

## Active Black Country (ABC) Partnership Board Meeting

**27<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – 11:00**  
**Microsoft Teams (recorded)**

<b>In Attendance:</b>	Amanda Tomlinson (Chair) (AT) Arwyn Jones (AJ) Ash Rai (AR) Carol Bate (CB) Chris Jones (CJ) Guy Shears (GS) Kim Babb (KB) Richard Callicott (RC) Richard Metcalf (RM)
<b>BCC Officers in Attendance:</b>	Ian Carey (IC), Amy Baker (AB), Joanne Dodd (JD), Lesley Hill (LH), Tim Aldred (TA), Leanne Lloyd (LL) – note taker
<b>Apologies:</b>	Jennie Bimson, Cllr Nicolas Barlow, Paul Griffiths, Rachel Conlisk, Mike Salmon
<b>No Response:</b>	Lisa McNally, Sue Wilkinson
<b>Board Members:</b>	Amanda Tomlinson, (Chair) (AT), Kim Babb (KB), Cllr Nicolas Barlow (NB), Carol Bate (CB), Richard Callicott (RC), Rachel Conlisk (RC), Arwyn Jones (AJ), Richard Medcalf (RM), Ash Rai (AR), Lisa McNally (LMcN)
<b>Advisors:</b>	Jennie Bimson (JB), Chris Jones (CJ), Sue Wilkinson (SW), Paul Griffiths (PG)
<b>Welcome from Chair and apologies noted.</b>	

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<b>01/21</b>	<b>Conflicts &amp; Declarations of Interest</b>	
	No declarations were received.	<b>n/a</b>
<b>02/21</b>	<b>Approval of Minutes ABC Board Meeting</b>	
	The Minutes of the meeting held on <b>25<sup>th</sup> November 2020</b> were submitted.  Amended 43/20 - Leisure Operators Engagement as per RM request.  Outstanding actions noted on 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2020 minutes.  <b>Agreed</b> that the minutes was a correct record of the meeting.	<b>n/a</b>

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03/21	<b>ABC STRATEGIC REVIEW</b>	
	<p>IC provided an update on the objectives of the ABC Strategic Review; inline with the national strategy released 26/01. <a href="#">Sport England 10-year strategy</a> dovetails with the original timeframe for ABC strategy and is reflective of the timescale to tackle some of the issues that the BC face.</p> <p><a href="#">Click here</a> to view 'Uniting the Movement' - Sport England strategy on YouTube.</p> <p>5 key areas of the Sport England strategy: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recover &amp; reinvent</li> <li>• Connecting communities</li> <li>• Positive experiences for children &amp; young people</li> <li>• Connecting with health &amp; wellbeing</li> <li>• Active Environments.</li> </ul> <p>The active partnership role has clear priority to tackle physical inactivity; addressing inequalities, with the longer-term direction being the strength of local partnerships within community education, local government and health. The investment currently is unclear, Sport England want to review (with partners) the views on the investment model.</p> <p><b><u>ABC Away Day</u></b></p> <p>Main points discussed with the board from the ABC Away Day; highlighting the vision, mission and 7 emerging areas of focus.</p> <p><b><u>Strategic Review Engagement</u></b></p> <p>The new members of the ABC team have identified a number of forums to support development of strategy to ensure it is a 'strategy based on place', including; town forums, community forums, health &amp; wellbeing board, STP, school &amp; school improvement board and PH teams and national and regional agencies; transport for West Midlands, Canals &amp; River Trust and leisure operators.</p>	

