



## **Minutes of the Northbank Business Improvement District's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019, 0830 hrs  
The Screening Room, Somerset House**

The sixth Annual General Meeting of the Northbank Business Improvement District was held as above and chaired by Andrew Hicks, Chairman of the Business Improvement District.

Andrew Hicks (AH) opened the AGM and welcomed the guests and thanked everyone for attending. He thanked the CEO, Executive Team and all the street teams for their continued support in making the Northbank BID the success it is to date.

Ruth Duston (RD) reflected on some of the achievements over the last financial year and commented on some key headlines for the BID.

The first term of the BID 2013-2018 was a success and the BID hopes to build on that for the next term. During this time we have established a successful relationship with the business community and key stakeholders.

The BID proposal, which is the mandate for next 5 years, is put together after wide consultation and analysis to demonstrate what the BID will deliver. The annual billing leaflet sets out this delivery which is reported back through the AGM and Annual Report.

RD welcomed James Sackley to the team; he has joined the Public Realm theme and works on the Placemaking agenda.

The team covers key themes being; Public Realm; Community Safety & Business Resilience; Marketing & Promoted and Corporate Community Engagement.

The BID has been instrumental in securing additional funding for large public realm projects such as Strand/Aldwych where WCC has ringfenced £28m and it's a key transformative project. The BLEN secured £165k from the GLA and the project will leave a lasting legacy and encourage behavioural changes to the benefit of the users. A study is underway to the western end of the footprint to create a more strategic vision for that part of Northbank so that areas can be enhanced thus ensuring all areas of the footprint are utilised.

A snapshot of achievements is below:

- Northbank was awarded a silver gilt for London in Bloom 2019
- A healthy walking guide through the Cleaner Streets Programme has been published
- Secured £50k from TfL for freight consolidation projects
- Secured £50k from WCC for St Clement Danes School
- The Patrol team work to provide support and assistance to those who are most vulnerable

- The Ambassador team have had over 60k interactions this year
- 560 gifts received for the gift drop at Christmas campaign
- Well-being events that have been held are extremely popular in the workplace and regularly all spaces are fully utilised
- Supporting the apprenticeship scheme and encouraging businesses to access the levy available for upskilling their current workforce

RD commented that the team is lean and effective and everyone works incredibly hard. The street teams face enormous challenges on a daily basis. RD thanked all the teams for their support and commitment.

### **Formal Business - Election of Board Directors**

The formal election process of the Board of Directors took place. AH confirmed that the Directors being voted in were willing to accept their roles for the upcoming year. AH advised that Ralph Luck, King's College London has resigned from the Board and thanked him for his contribution.

#### **Board Directors to be voted in:**

Andrew Hicks (Chair), Capco  
Julian Robinson (Vice Chair), London School of Economics  
Guy Hilton, Waldorf Hilton  
Ian Kidd, Savoy  
Michael Izzo, Corinthia Hotel London  
Claude Abi-Gerges, Capital Arches Group Ltd  
Geoff Smout, Bain & Co  
Hiren Patel, Landsec  
David Duncan, BAT  
Jonathan Reekie, Somerset House Trust  
Steve Sherwood, PwC

The directors were voted in collectively. The proposer was Julian Robinson and seconded by Steve Sherwood. The motion was carried and the Directors were formally appointed.

AH thanked everyone.

The meeting closed at 0905 hrs.