

## **We Are Bristol History Commission – Meeting Summary**

**Time and Place:** 15:00-16:30, Tuesday 28 September 2021, Zoom meeting

**Attending:** Tim Cole, Estella Tincknell, Nigel Costley, Joanna Burch-Brown.

**Officers:** Jon Finch and other Officers.

**Guests:** Officers, Cleo Lake (Black Artists On The Move), Jendayi Serwah (Afrikan Connexions Consortium), Ruth Pitter (One Bristol)

**Apologies:** Madge Dresser, Helen Godwin, Edson Burton, Shawn Sobers

### **1. Welcome and apologies**

- TC welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted apologies.

### **2. Previous minutes and action log**

- Members reviewed previous meeting actions, all were completed or addressed in the meeting.

### **3. Jen Reid Status Appeal Update from Officers**

- The inspector's decision letter was circulated to members; headline is that the appeal has been dismissed and there has been no challenge to that decision.
- The plinth and statue remain listed, after being separated.
- The next step and legal requirement is to determine what happens to the plinth and statue.
- The approach the History Commission are taking to engage with communities across the city was viewed as a pragmatic and sensible approach by the inspector.
- The data from the public survey will enable us to move forwards.
- TC to share the draft report with members in December.

**ACTION 1:** Officers to share listing updates over the next two months.

**ACTION 2:** Officers to invite Historic England to a future History Commission meeting to share the survey results.

**ACTION 3:** Officers to brief the Legacy Steering Group at their next meeting.

**ACTION 4:** TC to share the draft report with members in December.

### **4. Legacy Steering Group Presentation**

- Project lead Cleo Lake gave a presentation on Project Truth. Looking at memorialisation; how the city works with and understands the legacy of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade, Telling, Restoring, Understanding, our Tapestry and History.
- The final Project Truth report will be a living document that can be referenced and actioned.
- All agreed that this is an important piece of work. There has never been an in-depth consultation with AHC (African Heritage Communities), so it is something new and to be embraced.
- The Project Truth report will be published in December 2021.

**ACTION 5:** History Commission members to feedback ideas for disseminating and progressing actions from the Project Truth report.

## **5. Survey Update from Officers**

- Officers shared that there have been 10,539 responses to date.
- Officers are happy with the overall response rate but will be looking to boost responses in some areas.
- The survey will close on 3<sup>rd</sup> October and on 15<sup>th</sup> October the final paper copies will be entered.
- TC and Officers are to agree the date to publish the results working with the mayor's office to coordinate.

**ACTION 5:** TC and Officers to arrange the release date of report with the Mayor.

## **6. Question 2: Migration Stories**

- This item will be discussed in the next meeting.

## **7. Bridging Histories Update**

- This item will be discussed in the next meeting.

## **6. AOB**

- There were no items raised.

