

Cabinet

Supplementary Information



Date: Tuesday, 2 August 2022

Time: 4.00 pm

Venue: The Council Chamber - City Hall, College Green, Bristol, BS1 5TR

3. Public Forum

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Please find attached answers to questions submitted.

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Questions: CQ08.01 & CQ08.02

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Re: Agenda item 8 - Bristol Harbour Festival 2023-2027

Questions submitted by: Councillor Hussain

1. I'm glad to see this paper authorise funding for the continuation of the Harbour Festival, as it brings in lots of revenue for my ward. Is it possible to estimate, and inform me of, the total revenue Harbour Festival brings to Bristol businesses?
 - The most recent estimate is included in the 2018 evaluation where it was estimated that the festival brought an additional £12million to the city due to the influx of visitors to the city: providing a boost for the city's daytime and night time economies including hotels, bars, parking and so on.
 - As for this year, we are in the process of gathering data to give an estimate of the overall economic impact of the event on the city but early indications are that businesses had their busiest harbour festival yet
 - Up to 30% of caterers who attended the event were from within a 10-mile radius and we want to increase that figure. The charging structure has been redeveloped to be fairer for smaller, artisan or specialist food traders. Large and high-volume units get charged more than independent small outfits.
 - A more detailed impact assessment of the festival on the city and its economy will be part of the review and key performance indicators in the forthcoming tender.
2. What else is in scope for Bristol 650 festival, which marks Bristol's 650th year as an independent county, and how are the ideas for it being developed?
 - 2023 is a significant year for anniversaries. It marks not only 650 years since the city was awarded county status but also 200 years since the Bristol Institution for the Advancement of Science and Art (latterly the Bristol Museum and Art Gallery) opened on Park Street, and the 60th anniversary of the Bristol Bus Boycott.
 - Bristol City Council in collaboration with Bristol Ideas is developing a programme which will consist of arts and culture activity in every ward and will aspire to be a celebration of the city's people, past and present, marking the lives of people and communities who have made Bristol their home. More detail will be made available in the next two months with a website for people to access for more information.

Question: CQ08.03

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Re: Agenda item 8 - Bristol Harbour Festival 2023-2027

Question submitted by: Councillor Fitzjohn

I welcome the decision to use 2023 as a transitional year in order to research and revise the Harbour Festival.

My question is: how can this event be used to increase international opportunities to further the careers for Bristol-based artists and arts organisations, as well as support our economy by attracting international visitors to the event?

- This year's Ebb and Flow theme, saw programmers across all stages focus on engagement with the diverse range of communities, many with international roots, which call Bristol home and championing these groups throughout the event. This approach, and for example, work with the Bristol Refugee Festival can help grow creative and cultural influence amongst our artistic community and strengthen international links.
- This all will be part of the review of the Bristol Harbour Festival and which we will integrate as part of the planning for 2023 as well as the new tender.
- The leading point of the review is to make it more inclusive and reflect the demographic of the city as well as link the Festival more closely to the water.
- Through additional funding from Arts Council and the Culture Investment Fund we were able to support creatives to develop work that was presented at the festival. We would continue to use the festival as a platform for skills development which is a key feature in the review going forward.
- You are of course welcome to feed in and provide your own suggestions.

Question: CQ09.01

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Re: Agenda item 9 - Temple Quarter Update

Question submitted by: Councillor Pearce

Please could the Mayor provide more information on the proposed workspaces to be included in the Mead Street development

It's good to see brownfield sites close to transport links being brought forward, however, I've seen some criticisms of the height and density of the proposals. How much land is being used to accommodate 1,500 homes in the area and how much land would be needed to accommodate the same number of two story homes? There will be a lot of variables in this but a rough estimation based on similar developments would be appreciated. I ask as someone who is concerned about the housing crisis but also concerned about protecting greenfield space from urban sprawl.

