

Actions and meeting notes from the Redcliffe & Temple BID Advisory Board meeting

12th July 2023, Mercure Holland House Hotel

Attendees	
Present:	<p>Steve Bluff, Redcliffe & Temple BID Louisa Briggs, Redcliffe & Temple BID Jon Bower, WBD (Chair) Matt Grimwood, TLT Paul Williams, Avison Young Victoria Matthews, Business West Phil Hodgson, Arup Chris Swift, Spicer + Cole Steve Devine, Leonardo Hotel Charlotte Raynes, DAS, Helen Richardson, WSP</p> <p>Guests Urfan Ali, Matt Rogers and Sangeetha Wynter, Babbasa</p>
Apologies	<p>Amanda French, Clarke Willmott Jason Thorne, BCC Joy Simmonds, Barclays Cllr. Farah Hussain Amy Simpson, Burges Salmon</p>

Meeting Actions

- a) Steve – find out if Bristol City Council has a sustainable energy plan, in relation to the winter lights using the power from street lighting.
- b) Business West to share Love Bristol Gift Card comms.
- c) Spicer + Cole to receive Unicornfest printed maps
- d) Steve to issue the Spend data when received at the end of July.
- e) Louisa to provide feedback to SeedL regarding course topics.
- f) Steve to move the next meeting to 12th October
- g) Tom to share the invitation to the Development and Delivery Presentation on Bristol Shopping Quarter and Castle Park.

Meeting Notes	
1	Welcome, introductions and apologies
	<p>1.1 Jon opened the meeting and thanked the hotel for hosting the meeting</p> <p>1.2 The group introduced themselves for the benefit of Babbasa.</p>
2	Babbasa Equality Diversity Inclusion Presentation
	<p>2.1 Steve B introduced Urfan, Sangeetha and Matt from Babbasa to discuss what they do.</p> <p>2.2 As part of a city wide campaign called Our City 2030, Babbasa aim to have at least one person from each low-income household placed into a median salary job by 2030. This is now part of the One City plan.</p> <p>2.3 Sangeetha provided insight into their recruitment and inclusion services. They help bridge the gap between talent and opportunities. Training is provided to businesses for diversity and inclusion support. Recently have trained Avon and Somerset Constabulary and are finishing training with Triodos Bank.</p> <p>2.4 Matt introduced the proposed partnership with the BID that will mean that the BID and Babbasa can work together to link opportunities with talent. This partnership will be launched in September and businesses will be invited to a 'fireside chat' presentation about the equality gap. Following this, there will be initial investment for 15 organisations to complete an inclusion health checker and receive a personalised EDI Development Plan. Finally, there will be investment for 5 organisations to recruit an underrepresented person via Babbasa's recruitment service. Steve B highlighted that this would cover all sectors, not just the professional services.</p> <p>2.5 Some BID businesses are already involved with Babbasa's work. Matt shared success stories from work within Arup.</p> <p>2.6 Steve B advised there would be a £25k investment in the first year and will review this each year going forward. This is around 3% of the income budget.</p> <p>2.7 The group agreed that this sounds like a very good opportunity for businesses to be involved in.</p> <p>2.8 Jon suggested that the "fireside chats" are held at WECA.</p>
3	Creating and maintaining quality spaces
	<p>3.1 Following Ani's comment at the last meeting Steve mentioned that the BID has applied again for CIL funding for the improvement of Portwall</p>

	<p>Gardens. This would be around £15k. We will find out if successful in February 2024.</p> <p>3.2 Winter lights have been confirmed in the Pip and Jay Church area, 12 lights will be lit and will switch on from October. It costs around £4.80 per day to run. This will link in well with the Temple Way underpass work. Phil asked if the council have a sustainable energy plan. (yes, attached here)</p> <p>3.3 Steve showed a photograph of the installation of the summer furniture and games on Temple Quay outside HMRC. There will be 4 benches with links to 4 charities on Rivergate and Rope Walk.</p> <p>3.4 Steve shared that there are plans in progress for a large mural on the side of Avon Fire & Rescue's training tower. Upfest have been involved.</p> <p>3.5 Steve advised that he has been able to obtain the office take up stats from property agents, there were 6 new businesses in Q1 and 7 in Q2.</p> <p>3.6 The wildflower meadow outside St Mary Redcliffe Church bloomed in June and was very popular on social media. Lots of positive feedback has been received about this.</p>
4	Improving sustainability and the environment
	<p>4.1 BGCP are working through their BID business connections re Climate Action Plans. There are great case studies being developed from LHG and Clarke Willmott. Victoria fed back that she feels the Climate Action Breakfast meetings are too early for those needing to arrange childcare.</p> <p>4.2 The BID is supporting the City to Sea coffee cup refill scheme. In the BID area Small Goods and Baristas are supporting this scheme. Chris is considering signing up Spicer + Cole.</p> <p>4.3 On 9th October there will be a Wessex Water Rainwater harvesting event at the Halo building.</p>
5	Creating and promoting a vibrant place
	<p>5.1 Steve confirmed that the BID, in partnership with Bristol City Centre BID and Bristol City Council will be delivering the HarbourFest 2024-2028. This will give both BIDs a larger stake within the event to provide opportunities to businesses. The BIDs will have a direct involvement in the programming and will aim to have more activity in the Redcliffe & Temple BID area. Phil mentioned that he felt it was a very large investment into the event, specified that it is important that the professional services are engaged properly. It is a good opportunity to make the Redcliffe and Temple area feel more like part of the city centre. There will be opportunity to review the progress each year, this is written into the MOU.</p>

