

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

**COMMONWEALTH GAMES, CULTURE AND PHYSICAL
ACTIVITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY (O&S) COMMITTEE –
PUBLIC MEETING**

1330 hours on Wednesday 6th November 2019, Committee Room 6 – Actions

Present:

Councillor Mariam Khan (Chair)

Councillors: Hendrina Quinnen, Ron Storer and Martin Straker Welds

Also Present:

Councillor Jayne Francis, Cabinet Member, Education, Skills and Culture

Symon Easton, Head of Cultural Development

Rose Kiely, Group Overview and Scrutiny Manager

Amanda Simcox, Scrutiny Officer

1. NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST

The Chairman advised that this meeting would be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's Internet site (www.civico.net/birmingham) and that members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there were confidential or exempt items.

2. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair brought forward the item on the agenda.

RESOLVED:

Noted that Councillor John Lines replaced Councillor Ewan Mackey on the Committee for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of City Council in May 2020.

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillor Zhor Malik.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

5. ACTION NOTES AND ACTION TRACKER

(See documents 1 and 2).

RESOLVED:

Confirmed the action notes of the 2nd October 2019 and noted the action tracker.

6. CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION, SKILLS AND CULTURE UPDATE

(See documents 3 and 4).

Councillor Jayne Francis, Cabinet Member, Education, Skills and Culture and Symon Easton, Head of Cultural Development attended for this item and answered Members' questions.

The following were among the main points made during the presentation and discussion:

- The Cabinet Member stated that the Birmingham Heritage week this year was hugely successful and is committed to ensuring the Birmingham Heritage Week happens next year. This year the Council provided £4,000 and the Jewellery Quarter Development Trust provided £6,000 to pay for a facilitator/co-ordinator.
- Commonwealth Games 2022 Cultural Programme – the Council is working with the Organising Committee (OC), who are currently recruiting their team. This includes the head of cultural programming, as the OC are responsible for the whole cultural programme for the Commonwealth Games.
- The Cabinet Member works closely with the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care to introduce an arts offer in the prevention agenda. The Cabinet Member is also assisting Public Health with the roll out of the Food Conversation Campaign and is keen for schools to pick up on the healthy eating area of work.
- Councillor Straker Welds had a number of questions that he would e-mail to the Cabinet Member and the answers will be shared with the committee. These include what steps are being taken to ensure that the Commonwealth Games has a positive impact on the creative arts?
- The Cabinet Member's commitment is that all schools take part in the arts, culture and enrichment activities for the Commonwealth Games.
- Arts organisations do outreach work in the communities.
- In response to a question regarding what support is available for voluntary organisations to undertake cultural activities in neighbourhoods, members

were informed that the Arts Activities Commissioning Prospectus will be shared with members. Officers also support local Arts Fora to help co-ordinate arts activities in the communities.

RESOLVED

The update was noted and members will be provided with the Council's current Arts Commissioning Prospectus.

7. WORK PROGRAMME

(See document 5).

The Chair advised that as previously discussed, it is proposed that members go out to communities and there is an informal discussion afterwards regarding the piece of work the committee will be doing, regarding engaging with citizens and wider communities in relation to the Commonwealth Games.

RESOLVED:

The work programme was noted.

8. DATES OF MEETINGS

RESOLVED:

The Committee noted the dates of future meetings on the following Wednesdays at 1330 hours:

4 December 2019, 15 January 2020, 5 February 2020, 4 March 2020 and 1 April 2020.

9. REQUEST(S) FOR CALL IN/COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION/PETITIONS RECEIVED (IF ANY)

None.

10. AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS

RESOLVED:-

That in an urgent situation between meetings the Chair, jointly with the relevant Chief Officer, has authority to act on behalf of the Committee.

The meeting ended at 15.17 hours.