



SWBA BID: Minutes of Board Meeting – 3 February 2022 (Venue: Video conference)

1. Apologies

Present: Directors - John Simpson (White Light), John D'Aprano (DS Systems) and Dawit Debesu (RTD Properties)

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

Apologies: Directors: Ian Docksey (Trinitarian Bible Society) and Lee Anderson (GreenLight)

2. BID Reballot 2022

The BID renewal ballot campaign had now commenced. The Council's Electoral Services had written on 6 January to all eligible businesses within the BID area with information about the ballot process. Ballot papers would be issued on 15 February and work was now ongoing to ensure that businesses were fully aware of the BID's proposals for a second term and did not miss the opportunity to vote in the ballot.

3. BID Proposals – Progress on Delivery Plan

It was noted that:

- whilst the BID's wayfinding proposal funding application to Merton Council had been successful, there was a shortfall of some £25,000 in the total grant to be awarded. The original figure quoted for the total cost of the project would therefore be reworked to ensure that it did not exceed the available budget;
- a further meeting had been held with the Council to discuss a number of issues of concern to the BID, including road signage and the monitoring of the CCTV cameras. The BID continued to press for a clear timetable for these issues to be addressed.

4. Financial Matters

The BID continued to monitor ongoing expenditure closely to ensure that there were sufficient funds available for the remaining five months of the current BID term. The key priority was to continue to maintain the

estate in good order and the budget would be reviewed regularly to achieve this aim.

5. Any Other Business

Merton College was seeking local employers to support its student work experience programme and had asked the BID to publicise this to SWBA members. Details would be circulated to businesses.

6. Dates of next meetings:

SWBA Members' meeting - 12.30pm, 3 March 2022

SWBA Directors' meeting - 12.30pm, 7 April 2022