will be exhibitions on health, food, gardening etc, Bristol waste are going to run a reuse centre. Everything sold will be sustainable and there will be workshops upskilling people,
- JF explained that the GGC is looking to meet OCP targets and climate emergency strategy targets by teaching people about green lifestyles and addressing the Cost of Living Crisis by showing them how to save money.
- JF flagged that they're working with COBC, WECA and workforce for the future.
- JF explained the GGC timeline: they're consulting at the moment, bringing key delivery partners and fundraising – they plan to open in April as they only have the building for a year so they're running it as a pilot and are hoping that they can move it to another space if they're not able to stay after the year.
- JF asked for any suggestions or links that they could make with other partners.

Discussion

- SL and AC thanked JF for her presentation.
- AC summarised that there is a theme emerging about focusing on less to achieve more and stated that there will be facilitated sessions early next year to explore this in more detail
- SL flagged that information about the welcoming spaces will be available in the welcoming spaces webinar which is taking place next week.