



Bristol Women's Commission
Committed to achieving real equality for women in Bristol



Minutes and Actions

<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
Bristol Women's Commission	20 Sep 2019	09:00 – 11:30	WECA Board Room 3 Rivergate BS1 6EW
<i>Attendees</i>			
Penny Gane - Chair		Patti Aberhart – Minutes	
<p>Ann de Graft-Johnson Anna Smith – CEO One25, Vice Chair BWC Annabelle Smith - Manager City Office Barbara Brown -Director Bristol Women's Voice Councillor Carole Johnson (Lab) Diane Bunyan – Chair, Economy Task Group Helen Mott – Fawcett Society Helen Sinclair-Ross Jana Smidkova – Assistant Director, City of Bristol College Penny Gane- Chair BWC & BWV Jane Ginnever – Chair, Women in Business Task Group Prof Fiona Jordan-University West of England Sandra Meadows – Chief Executive, Voscur Shahzia Daya – WECA Sue Arrowsmith – Public Transport Consultant Sue Cohen – Women's Budget Group Tellulah – Intern City Office Teresa Sullivan - University Hospitals Bristol Theresa Hussey - City of Bristol College</p>			
<i>Apologies</i>			
<p>Alex Nestor - University Hospitals Bristol Ann James - Director Children and Families Services Cherene Whitfield - BCC Isabel Tobias – Chair, Education Task Group Jane Harrington - Deputy Vice Chancellor, University West of England Joanne Kaye - Trade Union Congress Jude English - Bristol City Council (Green) Lorna Dallimore - Avon and Somerset Police Cllr. Margaret Hickman – Chair, Representation Task Group Monira Chowdhury-Chair, Health Task Group Sumita Hutchison - Race Equality Commission</p>			

	Discussion Points / Outcomes & Actions	Actions
	<p>budgets and explain the data used in drawing proposals Child care doesn't currently come under infrastructure – discussions ongoing – useful to get info on – led to believe constraints in the way money allocated nationally which meant couldn't be spent on affordable childcare – useful to get clarification of definition and restraints</p> <p>Women working multiple jobs to survive with families or alone – employees will have to move to other areas putting women with family commitments at a disadvantage. Social care – a loss of EU nationals in workforce – will impact on the city. Potential crisis in social care if No Deal</p> <p>MP Thangam Debbonaire raised recent question In Parliament about where funding for social care to come from – ACTION: Sue and Helen M – connect to discuss further</p> <p>Mayor interested in making Bristol living wage city – can BWC do something to push this idea? 150 employers in Bristol – could they implement living wage?– query BWC present campaign? Potential ACTION: ALL</p> <p>Need to link work on Living Wage with the Economy Board – ACTION: Annabel Smith to Investigate and to look into getting a representative for BWC</p> <p>Sandra M and Regional Public Service meeting on Monday 23 September here at Rivergate in preparation for Brexit</p> <p>The civil service going round country doing round tables – Phil Norrey coordinating event –and the whole southwest including Mike Jackson. Focus is on prosperity, security, community cohesion, hate crime</p> <p>Phil Norrey putting together response from southwest – query input from BWC? Sandra happy to keep feeding through to BWC – ACTION: Sandra will send info out as she receives – Sandra will send report when finalised</p> <p>ACTION: Sue has requested that all members interested in this in contributing to the Brexit Response template on Finance/Funding, Legal. Supply Chain NHS, Food supply, Community, Hate Crime etc. to send her a paragraph which she can then add to the table-Penny suggested Economy Taskforce group coordinate this</p> <p>Query re: our own communications? – set up effective way to communicate outside of chat rooms/email – ACTION: Patti to look into options</p> <p>To continue this agenda item next meeting</p>	<p>SC PG</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>JK, DB</p> <p>SM</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>PG</p>

10.20	Election of Chair and Vice Chair	
	<p>Helen Sinclair-Ross read out the result of votes for chair and vice chair for 3 year term for BWC</p> <p>Results:</p> <p>Chair: Penny Gane Vice Chair: Anna Smith</p>	
10.35	City Office	Annabel Smith
	<p>Annabel member of steering group city listening project</p> <p>Full team now set up in City Office – Annabel, Andrea Dell, Ed Rowberry, and David Aider</p> <p>Idea is to re-refresh one city plan to deliver in January 2020. Dozens of existing strategies, looking more long term. Bringing together various levers to deal with complex long term challenges</p> <p>Planning to pull project together 2 months – will be an imperfect, living doc. 6 different boards in place in charge of 6 themes, economy board met first time a few days ago – ‘dive sessions’ are now in place</p> <p>Ongoing journey with engagement –we are in top 6 award 100K guaranteed upfor 1MIL – Using 100K next jan 2020 to fund engagement voice and influence and communities – groups to come to city team and manage independently</p> <p>Penny query BWC Task group chairs to join City Leaders group of One City Annabel welcomes that conversation and dialogue</p> <p><u>ACTION: Annabel to take request to One City team</u></p>	PG/AS
10.55	Current and Future Transport Initiatives	Sue Arrowsmith
	<p>FirstGroup has announced that it is “separating” the UK bus business which people are taking to mean that it will be sold. The process is moving forward and this position is likely to be clearer towards the end of 2019</p> <p>Meanwhile it's business as usual and James Freeman is working with the City Office on the Bus Deal which will offer more bus priority on the roads in Bristol and more buses that will make buses far more reliable</p>	

	<p>Work is continuing on creating better access to buses which could be of huge benefit to women in particular. The region has been invited to bid for funding from the Dept of Transport for new services for Future Mobility Zones. We should have news on this again by the end of 2019</p> <p>SA is currently refreshing ideas in our council strategy</p> <p>Question: This is a good opportunity to try to introduce womens safety from potential male violence on-board, using pornography on public transport –in the absence of conductors how do we stop sexual harassment on buses?</p> <p>Answer: No budget for conductors but security guards have said they will ride on buses during events i.e.freshers week to make sure students behave to stop late night violence. Working with university of Bath from 21 September 2019</p> <p>ACTION: Helen to re-send email to Sue</p> <p>If you have any questions or issues on Public Transport please contact Sue Arrowsmith: suearrowsmithconsulting@gmail.com</p>	<p>HM</p> <p>SA</p>
	<p>AOB:</p> <p>Deadline for submitting objections to SEV applications is 30 September 2019. Would help our case if high volume of responses</p> <p>Helen M will send round template email beginning of next week re listening and respecting womens voices</p> <p>RE: Economy Board One City – Chris Hacket chaired ACTION: plan inclusive economic growth strategy – Jane G to circulate report to BWC ACTION: Jane send to Patti – Patti to circulate</p> <p>Query meeting of Economy Task Group and WiB Task Group ACTION: Jane G and Diane B to discuss</p>	
11.00	Close	

Future Meeting Dates

2019

Friday 22 November 2019 – City Hall

2020

Friday 24 January 2020 – Venue TBA

Friday 20 March 2020 - Venue TBA

Friday 22 May 2020 – Venue TBA

Friday 17 July 2020 – Venue TBA

Friday 25 Sep 2020 – Venue TBA

Friday 27 November 2020 – Venue TBA