

Notes of Bristol City Council Mayor/PCC Meeting

29th January 2020 15:00 – 16:00

City Hall, Bristol

Attendees: Mayor Marvin Rees (MR); Cllr Asher Craig, Deputy Mayor; Sue Mountstevens, Police and Crime Commissioner; Mike Jackson, Head of Paid Service; Andy Bennett (AB), Superintendent Neighbourhoods & Partnerships Bristol; Mark Simmonds, Interim Chief Executive, OPCC

1) Broadmead ASB issues

ASB, rough sleeping and drug taking are reported as worsening in last 3 weeks – which also adversely affects early evening trade. AB stated that ASC have been short of resources due to vacancies and sickness which has not helped. To boost police resources, the Broadmead BID will pay for 2 full time cops.

Agreed the need for more multi-agency work to tackle rough sleepers – cannot enforce the problem away. Include religious groups in better coordinated activity. (AB) Bristol definition of rough sleeping and coordinated response needed.

2) Finance

Council Tax. BCC will have 3.99% precept rise for a balanced budget – but have continued pressure from the demand of adult social care. Concern that a new (2020) funding formula won't favour cities or south.

PCC precept proposal, subject to Police & Crime Panel approval, is an increase of 4.6% with a focus on police investigator and PCSO staff recruitment and ongoing commitment to front line resources, technology and improved diversity.

The 7 outreach workers are making great progress - BCC will continue to support and help.

3) VRU Safer Options

MR was positive about the Jan 2020 VRU meeting – his related Blog is still to publish Education focus for Safer Options – agreed this is critical and a more strategic approach needed. VRU money for the PCC has been confirmed for year two (20/21). [REDACTED] will coordinate activity from a new role based in City Office.

There will be a new Chief Inspector in S Bristol.

MR outlined the "urban security" initiative – a global UN effort - with link to DV and serious violence.

4) Extinction Rebellion "ER"

Bristol Airport appears to be their main focus issue in the area (the airport expansion requires a decision from N Somerset - probably go to enquiry). The ER are splintered into various groups. Agreed to ensure ASC approach is aligned to BCC. (AB) working on intelligence sharing

5) Bristol Race Relations

Engagement ongoing and positive – AB stressed that ASC need specific issues not anecdotes - focus remains on violence and both immediate and longer term solutions.

Channel 5 are commissioning a documentary about Bijan Ebrahimi

[REDACTED]
Race Equality Strategic Leaders Group – the Lammy update was received positively – [REDACTED] has asked for "more analytical capability". BCC to check the requirements and capacity.

6) Resolve Board

BCC attendance at the Resolve (reducing reoffending) Board remains o/s.
MJ to follow up and arrange for [REDACTED] to attend /contribute in future.

7) Trinity

Discussed the challenge of locating a Police temporary site during construction of A new affordable housing and new permanent police neighbourhood enquiry office.
BCC leaders and AB suggested that a temporary site proximate to Trinity may not be required. PCC will consult with the Chief Constable and local MPs and community leaders about basing the Trinity team temporarily in Bridewell and Fishponds.

8) Safer Streets

OPCC are submitting a £550k bid with focus on Southmead hotspot

9) Commission for race equality

Will be relaunched with a new Chair

10) Clean Air Zones

Agreed to stay in touch and Police to share any concerns with the Mayors Office.

11) Eco Emergency

PCC will support but cannot fully endorse the wording from PCC/Police perspective given policing statutory role and duties.

Actions:

Meeting Date	Action	Comments
31.10.19	BROADMEAD ISSUES Andy and [REDACTED] to do a note describing joint work in relation to Broadmead. Consider joint Mayor/PCC visit – potentially with Destination Bristol – OPCC/Mayor’s office. Agree Bristol “definition” of rough sleeping	AB Advise further of joint working strategy for issues in Broadmead. Suggest Bristol definition of “rough sleeping”. Update 29/01/20: Joint visit for mayor/PCC to be arranged
31.10.19	Mike will follow up potential opportunities with HR team for Call In apprentices	Update 29/01/20: Mike to work with [REDACTED] and update
31.10.19	SCHOOL EXCLUSIONS SM request for information on numbers of exclusions from schools in Bristol and trends – Mike agreed to follow up. Concern about reporting knife found in schools – needs multi agency approach.	MJ Will supply the exclusion data to the PCC Update 29/01/20: - VRU to measure and help understand data and the options/language used eg “negotiated transfer”.

		The issue has also been raised by youth Mayor - youth and skills board
31.10.19	ROUTES service and continuation - JS get a briefing and circulate as funds running out end of March 2020.	Closed. BCC will continue funding or a further year.
31.10.19	██████████ speaks to ██████████ about police sustainability plans	Ongoing. Close.
31.10.19	FIRE EVACUATION Mike to share the approach to evacuation of Bristol high rise blocks	Report issued by MJ. Close
31.10.19	RESOLVE BOARD Mike will ask ██████████ about the approach to evacuation in Bristol high rise blocks though a number privately owned.	MJ Update 29/01/20: Mike to chase and update PCCC on approach