- Thanks for your question, this is exactly what we're concerned about. People who oppose density need to enter the fullness of the debate
- Existing two storey suburban housing developments in Bristol have varying a net density from around from 30 dwellings per hectare (e.g. Henbury or Hillfields area) up to around 100 dwellings per hectare (e.g. Barton Hill area).
- Applying these average Bristol densities, between 15hectares to 50hectares of land would be needed to provide the equivalent of 1500 residential units if the housing was limited to two storey homes. The Mead Street area is 5.6hectares and we anticipate it will deliver around 1500 new homes.
- We also need to protect jobs. We want to deliver a minimum threshold of 9000 metres squared of employment space, excluding Fowlers motorcycle showroom. This will enable delivery of the current employment baseline of 510 Full Time Jobs jobs. The workspace will be a mix of office and light industrial uses which are compatible with housing and will allow for a mix of new uses and retained tenants.

Question: CQ10.01

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Re: Agenda item 10 - Education Capital Update and Capital Investment Decision

A decision was made to postpone this paper to our next cabinet meeting where the opportunity to resubmit questions and statements will be available in Public Forum.

Question: CQ11.01

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Re: Agenda item 11 – Re-procurement of IT Systems (People Directorate)

Question submitted by: Councillor Wilcox

I welcome moving away from a mixture of insecure spreadsheets and an on-premise database solution for storing confidential information about the most at-risk citizens of Bristol.

However, I am concerned that security is not mentioned as any of the benefits from any of the proposed solutions in section 3 of appendix A. Nor is it listed as one of the key risks and issues in section 5.

Question:

Can I have an assurance from the administration that IT Security is fundamental to delivering this important solution for the People Directorate and will be considered as part of the procurement process?

Answer from Cllr Holland:

- As I shared with you, Cllr Wilcox, by email on 2nd August Information Security is a core requirement of the procurement process, and the supplier will be required to complete a comprehensive Security Questionnaire and provide results of a recent penetration test for officers to review. Any critical issues found will need to be resolved by the supplier before any contract will be progressed.
- The People Directorate will review and update the Directorate Privacy Impact Assessment for any existing and new modules that are procured.
- It also goes without saying that the security of our service-user's personal information, many of whom are some of our most vulnerable citizens, is of absolute prime importance to us.

Questions: CQ13.01 & CQ13.02

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Re: Agenda item 13 - Bristol's First Citizen's Assembly – Outcomes Progress Report 2

Questions submitted by: Councillor Edwards

The response to the action “more remote and deprived areas are served by public and active transport network; increase the number of interchanges to support connectivity around the city” states that “BCC are working with WECA to deliver 'Mobility Hubs' across the city (which will include services such as bike hire, car clubs and e-scooters) will also improve connectivity to public transport operating on our key transport corridors.”

Question:

Could you tell me how many of these mobility hubs have been created?

- A verbal answer was given in the meeting

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Question 2

The response to the action “Work with all schools to implement ‘Bristol School Streets’” reads:

Bristol has delivered a number of school streets projects already and has plans for another 4 locations in the coming academic year. It is important to note that some locations will not be suitable for timed or permanent closures given the impact on the surrounding network. Further rollout of this programme will be dependent on funding

Question:

What percentage does 4 schools represent in relation to the number of schools in Bristol?

- A verbal answer was given in the meeting
- The answer to the supplementary question has been provided direct by email

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Questions: CQ13.03 & CQ13.04

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Re: Agenda item 13 - Bristol's First Citizen's Assembly – Outcomes Progress Report 2

Questions submitted by: Councillor Mack

Question 1

The response to an ask for Bristol to “create and maximise green space” states that “the Council also has complementary targets (e.g. doubling of tree canopy coverage) which will help meet the recommendation outlined.”

Question:

What is the percentage progress towards the target of doubling our tree canopy by 2045 in Bristol?

