#### **Western Harbour**

# Western Harbour Advisory Group



## **Minutes**

Meeting	Date	Time	Location
WH Advisory Group	09 September 2021	5.00pm - 6.30pm	Join via MS Teams Link

# Attendees Advisory Group Chair

John Savage, Executive Chairman - Bristol Chamber of Commerce & Initiative (chair passed to David Turner due to illness for this meeting)

### **Advisory Group Members**

Chris Bond Hope Community Church

David Turner Ashton Gate
Ian Wilkinson Underfall Yard

Simon Dicken Bedminster Business Improvement District

Alice Towle Youth Mayor John Wayman Youth Mayor

## **BCC Representatives**

Abigail Stratford Head of Regeneration

Adam Crowther
Alice Firebrace
Clem Teagle
Emily Price
John Smith
Martin James

Head of Strategic City Transport
Regeneration Project Officer
Communications Officer
Regeneration Manager
Director: Economy of Place
Youth and Community Worker

Stephen Peacock Executive Director, Growth and Regeneration

### **Apologies / Declined:**

Alex Hearn North Somerset Council

Dennis Gornall Cumberland Basin Stakeholder Group

David Mellor Architect

John Savage Bristol Chamber of Commerce & Initiative (Chair)

Gareth Blacker Homes England
James Durie Business West
John Wayman Youth Mayor (new)

Marti Burgess City Centre Revitalisation Group

Matthew Tanner SS Great Britain

Paul Baker Bristol Property Agents

Sandra Meadows Voscur

Item	
1.	Welcome and Apologies – John Savage
	The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting. He noted that due to illness he needed to leave the meeting immediately and passed the responsibility of chair on to David Turner.
2.	Western Harbour Place-shaping Vision – Harbour Hopes
	Presentation: Emily Price presented an update on the Western Harbour Place-shaping Vision engagement programme.
	The Interim Chair noted that WHAG members came with an array of skillsets and knowledge which could be used to aid the engagement process.
Action 1	All to consider how WHAG might use their skills and networks to aid the engagement over the next couple of months.
	A member of the AG asked how the engagement identified young people for the workshops.
	Emily Price responded that the Shape my City Programme, run by Design West, targets young adults with an interest in the built environment. There will also be a dedicated Play Disrupt session which will target younger children.
	A member of the AG noted that it was important that sessions targeting young people were inclusive.
	Emily Price said that the Shape my City sessions were aimed at young people from diverse backgrounds. She noted that there were online options to engage, including on social media and through the dedicated website.
	The Interim Chair highlighted the positive progress the team had made in securing links with local engagement practitioners and groups. The team was asked what they thought these brought to the engagement process.
	Emily Price said that they would bring both knowledge and networks. For example, Design West will be starting the Changing Harbour audio tour as part of Bristol Doors Open which would be accessible on the Harbour Hopes website.
	The Interim Chair asked about how businesses, including small and medium employers and trades operating from the area would be engaged.
	Emily Price said that there would be an online session for those living and working in the area, an online session with the Harbourside Forum and water users. It was noted numbers would be limited and an online booking system would be used.
	The Interim Chair noted the particular perspective water users had of the site, adding that these people may have insights into activities that could happen in the area.

John Smith spoke of how engaging with harbour users and local businesses was key. He noted that he had met with Underfall Yard and SSGB and that this had provided insights into the issues around the harbour. This is a dialogue that he would like to continue.

A member of the AG spoke of how meanwhile use could be useful for engagement — especially in terms of sport given the lack of space for youth to play in the area. City wide sporting groups could be invited to build connections. Local people using these

spaces could be targeted for engagement. This might encourage those who are unlikely

The Interim Chair added to this point, suggesting that Bristol Sports Foundation could potentially hold training sessions on site as part of a meanwhile/engagement, perhaps with professional sports people. This is an example of how WHAG could bring something of their own connections to the engagement process.

Stephen Peacock agreed that many different groups of people would participate if sports were involved.

#### Emily Price requested:

to engage otherwise to become involved.

## Action 2

WHAG members to consider individuals that could be referred to the photographer /videographer for their photograph and film series. (current examples include members of All Aboard, the person who opens the Swing Bridge, graffiti artists etc)

#### Action 3

WHAG members to send out links to the website when it goes live.

On behalf of WHAG, the Interim Chair noted the significant progress that the Team had made with Turner Works over what has been quite a short period of time to finalise the engagement process.

#### 4. AOB

John Wayman told the group that this was to be his final WHAG meeting as he is heading off to university. Alice Towle will be covering sessions henceforth. The group wished him well and encouraged him to stay in touch.

# 5. Date of next meeting: Thursday 30 September 21

A member of the AG requested that the next meeting was held in person, rather than online. They hoped that future sessions would allow a flavour of the engagement process as it gets up and running.

#### Action 4

BCC to organise a face to face meeting, preferably in Western Harbour for the next meeting.

Ian Wilkinson offered Underfall Yard as a location for WHAG meetings and the engagement. He also suggested that the next meeting included a walk around the area.