



SWBA BID: Minutes of Board Meeting – 4 November 2021 (Venue: Video conference)

1. Apologies

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

Estate Coordinator - Claire Morris and Nick Stefka (Box Office Supplies)

Apologies: Directors: Lee Anderson (GreenLight)

2. BID Reballot 2022

Helen Santer (BID Consultant) attended for discussion of this item. A formal BID proposal document had now been drafted which set out the BID's intended approach for a second 5 year term. A proposed budget for this purpose was also being prepared. These documents would be submitted to the Council in mid-November and would form the basis of the formal ballot process which the Council would be undertaking on behalf of the BID during February and March 2022.

3. Covid-19 – update

It was generally agreed that the estate appeared to be returning to some semblance of normality, although there were clearly some businesses which were finding it more difficult than others to recover from the impact of the pandemic.

4. BID Proposals – Progress on Delivery Plan

It was noted that:

- a decision on potential funding from Merton Council's Neighbourhood Fund scheme for the BID's wayfinding proposal was likely to be made shortly since this was due to be considered by the Council at its Cabinet meeting on 8 November;
- the BID Board had written to the Director of Environment and Regeneration at Merton Council expressing concerns about a number of issues which had not been addressed and which were preventing the BID from progressing projects on behalf of SWBA members. The Council had subsequently offered a formal meeting to discuss the situation.

5. Financial Matters

The BID's financial situation continued to be kept under close review to ensure that there were sufficient funds available to operate and to maintain the estate in good order for the remainder of the BID term. There would be some costs associated with the rebalot process and these had also been provided for in the overall budget.

It was noted that the Council had now agreed to implement the Board's decision to waive the levy payment for a second time in respect of the current BID year 2021/22. Zero rate levy invoices would therefore be issued by the Council in due course.

6. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

7. Dates of next meetings:

SWBA Members' meeting - 12.30pm, 2 December 2021

SWBA Directors' meeting - 12.30pm, 3 February 2022