- Two methods have been used in recent years to establish the current canopy cover for the city. A 2017 study set the canopy cover for the city at 12%, with a more recent study increasing that figure to 18%. During that time tens of thousands of trees have been planted, increasing the canopy coverage. How much that cover has increased by is yet to be established as the accepted baseline we should be using for our measurements remains undecided.
- Our administration was the first to set a long-term target for Bristol's tree planting when we brought together city partners to establish a goal of doubling the tree canopy by 2045. Efforts to achieve this goal are well under way through a number of schemes.
- Over 80,000 trees have been planted through the One Tree Per Child programme alone. We have joined with Streets for Trees to increase up our sponsored tree programme, with a particular focus on planting in areas of higher deprivation that traditionally have less canopy cover.
- We've also set out the funding necessary to develop a Tree Planting Strategy to ensure not only are our efforts co-ordinated but give everyone the opportunity to identify how they can contribute to meeting the 2045 goal.

Question 2

Regarding the following action proposed by the Citizens Assembly:

Encourage new people to come into green industries – develop, organise and promote a BTEC/accredited course for people to be trained in conjunction with each new policy and innovation; including quality apprenticeships and outreach activities; focus promotion at under-represented groups (but don't exclude anyone)

The response to this states:

Bristol City Council can influence the green skills pipeline and support diverse recruitment through a number of interventions: use of our apprenticeship levy; job matching through our One Front Door; young careers pathways through Bristol WORKS and post 16 engagement. The Building Bristol initiative launched in April/May 2022 so that employment and skills plans are created for all major

developments – at construction and end use phase – this can include green skills as new infrastructure and job roles come on stream. The City of Bristol College is a lead partner as a major supplier of vocational training and apprenticeship training. These actions will all be dependent upon employer/supplier demand for green skills.

Question:

Can you provide a list of the new green construction courses which are being offered?

- A verbal answer was given in the meeting

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Question: CQ13.05

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Re: Agenda item 13 - Bristol's First Citizen's Assembly – Outcomes Progress Report 2

Question submitted by: Councillor Stone

The citizens assembly asked for an increase in support “to existing career advice services”, “emphasising development of soft skills or non-academic subjects as a route into real world opportunities”.

Question:

Why is the response to this simply to refer to existing services that have been around for a long time – how does this address the ask for increased support?

- Any additional services would need funding. There is no provision in the budget for additional services nor were there any amendments from the Green Party to create a funding stream for the actions in the Citizens' Assembly.
- The quantity of support has increased via existing programmes and structures.

Question: CQ14.01

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Re: Agenda item 14 - Corporate Parenting Panel Annual Report

Question submitted by: Councillor Hulme

The report states: “Of our children in care 61 were unaccompanied asylum-seeking minors” – I’m pleased to see that as a City of Sanctuary, we are doing our bit to help refugees in this area too. Please can the Cabinet member provide further details on the care provided to them and how they are helped to integrate with society?

- Unaccompanied asylum-seeking children receive the same care as we provide for all our children in care, as per our corporate parenting strategy.
- Specialist support is offered in schools via The HOPE including Flash Academy App and Better Bilingual Support
- CAMHS provides a specialist mental health service known as the ARC
- We commission a specialist youth service, Welcome Wednesday, which provides bespoke space for young people seeking asylum, including multi-agency support in mental health, immigration, music and other wellbeing activities. Young people can step into leadership roles within this group.
- Unaccompanied young people are invited to all social events including holidays as well as events such as Jam Night at Bristol Beacon and theatre with Bristol Old Vic.
- Everyone Active gym memberships are offered to all
- We work with Bristol Refugee Rights to support young people through the immigration process
- We are developing a specialist team in Through Care to further embed integration into support provided.

Question: CQ14.02

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Re: Agenda item 14 - Corporate Parenting Panel Annual Report

Question submitted by: Councillor Townsend

P21 states ‘gathering accurate and reliable attendance data continues to be a challenge due to issues with school’s input and systems we use’.

Appendix 1 P27 states under ‘What’s Been Working Well’ that: ‘Attendance and achievement results show continued year on year increase despite the disruption throughout Covid’.

The above statements relating to the school attendance of children in care are contradictory, both cannot be correct.

Question:

Can the administration explain which of the above claims is a true picture of children in care school attendance and what is this figure for the period covered in this annual report?

- A verbal answer was given in the meeting

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