

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

COMMONWEALTH GAMES, CULTURE & PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

O&S COMMITTEE – PUBLIC MEETING

1330 hours on Wednesday, 9 February 2022, Committee Room C, Margaret Street, Council House Extension

Action Notes

Present:

Councillor Mariam Khan (Chair)

Councillors: Gurdial Singh Atwal, Mohammed Azim, Morriam Jan, John Lines, Yvonne Mosquito, Ron Storer, and Martin Straker Welds

Also Present:

Graeme Betts, Director for Adults Social Care & Legacy Lead, Birmingham City Council (BCC) (on-line)

James Grinstead, Birmingham 2022 Organising Committee (OC) (on-line)

Lydia Harrington, Creative City Grants Manager, Birmingham 2022 OC (on-line)

Kwabena Osayande, Cohesion and Equalities Service Manager, BCC (on-line)

Cat Orchard, Head of Community Partnerships, BCC (on-line)

Ceri Saunders, Acting Group Overview & Scrutiny Manager

Amanda Simcox, Scrutiny Officer

Adam Stokes, Birmingham 2022 OC (on-line)

1. NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST

The Chair advised that this meeting will be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's meeting You Tube site (www.youtube.com/channel/UCT2kT7ZRPFq6_5dnVnYlw) and that members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there are confidential or exempt items.

2. APOLOGIES

None.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

4. ACTION NOTES

(See documents Nos. 1 – 5)

RESOLVED:

The action notes of the formal meeting held on the 15th September 2021 were agreed, and the action notes of the informal meetings held on the 6th October 2021, 3rd November 2021, 8th December 2021 and 12th January 2022 were noted.

5. COMMONWEALTH GAMES LEGACY

(See document No. 6 & 7)

Graeme Betts, Director for Adults Social Care and Legacy Lead informed Members that he was delighted to have been asked to play a role in developing the legacy from the Games by the Chief Executive. This is a fantastic opportunity to not only host a successful Games but to build the legacy for generations to come. From his experience of the Olympics in 2012, when he worked in Newham in London, he is aware that legacy benefits are achieved in different ways, such as improved infrastructure, culture and economic benefits. It is crucial to have questions at the forefront of our minds, such as “how can we use this opportunity to improve outcomes for citizens, how can we increase engagement, and how can we use the Games as an accelerant to sustainable improvements?”

The Director then gave the presentation and explained that the programme is addressing the challenge that this is a Games for everyone, with the plan on the page providing a lot of detail and setting out the connectivity with our priorities and those of our partners. A second cross-partner legacy plan is due in June 2022 and the Council’s post Games report is due in Spring 2023.

Cat Orchard, Head of Community Partnerships, provided details of the Council’s £6m Community Fund. The cabinet paper set out the eight key points and principles, and the split of this £6m fund is:

- £2m for Creative City Grants.
- £2m Celebrating Communities, which is the ward funding programme.

- £1m to support physical activity initiatives.
- £500,000 to support stronger communities' programmes.
- £500,000 to support learning and youth engagement.

Creative City Grants Programme

Lydia Harrington, Creative City Grants Manager, gave the presentation which included the programme aims, details of the media coverage, including social media and a targeted outdoor advertising campaign, a series of sessions to provide information, advice and guidance, and the grants process.

There are 108 successful applications which will result in 108 projects being part of the Birmingham 2022 festival. The next steps include identifying gaps and opportunities, so more residents are engaged.

During the discussion and in response to queries raised by Members, the main points included:

- Members can contact Cat Orchard regarding specific projects that community organisations have approached them about, and opportunities for organisations to get involved via the £6m Community Fund can be discussed off-line.
- The legacy will be monitored and evaluated by the Council and the OC, and there is an integrated legacy programme. Legacy is at the heart of what they are doing in relation to the Creative City Fund. They have specific evaluation suppliers as part of their team to evaluate the festival and the stakeholder programme. It is hoped that there will be a number of spotlight stories so they will have qualitative and quantitative data.
- There is a plan to bring all of the work undertaken back to be part of a festival next year and building capacity for this will be part of the legacy.
- Members to contact Cat Orchard or Alison Roberts if they are aware of activities by other organisations, including faith organisations, that have not accessed funding via the Council or OC so these can be captured.
- Whether there are opportunities for young people who are interested in music production and who would not normally apply for grants was queried, and Members were informed that they have tried to reach everyone.
- Officers are really looking forward to providing the details of the successful projects on 28 February 2022.

Bring the Power Youth Programme (bringing Children and Young People aged 5 – 25 closer to Birmingham 2022)

Adam Stokes and James Grinstead, Birmingham 2022 OC, gave the presentation. The programme went live on-line on the 19th January 2022, and this had to be done virtually due to Covid. A short video that was used to promote the programme was

played and the design for the programme has been youth led. Early successes include 78 young people being part of the launch of the Queen's Baton Relay at Buckingham Palace. Work includes running more school festival days, amplifying athlete visits to schools, and on the 7th March 2022 they are running a headteacher conference.