	<p>5.2 The Love Bristol Gift Card has now reached £47K of sales. Currently working on getting iconic venues involved including M-Shed, SS Great Britain etc. Offering a corporate offer for corporate orders over the summer, the first interest into this has been received by Evelyn Partners.</p> <p>5.3 Unicornfest is underway, the BID sponsored “Faces of the City” by Jasmine Thompson with Deskodge. There are around 60 unicorns in the Southwest and in Bristol, raising money for Leukaemia Care. Feedback from the board included, promotion has been minimal, assuming there will be more traction at the start of the summer holidays, the link between Bristol and the unicorn hasn’t been highlighted enough.</p> <p>5.4 The BID has sponsored a square on the new Bristol Monopoly board coming out in November. The square will be promoting Finzels Reach.</p>
6	Connecting and representing businesses
	<p>6.1 There is a new levy payer report available for the Movement Insights, this will be going live from September. Levy payers will be able to see footfall, demographics etc. The Q2 spend data will be received at the end of July. Currently Victoria Street is showing high footfall, Park Street in comparison is low. It is expected that both trends are due to changes in bus routes, and a return to offices during the week.</p> <p>6.2 The BID hosted a city transport update event on 28th June with Adam Crowther from Bristol City Council providing an update on major transport change plans. There were lots of questions which the BID will feed back to Adam.</p> <p>6.3 Found that calling SeedL by this name has been a barrier to people using it. Now refer to it as the “Training Hub”. DAS have been loving it, lots of good feedback. Charlotte did wonder if the topics could be expanded, some courses are quite basic</p> <p>6.4 The BID is hosting a Building Managers networking event on 13th July at Veenon on Temple Quay.</p>
7	Building a safe and caring community
	<p>7.1 The trial for the Neighbourly platform has been extended to the end of August, there were a few issues that had to be ironed out at the start. Will review the financial commitment if/when there is more business engagement.</p> <p>7.2 Steve met with St Mary Redcliffe School who are really keen to collaborate with the BID, especially with opportunities for work placements etc. There is meeting space, catering, sports facilities etc.</p> <p>7.3 Bristol and Western Hospital Charity concert is moving from The Cathedral to St Mary Redcliffe Church, the BID will be headline sponsors and will be providing tickets from NHS staff and the local community and offer discounts to businesses. The SMR school are potential chorists .</p>

	<p>7.4 TAP for Bristol has raised £2,200 so far, from 7 locations. The annual target is £6000.</p> <p>7.5 The BID supported the Festival of Nature in June including many lunchtime events which had lots of participants.</p>
8	Finances
	<p>8.1 Collection is at 95% across the 3 years.</p> <p>8.2 Still not able to know who the Levy Payers are. Waiting for guidelines from Department for Levelling up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) to change. There was a meeting on 5th July but still waiting for feedback from this, it is slow progress.</p>
9	AOB
	<p>9.1 Victoria – A432 Badminton Road overbridge will be closed indefinitely from tonight for repairs</p> <p>9.2 Joy is unable to attend on Wednesdays so wonders if everyone would be happy to move the meetings to Thursdays. No objections were received. Steve will move the next meeting to 12th October.</p> <p>9.3 Steve added that the next meeting will be under 2 years away from ballot, as a result will need to start consulting on changes to the boundary around Temple Quarter. There has been initial positive feedback from the University and Network Rail but will have to develop a paper around this and start planning at the next meeting.</p> <p>9.4 On Thursday 7th September there is a Development and Delivery presentation about the changes to Bristol Shopping Quarter and Castle Park, the 3 BID boards have been invited to attend the meeting to review the plans.</p>