

## Art Matters Relocation Group meeting Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019 Art Matters

Present;

David - Art Matters Creative Lead  
Olive - Richmond Fellowship East Surrey Locality Manager  
Mark - Art Matters Studio Manager  
Gemma - Service User Involvement Forum

Apologies; Tony - Service User Involvement Forum  
Jonathan - Reigate & Banstead County and Surrey County Councillor

### Introduction

This is the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of Art Matters Relocation Group. The core group will meet once a month and invite participation and attendance from key individuals and organisations when the need arises. - **To be discussed.**

### Aims

The group will work with stakeholders to explore a more permanent base for the Art Matters studio and ensure a safe relocation.

Three areas are currently being explored and discussed:

- 1: Communication with the landlord.
- 2: Continue to look for a suitable building with the same urgency.
- 3: Service Commissioners exploring options with Surrey County Council Property Services.

### Communication & Planning

Olive reported Richmond Fellowship has received the new lease. It starts from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 and is for one year with a three month break clause.

Discussion: if Art Matters stay in Earlswood Rd building until December 31<sup>st</sup> 2019, this will take us to within a few months of the end of the 3 year SCC/CCG contract. Olive said she hopes to have a good indication if the contract will be extended by two additional years in this summer.

### SCC Properties & Commissioner Support

Mark has invited Reigate and Banstead County Council Health Councillor Rod Ashford to visit the studio. It is agreed that if Rod cannot visit to invite Leader of the Council Mark Brunt.

Mark to contact Councillor Ashford.  
Keep commissioners informed - Olive.

Olive said she is hoping to meet up with Commissioner Helen Ferris -

#### Buildings visited/enquires made.

Photographs and details of 8 properties were looked at and discussed. All are in a price range of £25 - £35k and based in Horley, Caterham, Reigate and Smallfield. It was agreed we keep these details while we focus on the development on the longer term of Art Matters 'vision'. This vision, an arts social enterprise, will be discussed in February's half terms TRIP/Business Plan meeting.

#### Contingency/Move Plan.

It was felt by the group the contingency plan requires no current attention; it is accessible and robust if the need arises.

#### Looking ahead.

It was felt last years Relocation meetings became increasingly difficult and all agreed the importance on focusing now on what we can do and what we can change. This should start with a longer term vision of Art Matters, as discussed by the Service User Involvement Forum and CEO Derrek Caren.

Jonathan recommended in the last meeting before writing a new Business Plan a starting point might be a shorter 'pitch' on why, who, what, when and where is relevant and this advise will be recommended to the new group. Gemma asked if an element to the vision would be a 'Social Enterprise' and it was felt it would.

The group will continue to be vigilant as to building opportunities but Relocation meetings as they stand will be temporarily put on hold. From the future vision, a Business Plan will be developed including potential building requirements.

#### AOB;

RF Finance Director Raj is due a visit to Art Matters - On hold - new priorities in the Organisation.

Our Landlord understands the significance of community services and Olive will talk to him about Art Matters developing a new vision when there has been significant development.

Mark thanked everyone for their support this year.

Next meeting - TBC.