

Bristol City Council Mayor/PCC Meeting
3rd August 2020 – 14:00 – 15:00

Notes

1) Covid-19

5 areas being tracked incl. Balfour Beatty, slight increase in rates of infection, not concerned at the moment;

Looking at return to “normal”; some enforcement issues – retail, NTE.

2) Budget/Finance Updates

BCC = Impact of Covid-19, loss of income, lots of lobbying, Bristol better than other core cities, £17m down on 20/21, no emergency budget, forecast to be short £32m next year from deficit on collection fund;

Govt will look at in spending review may have 3-5 years to recover the loss;

described as a “worry not a crisis”; usual budget cycle in the Autumn;

BCC income risk = less parking, less visitors, longer term issue?

MOS provided update re ASC budgets

3) Extinction Rebellion and other protests; Police and Crime Plan, Police Performance, Op Remedy

Investigation into the statue ongoing 9 people identified more still to identify

working closely with BCC on a restorative approach e.g. food bank

Assault on 22 July in Southmead – investigation ongoing spoken to 4 of the offenders. A march was held near the incident connected to BLM.

Bristol crime is down (due to Covid-19) especially theft, burglary, criminal damage but there has been an increase in drugs possession, more public disorder, more race hate crime.

Mutual Gain ongoing in Knowle, with match funding till Spring 21.

Call In ongoing joint funding to Spring 2021.

330 FPNs issued by ASC in all A&S – 71 as BAME – still disproportionality but with explanation.

Demand increased from street parties, raves around Bristol. Policing challenge each weekend. Covid-19 concern at gatherings. Command structure in place till 2nd week in Sept. Good partner working with BCC on collaborative work.

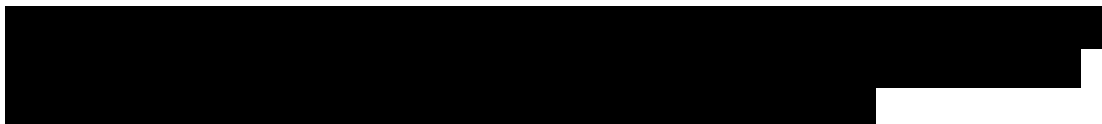
Asher thanked ASC for their approach to policing the city. Shared concern about Covid-19 and social distancing.

XTR in Bristol over bank holiday August. Bristol XTR are cooperative but get infiltrated by more militant strands.

Good co-working BCC and ASC – BCC have SPOC which helps.

Covid-19 has exaggerated issues between neighbours, especially housing issues, ASB etc.

4) Bristol Race Relations, use of police powers and community engagement, Lammy, BLM, Colston Statue, Commission for Race Equality



Commission on Race Equality - appointed an Independent Chair, [redacted] Series of Public consultation meetings being Held Aug/Sep with BAME communities to help shape priorities for CoRE going forward. Recruitment for new Commissioners currently taking place.

BLM Bristol – appears to be led by students. Unsure of involvement from representatives from Bristol community within the main organising group.

Colston statue – removed 2nd statue. History commission is involved. Legacy committee for wider conversation.

ASC have national equality standard award.

Lammy – paused, now restarted with more resource now supporting the work.

Muslim community in Bristol – reps of all 22 Mosques – relationship good with ASC. BCC allowed some EID events with social distancing. Commend for their compliance.

Action: All agreed - Need public recognition for leadership across communities.

5) Serious Violence/ VRU Update

Sue asked BCC about governance of their VRU?

BCC have changed their organisation of VRU, moved this into Children services; Asher as cabinet lead.

Action: JS to visit VRUs.

Action: Asher will review BCC's governance and reinstate Safer Options Board

6) Reducing Reoffending Board

MOS summarised work of the Board

Accommodation issue - over 400 released from Prison in the area without homes each year

Need better liaison between probation and BCC

IOM review underway.

Action: MOS will send Asher terms of reference of the Board

7) AOB

- **Trinity** – news re the sale process in next few weeks
- **Clean Air Zone** – BCC will submit full business case soon seeking to restrict traffic in city centre, clean air zone in the centre if needed based on charging, not a diesel ban.
- **Broadmead** – new approach working with partners via BID process esp. ASB homeless, theft
- **Drugs and Alcohol Strategy** – draft in September.
- **Government Review of PCCs** – BCC will contribute
- **Western Gateway** – how does this fit? In addition to WECA – focus on rail, transport, motorways. A tactical decision to be involved and get Government support as power is devolved - WECA would be a member of Western Gateway.
- **Safer streets** - £400k to BCC– Governance will be in community safety team with [REDACTED] – proposal to follow. Needs a fast start to spend the money within the year.