Details of the Common Ground Grant, whereby £80,000 has been allocated, enabling every secondary school to apply for a grant of £1,000 to participate in the project, was provided. The event at The Lighthouse will take place on the 24th February 2022 and details of what will be happening with the Youth Services was highlighted, and this includes the six weeks intensive Commonwealth Games themed activities. The Youth City Board Panel has very much shaped the programme.

During the discussion and in response to queries raised by Members, the main points included:

- They are working very closely with all schools including alternative provision, such as the Pupil Referral Unit (PRU), and the Virtual School for Children in Care, and they are exploring opportunities with these in relation to the Common Ground Grant.
- They are also working with the Children's Trust who are keen to link in with the programmes for children and young people known to the Trust.
- The Children's Trust have also accessed funding granted through the Commonwealth Games. This will result in a bespoke series of activities across the summer called Unlocking the Games, and this is being delivered in conjunction with colleagues at the OC.
- Cllr Jan will contact the officers regarding them linking in with St John's Church who work with young people in the Perry Barr ward.
- Mental health and wellbeing are at the forefront and they are working with a local boxing organisation to deliver workshops on mental wellbeing.
- The Chair will e-mail her questions to Adam Stokes and James Grinstead as they needed to attend another meeting.

Celebrating Communities

Cat Orchard, Head of Community Partnerships, gave the presentation and highlighted that round two for Celebrating Communities funding should be completed by the end of March 2022.

During the discussion and in response to queries raised by Members, the main points included:

- The communication and engagement channels provided in the presentation was not an exhaustive list and there were others including faith networks.
- Different ward members have had different experiences of this, and it was questioned whether Members could feed back into the evaluation process.

Cat Orchard highlighted that it is a learning process and they are aware that there has been an inconsistent approach across the city and the roll out of round two should be smoother. A full process evaluation will be done at the end of this.

- More information and clarity were requested, especially in relation to Members' responsibilities. Members were informed that their responsibilities are to champion the fact that the fund was there and to encourage local organisations to apply. Cat Orchard will check whether there are new processes in place regarding the second phase of the Celebrating Communities funding.
- Members asked whether the communication could be improved with the organisations tasked with facilitating the funding, and asked if they could be provided with more details about the projects in advance of the meeting, and also details of those that were not successful in getting to that stage, so they were at least aware of who has applied.

Physical Activity Funding

Cat Orchard, Head of Community Partnerships, gave the presentation and details included the commissioning of The Active Wellbeing Society (TAWS) to deliver 70 active streets across Birmingham. The City of Nature is going to Cabinet next week, and if agreed will be funding a pilot that will be focusing on five parks in the city initially.

During the discussion and in response to queries raised by Members, the main points included:

- The 70 Active Streets have not been decided yet and Cat Orchard will provide details as to how Members can nominate streets.
- Whether Celebrating Communities funding could be used to cover the cost of closing the road, or whether the fee would be waived was queried and Cat Orchard will come back on this.

Stronger Communities Grants Programme

Kwabena Osayande, Cohesion and Equalities Service Manager, gave the presentation and it was highlighted that they have secured BVSC as the lead anchor organisation to oversee the distribution of £500k, and they have a Community Investment Framework for inclusive commissioning. A brief summary of the Programme was given, and this includes inspiring future leaders.

During the discussion and in response to queries raised by Members, the main points included:

- The emphasis of the Peace Garden should not be lost as this was built on the ruins of one of our churches to commemorate and remember those that lost their lives in the second world war. Members were assured that the focus of

the commemoration will not be lost, and this has been raised by the Armed Forces covenant group.

- Details of the 20 miles of heritage trails covering the city, taking in sites of interest in each of the 10 localities in the city, will be provided.
- The information on the Getting Communities Talking slide, and the activities which involve 250 women was welcomed.

The Chair thanked everyone who had attended the meeting for their presentations and answering Members' questions.

RESOLVED:

The update was noted, and the summary of actions are:

- Members to contact Cat Orchard or Alison Roberts if they are aware of activities by other organisations, including faith organisations that have not accessed funding via the Council or OC so these can be captured.
- Cllr Jan will contact the officers regarding them linking in with St John's Church who work with young people in the Perry Barr ward.
- The Chair will e-mail her questions to Adam Stokes and James Grinstead as they needed to attend another meeting.
- Cat Orchard:
 - To check whether there are new processes in place regarding the second phase of the Celebrating Communities Fund.
 - To provide details as to how Members can nominate streets as part of the 70 Active Streets.
 - To ascertain whether Celebrating Communities funding could be used to cover the cost of closing the road, or whether the fee would be waived.
- Kwabena Osayande to provide details of the 20 miles of heritage trails covering the city, taking in sites of interest in each of the 10 localities in the city.

6. WORK PROGRAMME

(See document No. 8)

The Chair informed Members that the Leader and the Games Programme Director will be attending the 16th March 2022 meeting at 10am, and Members will then visit the Council House.

7. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The Chair advised Members that the next committee meeting is at 10am on the 16th March 2022.

8. REQUEST(S) FOR CALL IN/COUNCILLIR CALL FOR ACTION/PETITIONS RECEIVED (IF ANY)

None.

9. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

None.

10. AUTHORITY TO CHAIR AND OFFICERS

RESOLVED:

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 15.45 hours.