



SWBA BID: Minutes of Board Meeting – 1 April 2021 (Venue: Video conference)

1. Apologies

Present: Directors - John Simpson (White Light), John D'Aprano (DS Systems), Nick Stefka (Box Office Supplies) and Ian Docksey (Trinitarian Bible Society)

Estate Coordinator - Claire Morris

Apologies: Directors: Lee Anderson (GreenLight)

2. Matters arising from last BID Board meeting (4 February 2021)

All outstanding matters were covered by the agenda.

3. BID Reballot 2022 – Helen Santer (BID Consultant)

Helen Santer was being contracted to work with the BID on the forthcoming reballot to be held in Spring 2022 and attended for this item. This provided a useful opportunity to discuss how the BID should prepare for this over the course of the next year.

4. Covid-19 – update

The general view was that the situation had changed little in recent weeks. It was reported that health officials had been visiting local businesses to provide basic advice on the steps they needed to take to ensure their premises were Covid-compliant and their staff protected. Merton Chamber of Commerce continued to organise webinars with the Council to keep businesses informed about latest developments and sources of potential funding.

5. BID Proposals – Progress on Delivery Plan

It was noted that:

- a response was still awaited from Merton Council on the proposals for new wayfinding arrangements. This was being pursued by the BID as a priority;
- the Council had advised that the issue affecting the monitoring of the new CCTV cameras ought to be resolved within the next few weeks;
- it was agreed that the SWBA website was no longer fit for purpose due to significant issues with browser access. Quotes would therefore be obtained for the cost of rebuilding the existing website as well as creating a completely new website.

6. Financial Matters

It was noted that the BID's financial situation remained stable with payments currently limited to longstanding suppliers providing ongoing services to the BID.

7. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Dates of next meetings:

SWBA Directors' meeting - 12.30pm, 6 May 2021

SWBA Members' meeting - 12.30pm, 3 June 2021