

Birmingham Commonwealth Association

'Communities' Focus Group'

AGENDA

The meeting will take place at 11.00 a.m on 14 July in Committee Room A, Council House Extension, Margaret Street, Birmingham B3

Welcome and introductions

Keith Stokes-Smith-Chairman of the Commonwealth Association

Mike Murray-Birmingham City Council support

Focus Group Chairman-Mr Wade Lyn, CBE

1. ID to those present the background to the establishment of the BCA and its Focus Groups
2. BCA /the Focus Groups Objective:
 - Creating an effective network working in Partnership
 - Bring together all key stakeholders with intent specific to the Commonwealth and facilitate better joining up and co-ordination
 - yield 'added value' and Outcomes (measurable)
 - Define/Prioritise/Focus actions to achieve the best/most productive outcome
 - Strengthen and Maximise Birmingham's engagement with Commonwealth Countries
 - Co-ordinate the efforts of all key stakeholders to avoid duplication
3. What are we already doing?
4. What is the extent of current engagement
5. How could we do the elements of current engagement more effectively by working together?
6. What new forms of engagement should we be doing/considering?
7. What other representation is required, if any, in the Group to maximise achievement of the above?
8. Information Sharing/Website
9. Actions
10. Any other Business
11. Date of next meeting