



SWBA BID: Minutes of Board Meeting – 7 October 2021 (Venue: Video conference)

1. Apologies

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

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

2. Covid-19 – update

It was observed that the estate was now much busier than had been the case for some time. There were still businesses whose employees were working from home and it was not clear what impact the end of the furlough arrangements would have on some. However, the overall situation appeared to be improving.

3. BID Reballot 2022

A survey of BID levy paying businesses had now been undertaken to identify priorities for a further BID term. These would assist with the drafting of proposals for the forthcoming BID reballot. It was agreed that a number of existing projects should be continued over the course of a second term as well as several new ideas which would be considered for development.

4. BID Proposals – Progress on Delivery Plan

It was noted that:

- an application in respect of the BID's wayfinding proposal had now been submitted to Merton Council's Neighbourhood Fund scheme. A decision was expected in November;
- the issue affecting the monitoring of the new CCTV cameras had still not been resolved by the Council and its contractors which was a matter of extreme concern. In the meantime the BID continued to operate its own arrangements to maintain coverage of the estate.

5. Financial Matters

The financial situation for the remainder of the current BID term which had 10 months to run was discussed. The BID's budget was being revised to ensure that sufficient funds were available to meet all existing commitments as well as the cost of the reballot process. Taking these considerations into account, together with the fact that a number of SWBA businesses continued to

experience financial difficulties, it was considered that it would be appropriate to waive the annual levy charge for a further year. The Council would therefore be advised that the Board had decided to take this approach and would be requested to issue zero levy invoices for the current year 2021-2022 to BID levy payers.

6. Any Other Business

It was proposed by Nick Stefka that a new Director – Dawit Debesu of RTD Properties - should be appointed to the BID Board. The Board agreed to this proposal and arrangements would therefore be made accordingly.

There had been a suggestion at the previous BID members' meeting that a Christmas tree might be put up at an appropriate site within the BID area, possibly on land at the junction of Jubilee Way, Deer Park Road and Windsor Avenue. This would be dependent upon the agreement of the landowner and the ability to provide a suitable source of lighting but options would be investigated.

7. Dates of next meetings:

SWBA Directors' meeting - 12.30pm, 4 November 2021

SWBA Members' meeting - 12.30pm, 2 December 2021