	<p><b><u>Engagement Timeline</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• January – stakeholder engagement survey</li> <li>• January-March - thematic engagement</li> <li>• March – (24<sup>th</sup>) emerging strategy at the ABC Board meeting</li> <li>• March-April - ABC Board strategy working group</li> <li>• April – online strategy event/take to LEP, ABCA, working group, DPH/final strategy share with Board – <b><u>launch</u></b></li> </ul> <p>AR confirmed Sandwell Trust are the final process of a three-year business plan and deems it appropriate to include ABC strategic aims and its focus with leisure operators and with the view to also include the Sport England strategy.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> AR will share headline focus for SLT with IC.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> IC to work with strategy working group to develop framework</p>	<p>IC/AR</p> <p>IC</p>
04/21	<b>TOWARDS AN ACTIVE BLACK COUNTRY STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK</b>	
	<p><b><u>Health &amp; Wellbeing</u></b></p> <p>IC confirmed the grant agreement for roll &amp; stroll has been confirmed, slightly higher funding than originally stated. This is heavily dependent on the health sector and the vaccine rollout timescale.</p> <p><b><u>Education</u></b></p> <p>Positive feedback provided from the group regarding the work surrounding The Rainbow Hour.</p> <p>TA confirmed the launch of the Healthy Schools Programme has been postponed due to current COVID-19 restrictions. Instead, this period is being utilised to collate more feedback through consultations with stakeholders, partners and schools.</p> <p><b><u>Workforce</u></b></p> <p>JD confirmed a meeting to be held regarding the sector skills plan. IC added that the Board worked on a sector skills plan in 2016 with a strong focus on economics as well as for the sector. JD is now focusing on the need for employers and community organisations in response to COVID-19 recovery plan. Sport England and the Chartered body are fully supportive of the plan.</p> <p><b><u>Communities</u></b></p> <p>AB provided an update from Sport England on the tackling inequalities fund. An application will be submitted (no deadline due to the COVID-19 restrictions). Expecting a decision by the end of February 2021, with the delivery expected by March 2022. The commonalities surrounding applicants currently is mental health issues; we have acknowledged this within the stage 3 process and have applied for extra funding, with a view to building community resilience and to review the Governance organisation structure. The aim is to prevent organisations being reliant on funding going forward, this also links to the work JD is undertaking on the sector skills plan.</p>	

	<p><b><u>Healthy Placemaking</u></b> LH confirmed work with LA's is in progression; reviewing policies to make sure physical activity within sport isn't just a 'one-line' within them. This is a strong opportunity provided to ABC to review these policies in great detail. 'In principle' funding from Sport England for the Playing Pitch Strategy has been confirmed (awaiting a formal notification). Working closely with Stuart Everton (WMBC) to set a BC plan for walking and cycling and a joint session to be held with Canals &amp; River Trust to agree a combined implementation plan.</p> <p><b><u>Marketing &amp; Communications</u></b> Marketing papers noted as received. Update to be provided in the next Board meeting.</p>	
<b>05/21</b>	<b>GOVERNANCE</b>	
	<p>IC confirmed Sport England are undertaking a review of their code of Governance. A thorough review and health-check has taken place of the ABC Governance. (four-year review is a requirement to maintain compliance with the UK code, a condition of on-going funding). The proposal is written and will be progressed with an external consultant to complete the external review. If there are any major amendments that arise from the national review, we will be in a place to conclude these.</p> <p>Board members in agreement to support the approach.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Circulate the proposal to the Board.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Outstanding Skills Matrix addressed with the Board, completion by 29/01 requested in emails sent to Board members.</p>	<p><b>IC</b></p> <p><b>LL</b></p>

<b>06/21</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT</b>	
	<p><b><u>Operational dashboards</u></b> Summary dashboard shown to the board; to note as the review progresses the logic chain will amend. Mike is reviewing the term of measures to make them more reflective to on-going work. Tackling inequalities spend is significant in comparison to other programme investments and is reflected in the board report within the pack. Sport England have committed flexibility over these programmes with reprogramming until March 2022. Risk Register Summary for 20/21 quarter 2 update shows loss of key personnel, change of local/national policy/political control (amber RAG rating), along with the devolution paper. Failure to deliver cross sport services (red RAG) is based on the lack of local capacity, skilled workers, closed facilities and the impact of local and national lockdowns.</p> <p><b><u>Safeguarding Report</u></b> AT confirmed that this is a continuation of previous updates; lockdown putting delivery on hold so the current focus is on promoting best practice and utilising or platforms and networks. Safeguarding workshops have been scheduled; running two in January and will continue to run more throughout lockdown. Usual annual appraisal from CPSU has been postponed until later in the year.</p> <p><b><u>ABC Board Report – December 2020</u></b> Papers noted.</p>	
<b>08/21</b>	<b>Forward Planner</b>	
	<p>AT confirmed the forward planner, as per today's meeting paper is under revision as expires in May 2021.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b></p> <p>Provide any items for future agenda points to IC/AT</p> <p>AR suggested a future topic on a COVID-19 recovery plan as this will be an on-going issue.</p>	<b>ALL</b>
<b>09/21</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	
	<p><b>Agreed</b> that the next meeting would be held 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021 (Microsoft Teams invite sent). 2021 Meetings: 23<sup>rd</sup> June - 22<sup>nd</sup> September - 15<sup>th</sup> December (away day)</p>	
<b>10/21</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
	No other business addressed.	

**Meeting concluded at 12:30**