We Are Bristol History Commission – Meeting Summary

Time and Place: 15:00-16:30, Thursday 29th September, M Shed **Attending**: Tim Cole, Nigel Costley, Joanna Burch-Brown, officers

Guests: Ray Barnett, George Francis

Apologies: Madge Dresser, Edson Burton, Shawn Sobers, Estella Tincknell, Jon Severs

1. Welcome and apologies

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted apologies.

2. Previous minutes and action log

Commissioners agreed minutes from previous meeting.

3. Colston Statue and recommendations update

- Update on process for the regularisation of statue and plinth
- Commissioners keen that a thorough examination is given to all six recommendations, prioritising delivery with a suggestion of decoupling of those that can be achievable in the next 18 months.

ACTION: Officers to progress plaque and regularising, and report back

4. Colston display update

- Update on progress
- Suggestions made on alternative sources of funding to support

ACTION: Commissioners to discuss funding options for the Colston display in M Shed.

5. George Stubbs painting update

 Assistance sought and given for updated plaque to accompany Stubbs painting in BMAG

ACTION: Provide draft wording of Stubbs painting label to commissioners for comment.

6. Update from the Chair – catch up after summer break

• Updates from the commissioners on their work over the summer break

7. Bridging Histories and Unicornfest schools programme update

- JBB updated the group about Bridging Histories and Unicornfest including reflections from guest George Francis
- Including successful BH summer school that took place in June and expansion of the model of peer-to-peer teaching in the community

8. Discussion re: remainder of project

- Commissioners invited for their thoughts on remainder of the term.
- Further work on recommendations
- Bridging Histories and other projects
- Agenda setting for next year
- Explore potential for the group to continue as an advisory board that is called upon as necessary

ACTION: Meeting to discuss Bridging Histories and other projects.

9. AOB

- Discussion about potential expansion of membership or a history forum as a wider discussion group
- Developments in Legacy Steering Group to come to the group
- Update on Culture & Creative Industries division

ACTION: Invite for Cllr Craig of Legacy Steering group to attend

10. View Colston statue in storage

• Commissioners viewed the Colston Statue in storage