

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

LEARNING, CULTURE AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY (O&S)

COMMITTEE – PUBLIC MEETING

13:30 hours on Wednesday 10th October 2018, Committee Rooms 3 & 4 – Actions

Present:

Councillor Mariam Khan (Chair)

Councillors: Alex Aitken, Mary Locke, Kath Scott, Ron Storer and Martin Straker Welds.

Other Voting Representatives: Rabia Shami, Parent Governor and Sarah Smith, Church of England Diocese Representative

Also Present:

Councillor Ian Ward, Leader

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

Chris Brockie, Cabinet Support Officer

Neil Carney, Commonwealth Games Project Director

Symon Easton, Head of Cultural Development

Kevin Jones, Birmingham's Career Service

Andrew Slattery, Commonwealth Games Programme Manager

1. NOTICE OF RECORDING

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. APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBER ON THE COMMITTEE

The appointment of Councillor Mike Sharpe in place of Councillor Baber Baz as a Member on the Committee was noted.

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies were submitted on behalf of:

Councillor Mike Sharpe and Councillor Gary Sambrook

Adam Hardy, Roman Catholic Diocese Representative

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

5. ACTION NOTES

(See document 1).

The Chair advised:

- We are awaiting the soft capturing information and case studies from Forward Thinking Birmingham.
- Further information on ChatHealth from the Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust has been e-mailed to Members.
- School admissions will be discussed in December as originally programmed, due to there being insufficient time at the November committee meeting.
- Special Education Needs and/or Disability (SEND) will be discussed at the Children's Social Care O&S Committee's meeting on the 17th October 2018. Members from this Committee are invited to attend for this item and the details have been e-mailed.

The action notes of the meeting held on the 5th September 2018 were confirmed.

6. COMMONWEALTH GAMES 2022

(See document 2).

Councillor Ian Ward, Leader; Neil Carney, Project Director and Andrew Slattery, Commonwealth Games Programme Manager presented the item.

The following were among the main points raised:

- There is a need to convince people that this is not just a sporting event, as it is more than 11 days of world class sport taking place in Birmingham.
- Opportunities afforded to the City are much greater, for example it will drive our economy; change the image of the city nationally and internationally; and engage the people of the city and wider region.
- It is projected that it will grow the economy regionally by £0.5 bn and the country as a whole by £1 bn.
- There will be business growth and we need to make sure the jobs are accessible for citizens of Birmingham, especially those living in deprived neighbourhoods.
- It is hoped post Games the people of Birmingham will say the Commonwealth Games has changed Birmingham for the better.
- The Commonwealth Games is one of the largest multi-sport events in the world and they are working on a "single message" with partners.
- They have four years to deliver what has traditionally taken seven years and therefore there is an unwavering commitment for the three critical parts:
 - Working in partnership;
 - Very clear on outcomes (what, when and who is doing it and removing distractions that do not contribute to the outcomes);
 - 100% committed.

- They want to assure Members there is a plan and key milestones and planning has been mapped. If Members would like to be taken through the details this can be arranged.
- There is an exercise going on at the moment to develop the brand.
- They would welcome views on how they can maximise green spaces.
- They are learning lessons from other cities who have hosted Games, for example in Atlanta, traffic problems were an issue for athletes getting to the games.
- As for the Olympics in London, tourism fell due to the Games and therefore there is a need to minimise disruption and get the message out that Birmingham is still open for business.
- Delivering venue improvements and running the Games will be funded 75% by Government and 25% by the City Council. The Council's contribution is rather modest, however, there is a gap that needs to be plugged and they are talking to Government.
- The run-up to the games is equally as important as the legacy.
- There will be key announcements over the next couple of years from the Council and Partners.
- The Committee may wish to undertake a piece of work on how all communities can be engaged with the Games. This could include tapping into events already happening so they have a Commonwealth Games theme, what each community can do to celebrate the Games, mobilising social capital, how community cohesion can be increased and all communities remain outward looking.

RESOLVED:

The update was noted and Members discussed the piece of work on how all communities can be engaged with the Commonwealth Games under the work programme item.

7. CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION, SKILLS AND CULTURE

(See document 3).

Councillor Jayne Francis, Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Culture; Chris Brockie, Cabinet Support Officer; Symon Easton, Head of Cultural Development and Kevin Jones, Birmingham's Career Service were in attendance.

The following were among the main points raised:

- The Youth Promise is EU funded and was funded up until July 2018. The Authority is in discussions with DWP to extend this for another three years.
- To assist Members in supporting their local schools the Cabinet Member will provide a paper on whether school achievement and progress information in Members wards can be provided.
- There are support services that schools can buy into regarding encouraging and providing support to teachers.
- The Cabinet Member will report back to the Committee in more detail in the new year and this will include measurable / performance information.

RESOLVED:

The update was noted and:

- The Cabinet Member will provide a paper on whether school achievement and progress information at ward levels can be provided to local Members.
- The Cabinet Member will report back to the Committee in more detail in the new year and this will include measurable / performance information.

8. WORK PROGRAMME

(See document 4).

A meeting will be arranged before the November committee meeting so Members can discuss the Young People and Mental Health inquiry. This will include picking up the issue of support for teachers and agreeing the focus of the inquiry.

Members will need to discuss further how they would like to undertake the piece of work on how there can be wider engagement with citizens with the Commonwealth Games.

Cllr Scott will be unable to attend the visit to the Pause drop in centre as she has childcare commitments after 2.30pm.

9. DATE OF MEETINGS

The dates of future meetings on the following Wednesdays at 1330 hours in the Council House were noted.

2018	2019
14 November 2018	9 January 2019
5 December 2018	6 February 2019
	6 March 2019
	17 April 2019

10. REQUEST(S) FOR CALL IN/COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION/PETITIONS

None.

11. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

None.

12. 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 15.50 hours.