

We Are Bristol History Commission – Meeting Summary

Time and Place: 15:00-16:30, Tuesday 29th November 2022, Zoom

Attending: Tim Cole, Shawn Sobers, Steve Poole, officers.

Guests:

Apologies: Madge Dresser, Edson Burton, Estella Tincknell, Jon Severs, Nigel Costley, Joanna Burch-Brown

- **Welcome and apologies**

- Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted apologies.

- **Update from Chair and from Commissioners**

- Chair invited members to update the group on their current work related to Colston, legacies of transatlantic enslavement, citizen histories, heritage interventions.
- Noting the continuing global appetite to learn from the work of the History Commission.
- Update provided by officers on Council's budget consultation for in-year and savings for subsequent years and potential impact on museum display work.
- Update to the group on the UOB building names consultation

ACTION: Chair and commissioners to draft reflective paper on work to date

- **Colston statue/plinth update**

- Consent on a listed structure exists for a new plaque so work continuing with recommendation 4 as priority
- Chair confirmed History Commission would be content for plaque to be either on or near the plinth.

ACTION: An officer to progress and report back

- **Tteach plaques project**

- Chair discussed the approach relating to Tteach Bristol plaques initiative by Gloria Daniel relating to the UK Compensation Act database. Suggesting potential of plaques that could be attached to sites of interest owned by Bristol City Council. To explore Georgian House and Old Council House with relevant figures represented. Need supporting statement from mayor
- Discussion of merits and sensitivities

ACTION: Chair to write a letter to mayor for support regarding the Tteach project.

- **The future**
- Chair spoke of recommendation six and the types of activities and interventions that could be facilitated in the public realm.
- Discussion of budget setting process for BCC in February 2023 and impact on work streams for Museums including 1831 work
- **AOB**
- Date of next meeting to be set