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FW: FYI: PR FOR APPROVAL: Schoolchildren to help BCC develop new plaque for Colston statue

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Let's see what Marvin thinks.

If we are not issuing a quote then it seems v odd that we are issuing a BCC release.

Nicola

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 26, 2018, at 10:53 AM, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@bristol.gov.uk> wrote:

FYI all - I just wanted to keep you all in the loop on this feedback from Kevin Slocombe.

We'll see what Marvin says but I did question that if we are not including a comment from BCC in the release at all then should we be sending this out. I also flagged that we are a key partner in developing the new plaque.

Kind regards,

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Subject: RE: PR FOR APPROVAL: Schoolchildren to help BCC develop new plaque for Colston statue

I think it's unlikely Marvin will want to be quoted. Seems to me to be a school matter primarily and supporting quote should come from [REDACTED]

Other than acknowledging we are involved with agreeing the plaque, Looks like one where the council should step aside

Will run it past Marvin...

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Thanks – take Kevin's steer but I think Marvin should see this one personally. I'd prefer not to get in to support or lack thereof of organisations who've chosen to drop the name as it will just reignite the same old arguments, but that's up to him. Given the number of quotes I'd be tempted to just drop the second line entirely.

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Hi all,

I've been working with our City Design team and Colston Primary on a draft press release about a project to develop a new plaque for the Colston statue.

As culture technically sits with the Mayor I have currently attributed the quote to him, but please advise what you think is appropriate and I can change accordingly.

As the school wanted to include three different comments, I felt we should probably only have one BCC spokesperson quoted.

There will be further publicity as this project develops and is eventually unveiled.

Kind regards,



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Bristol schoolchildren to help develop new plaque for Colston statue

Pupils from a Bristol school will help develop a new plaque to sit alongside a statue of merchant and slave trader Edward Colston.

The bronze landmark in Colston Avenue will feature a new inscription which reflects the history of the slave trade.

It will be designed by Bristol City Council's City Design Group in partnership with Bristol Journey to Justice, headed by [REDACTED], whose work includes research on the history of slavery. The wording on the plaque will be developed through a project with pupils from Colston Primary School, who recently voted to change their name.

A programme of walks and talks about the history of Colston alongside a Bristol Legible City walking trail leaflet which will be developed in partnership with Journey to Justice.

Marvin Rees, Mayor of Bristol, said:

"I'm delighted we will be working with Journey to Justice and local school children to help educate our city on its past through the installation of a new plaque and accompanying history programme. I think it's important our future generations play an active role in shining a light on some of the more challenging elements of Bristol's heritage and Colston is undoubtedly a significant feature of our past.

"I am supportive of organisations who have chosen to remove Colston from their name but that doesn't mean we shouldn't remember his role and actions in context of Bristol's history and its slave trade past."

[REDACTED], said: "Further to the governors' decision to change the school's name, this is a fantastic opportunity for our children to build on what they learned during the school name consultation; and to be part of making history for Bristol as it moves forward with its relationship to Edward Colston."

The project will be funded by Historic England's Heritage Schools programme and the public body that looks after historic environments has already agreed in principle to the installation, which requires listed building consent.

[REDACTED], added: "We are proud to represent all sorts of ethnicities and diversity at Colston's primary; it's vital that our children learn from our past and be part of contributing to how we remember it. We are very excited to be involved in this project."

██████████ said: "I am delighted our school is involved in this progressive heritage project for Bristol. I look forward to hearing the children's views as the project develops, and to seeing the resultant plaque in the summer."

The project is set to begin in March 2018 and scheduled to be completed in the summer.

ENDS