

Active Black Country

Board Meeting
Wednesday 22nd June April 2022 – 11:00-13:00

Present: Amanda Tomlinson (Chair), Guy Shears (GS), Kim Babb (KB), Richard Metcalf (RM), Sue Wilkinson (SW), Richard Welch (RW), Richard Callicott (RCa), Farah Ahmed (FA), Sureya Gulzar (SG) Cllr Suzanne Hartwell (SH)

Apologies: Carol Bate (CB), John Denley (JD), Chris Jones (CJ), Ash Rai (AR), Rachel Conlisk (RC).

In attendance: Mike Salmon (MS) Ian Carey (IC),

NO.	SUBJECT & NOTES	ACTION	WHO
1	WELCOME & APOLOGIES Welcome from Chair, as above and apologies noted.		
2	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS None declared.		
3	APPROVAL OF INDEPENDENT BOARD MEMBERS The Board approved the appointment of Justyn Price as an Independent Board Member.		
4	APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES 27th APRIL The minutes were approved with the below amends pending 1. Approval of Farah Ahmed and Sureya Gulzar 2. Acknowledgement and thanks to Richard Callicott for length of service on the Board.	Amend minutes	IC
5	GOVERNANCE WORKING GROUP IC presented an overview of the paper which outlined the key drivers, the external Independent Legal Advice (ILA) being commissioned to inform the options appraisal for future entity of ABC. ABC had received 2 responses with a preferred consultancy following the BCC Ltd procurement process. There was recent meeting held between ABC working group members and Wharton Consulting/Kraft HR and further clarification sought re proposed methodology. Once received the ABC Governance sub group will review and make a final decision re award of tender.	Clarification is required from Kraft & Worton.	IC

	<p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p><u>Reserves Policy</u></p> <p>IC The proposed policy reflects the partnerships current hosted relationship and implications on reserves.</p> <p>The policy has its basis on having sufficient funding to ‘respond to risk’ with the single significant risk being the changes to governance model and impact on hosting.</p> <p>Generally, a reserve policy would include 6-9 month of operational costs. Future versions would address this and it would be best placed to address post the future options appraisal being received by the ABC Board – anticipated Sept 22 – but this pressing issue is to protect the available funding that can support the programme of transition.</p> <p>AT Advises it is very important to ring fence the pot.</p> <p>RM Sought clarity over the initial figure including funding covering the associated transition costs to include potential new organisation set up costs. IC confirmed the £140,000k figure would include both. In future the Board would need to consider future levels of reserves especially important in the context of 5-year award.</p> <p>IC confirmed the current monthly operating costs are approximately £52,000 per Month.</p> <p>JP What opportunities present themselves in 22/23 to drive further efficiency that could build on existing reserves figure. If so does there need to be further definition in the proposed policy to reflect this.</p> <p>IC advised a further £32k surplus is estimated to be generated in 22/23.</p> <p>AT questioned the approval of the policy through the BCC Ltd governance</p> <p>IC Confirmed the policy should be taken through audit committee.</p>	<p>IC to make further additions to the policy and bring to the Governance working group for approval.</p>	
6	CREATING AN ACTIVE BLACK COUNTRY		
	<p>IC outlined the Sport England Executive visit to the Black Country on 17th May. It was a very positive day, and the work of the community organisations was reflected well.</p>		

	<p>FA Would like to encourage Sport England to visit the Black Country more often to keep us on the radar. She is keen to invite Sport England back after events.</p> <p>SW The work that Sandwell have completed has been recognised locally and nationally.</p> <p>AT The visit was very important to further ensure Sport England have a real understanding of the Black Country.</p> <p>SH Has approached the National Trust to see how they can promote health & wellbeing in areas of high deprivation. There are disused Allotments in Tipton, these can be used to deliver healthy lifestyles within the community of deprived areas.</p> <p>IC It is a significant challenge to ensure everyone feels as if they can access National Trust assets.</p> <p>Commonwealth Active Communities</p> <p>IC provided a presentation on the Commonwealth Active Communities. ABC is playing a role across all partners to support the collaboration and focus partners on the below questions as part of a longer-term approach.</p> <p>There is a calendar that summarises the Commonwealth Games activity between 28th July and 8th August.</p>	<p>IC to follow up with ABC Exec to make contact with Cllr Hartwell.</p> <p>Share the presentation and calendar with Board Members.</p>	
7	STRATEGIC THEME UPDATE		
	<p>IC Highlighted a number of key points from the papers</p> <p>Health – Increase in Active Lives data. We are cautiously optimistic given the decrease in inactivity over 4 reporting cycles across a 2 year period.</p> <p>CB – Can we attribute to intervention or identify if this is longer term change. IC advised officers are exploring if any longitudinal work can be completed.</p> <p>Education – Launch of the We Can Swim Campaign and approval of the Utd By branding for the campaign. Ongoing discussions over a formal partnership to support with Speedo.</p> <p>Workforce – The development of the workforce platform linked to the CAC project will be launched on 27th July and supports the wider actions outlined in the People Plan.</p> <p>Communities – We have received the Wavehill report following the Black Country Moving Pilot and will add to the future Board agenda. The rollout of the Community Grants and Together Fund programmes is taking place throughout July 22.</p>		

	<p>Healthy place making – Great progress and agreement on the joint Black Country Built Sports Facilities strategy, this complements the work on Playing Pitch Strategy and Canal Strategy.</p> <p>FA - West Midlands Police Youth Violence. A public approach is needed. There is an overlap occurring when gathering data. It is best to reach out to people when their goals are the same, to save money. VRU related work.</p> <p>IC – Agree and AB has sought to build an approach where other funders are aware of the ABC funding and joint commission are considered. Through the CAC work we are seeking to build a culture of shared learning.</p> <p>GS It is very encouraging to hear what has been achieved to date. The picture is one that 11–13-year-old cannot swim. Early Secondary children are being left behind. Primary School children in years 4-6 can swim, however not so well.</p> <p>Promotion and gathering of data are needed for Secondary Schools.</p> <p>FA The biggest issues facing swimming is there is a national shortage of staff.</p> <p>RC What is our plan to incorporate schools that cannot participate in the Rainbow Hour? How can we encourage Schools to join?</p> <p>IC currently this is mainly done through extending the reach of the networks, building a robust evidence base and seeking to win hearts and minds of those schools who currently don't engage. There are some local examples eg Dudley Schools Network and the PALS apprenticeship programme that have really extended the reach and capacity across schools.</p>		
8	PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT		
	<p>IC Provided a presentation on the revised integrated Dashboard.</p> <p>Further work is required but the dashboard aims to provide strategic/operational overview of the partnership work to measure performance and manage risk.</p>	Revised Dashboard to be presented at September meeting.	
9	AOB		
	None		
10	DATE OF 2022 MEETINGS		

	<p>Agreed with 2022 meeting date suggestions (Microsoft Teams invite sent).</p> <p>2022 Proposed Meeting Dates: -</p> <p>21st September 7th December</p>		
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Meeting concluded at 12.53PM

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