

ECD PDS Panel Update

Cllr Ben Stevens

Economy and Culture

- o The Radstock & Westfield ED forum is now disbanded, the new **Radstock & Westfield Development Advisory Group** (RAWDAG) will be set up shortly, based on the successful Keynsham Development Advisory Group model.
- o Set up of the **Radstock & Westfield small business loans fund** of £135k, first loan already delivered in partnership with the Fredericks Foundation.
- o Starting the **Somerdale S106 Targeted Recruitment & Training** programme, seeking to develop 20 apprenticeships and 80 work experience placements.
- o Working with the LEP and VCOSE groups to develop the commissioning intentions for the **EU Social Inclusion funds**.
- o Working with other West of England Unitary Authorities, DWP and local colleges to deliver the **HYPE youth employment programme**.
- o Cabinet adopted the **Economic Strategy** on the 28th Sept.
- o **Keynsham civic centre – Clocktower**
The selected artist Sebastien Boyesen will be doing community sessions in Keynsham from late Sept and throughout October. At the sessions people will be invited to contribute memories, stories and ideas which the artist will then use in the 'patchwork' of images on the sides of the clocktower.
Target date for completion – April 2015
- o **Keynsham civic centre – Timeline**
Working with the architect and Project Delivery, we have agreed that the front faces of the planters either side of the Bath Hill steps will be used for a Keynsham Timeline. There will be 9 panels, 8 showing Keynsham history from earliest times to the present, and the last panel with a map of Keynsham showing how it has expanded.

We have appointed an artist / illustrator David Mackie who will work with all Keynsham schools; they have been given a century or period each.

Target date for completion – April 2015

o **London Road Gateway – planters**

The London Road Gateway public realm improvement scheme includes a modest provision for public art. In consultation with the community Gateway group and Project Delivery, we appointed local artist Jane Callan to create designs for the panels of the large planters that will go along this stretch of the London Road.

As part of the community engagement for this project, we have also had writer/poet Alan Summers talking to residents and businesses to gather words and images that Jane is now using for her designs.

Target date for completion – January 2015

o **Other Arts Development activity**

The team continues to work with approx. 35 different arts organisations who are funded this year (either by grants or contracts). All these projects are meeting the objectives of the Arts Development business plan: to increase participation & engagement from families and from residents of NES.

Recent examples of successful achievement of these objectives are:

- **Suited & Booted Studios** - working with Connecting Families team – photography project and exhibition
- **South-West Collective** - 'Count Me In' project working with City of Bath College adult literacy groups – using word-games, rhymes and spoken word; contributions from the participants will go into a family theatre show (date tbc)
- **Arts at the Heart of the RUH** – working with Creativity Works, local museums, and in-patients at Hillview unit – art project to make pictures for Hillview
- **Bath Film Festival** – outdoor screening of 'The Lego Movie' at Bath City Farm

Regeneration

- o **Enterprise Area Masterplan**, Transport Strategy and Placemaking Plan Options consultation all going to 12 November Cabinet. This follows a successful visit to Planning Transport and Environment PDS;
- o The **Bath Quays Waterside** (flood conveyance scheme) planning application has been submitted to facilitate Innovation Quay and other riverside development;
- o The Business Case is being prepared for **Innovation Quay Economic Development Fund** funding;
- o **Bath Riverside** has won two prestigious national awards at the Housing Design Awards and the Energy Centre was opened by the Mayor last week;
- o **SETSquared Innovation Centre** has been awarded the most successful business incubator in Europe category again;
- o Planning application received for **Pinesway East** including 110,000 square feet of employment space;
- o A regular **EA email newsletter** will be sent out every few months, the next one will focus on Manvers Street Police Station and the joint University/B&NES plans for the area.
- o There is significant development pressure within and adjoining the Enterprise Area for **student residential**, which needs to be resisted as it puts our employment generation targets at risk.

Heritage Services

- o **The Great War in Fashion**: this commemorative exhibition at the Assembly Rooms attracted 21,325 visitors over 44 days in July and August.
- o **TripAdvisor Award**: the Roman Baths won 3rd place in UK for the TripAdvisor 'Travellers Choice Award' for Visitor Attractions, behind the British Museum and the National Portrait Gallery. Both are capital city / Government funded museums offering free admission, making the Roman Baths the public's favourite charging attracting in UK. We came 15th in Europe.

- o **Beau Street Hoard:** the project has caught the public's imagination and there have been many requests for talks and roadshows. To date 1,188 pupils have taken part in 'Maths with Roman coins' sessions delivered by our Learning Workshop Leaders in local schools.
- o **Tai chi on the Terrace:** this publicly-available activity was trialled in February and proved popular, so new sessions will run on Tuesdays from 30 September. £40 for a course of four sessions, bookable with the Roman Baths office on x7773.
- o **Victoria Art Gallery:** Cllr Ben Stevens, Cabinet Member for Sustainable Development, opened the two new exhibitions on Friday 5th September: Modern Masters in Print, showing work by four of the 20th century's greatest artists: Henri Matisse, Pablo Picasso, Salvador Dalí and Andy Warhol, in 56 stunning pieces drawn from the collection of London's Victoria & Albert Museum; and Small Beginnings by veteran local artist John Eaves.
- o **Heritage Open Days:** this national scheme took place over the weekend 11-14 September with a wide range of buildings open to the public. The brochure was put together by a Bath Spa University student who was on placement with the Service earlier in the year.

World Heritage Management

- o **UNESCO Dossier**
Cabinet on 10 September endorsed the submission of an information dossier to UNESCO, the body which oversees World Heritage.
The purpose of the document was to fully address comments made by UNESCO in relation to the current WHS Management Plan, thus clearing the way for work to begin on preparing the next plan update. The dossier also reported on the progress made against actions within the plan and showed solid progress.
It is also good management practice to ensure that bodies such as UNESCO are aware of future development proposals and the dossier

therefore included information on proposed major developments within the city. This is intended to give confidence that development is being responsibly planned and managed; to give UNESCO an opportunity to comment should they so wish and to pre-empt any comments which might reach them by other means this removing any 'future shock'.

The dossier will now be discussed with English Heritage and formally submitted to the Department of Culture, Media and Sport with a request that they forward it to UNESCO.