** One City Economy Board COVID-19 response call**

**Agenda – 14th April 2020**

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| **Date/time** | Tues 14th April 1400-1500 | **Venue** | Zoom call |
| **Co-chairs** | Craig Cheney (Deputy Mayor of Bristol) & James Durie (Business West) |
| **Actions****Sally to share #YouAreNotAlone campaign with the board – board members to share** **BCC to share clear instructions for board representatives to share with their networks****Craig and Sado to speak about unengaged organisations** **Board representatives to feedback on the sector groupings for engagement**  |
| **Agenda** |
| 1) | Welcome and Introductions  |
| 2) | Public Health Colleague update – Sally Hogg 333 new cases in Bristol. South West one of lowest regions in the country expected to rise over the next few weeks. Lifting lockdown restrictions announcement not likely for a few weeks. Hospitals are within capacity and Nightinggale hospitals are there as a back-up plan. Public Health launched a new campaign for domestic abuse over the weekend #YouAreNotAlone, Domestic abuse is indiscriminate across all places and groups of society. **Sally to send a link to Ed to share with the board.** Send to five others to share it widely. If you press 55 when you dial 999 the police know you’re there and the will get back to you. Care Homes are becoming an issue particularly around: staffing, hygiene measures, PPE requirements have changed causing stress for care homes. Zoe: Will there be transfers from other Nightingale hospitals? Sally: It is hoped transfers from other Nightingale hospitals will not be needed. Nigel: Are we getting sufficient PPE supplies to care homes? Sally: Most care homes getting what they require but still huge national requirement. Nigel: please let Unions know if there is anything they can do. Sado: Virus is disproportionately affecting ethnic minorities, have you got any local data on who is at risk and any strategies for communications? Sally: Figures come from national sources but there will be an inequalities update next week. James: Anything business community can do to support, manufacturing, distributing, please ask.  |
| 3)  | Business West update – James Durie Supporting businesses across all sectors. Questions about furlough, and VCSE organisations – particularly around volunteering. Business West tracking gaps business support and presenting difficulties to national gov. Lots of businesses engaging through the [trading through COVID hub](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.businesswest.co.uk_trading-2Dthrough-2Dcoronavirus&d=DwMFAg&c=1vnCWTgU_iH2bgveKnHUZ8hJXVq2EkkiN8FwZDwwznM&r=ejBy-_J5TuWAtZ3bOG1RRCmGrwKCicEjuIQjS5j-Nbw&m=NVq0MzuhYGBMNHUCs7lq7Mwou0aXw_1PZHq31KexfFA&s=boFn-ich-5Df7P6u_CntjVLAnsa4jIeZX6TRhDwebJA&e=). Aligning surveys with BCC for detail and granularity. Most businesses still in crisis mode thinking.  |
| 4) | **Sector specific COVID-19 updates**Craig Cheney - Bristol City CouncilTotal number of 8375 – 5116 have been processed and paid out. 2318 (£33 million out the door of £88million). BCC team processing as quickly as possible. **Please encourage your networks to apply and fill forms online to complete the forms as quickly as possible.** **Craig to reach out to team share short collective messaging about eligibility.** Sam Holliday – Federation of Small BusinessesBusinesses seem to be in survival mode. Many self-employed directors will miss out. Government don’t look like they’ll change that. Bigger firms not in retail also frustrated. Guy Orpen – University of Bristol Serious challenges for Universities - submitted evidence to government for support package. Large drops in income: overseas students, rental, short fall of research funding (order of billions depending on tuition fees). UoB in relatively good shape. Producing hand sanitiser and medical students are joining the NHS staff team. University Hospitals Bristol Weston (UHBW) are turning mind to what happens if high plateau. Duty of care for 1400 students. April 20th students return to online learning. Sandra Meadows – VCSE charitiesVoscur is providing a community response to get money drawn down quickly and find out what is available. Currently the package from government is not enough - needed over a billion. Speaking to big lottery for details as one of the distributing bodies. Want to ensure something for the non-charitiable sector - VCSE not just charities. VCSE need help tapping into business support they may be eligible for. City Funds convened overview of the sector meeting. Government not only funding stream. Overview of what is available locally for these groups. Recovery –a few organisations have mothballed and want to restart but some have gone out of business entirely. Marty Burges – Night Time Economy Worry landlords will take hard view on rents. Currently no one successful in getting pay out from insurers. Organisations worried about going under –especially if ineligible for funding or only taking holiday. The majority of venues that have responded are city centre. Some organisations converted to delivery or shops but will stay difficult till lockdown eased. Arts council England have a £160million package but the culture sector think they’ve lost at least that a month so probably not enough. Manchester held a virtual festival over Easter. Bristol looking at holding something similar. Manchester did it and raised money for the sector over the weekend but a lot of venues did deliveries. John Hirst – Visit Bristol No complaints from members about grant payments – easy movement through the process. A lot of businesses think it’ll be harder than originally thought to open again. Some businesses opting to move towards end of leases. Visit Bristol able to bid into a pot of money, to get £25,000 to keep operations going. Sado Jirde – Black South West Network Challenge around dissemination of information. BSWN want to be accessing and sharing info to help their organisations best. BSWN capturing lots of data and intelligence. BSWN provided a workshop on funding and support looking to deliver this on weekly basis. People are still in crisis, need to make sure impact is minimal - creatives, freelancers and taxi drivers are worst hit, must consider what support these groups need? There is also a question about whether the business support data is being analysed? And are the unengaged organisations geographic, ethnic etc? **Craig and Sado to catch up**Nigel Costley – TUCFewer questions about furlough and not working. Union membership has increased massively. Concerns about maintaining safe distancing as bus drivers, recycling and waste, food manufacturing and care. Some manufacturing companies trying to reopen on a safe basis but still questions around safety and essential journeys/jobs etc. DWP overwhelmed with demands, call centres require close working proximity so struggling with increased demand, and distancing. Little info on gig economy most not in unions. Ben Shorrock – Tech Sector Many smaller organisations are not eligible for the grants or support, particularly those reliant on investment. Lots of national lobbying from the tech sector particularly around start ups and working space. Nick Lee – Legal Sector The legal sector is meeting with the courts to discuss the of practicalities holding court meetings and hearings at the moment. Alice Peacock – Junior Chamber of CommerceGreat content on the BCC website many members haven’t found it. Could we use social media to better direct queries? People are enjoying good news stories etc, can we use hashtags and comments to direct people to the right place? Junior chamber is strong and cracking on. Ameeta –Department of International TradeNot a lot to report, focusing on recovery for trading companies. Developing online workshops that were formerly face to face. Looking at alternative routes for industries. John Chaplin – Bristol PortContinuing normal operations for certain products. Recovery seems a long way off.  |
| 5) | Sector coordinators – Andrea Dell Grouped sectors to begin discussions around needs, responses and recovery. Sectors will help with information flow, lobbying and feed into longer term recovery piece. The current proposal economy board members will be participants in sector based webinars from week of April 20th. Looking to use other One City Boards similarly. Any sectors missing, will be reaching out: too many sectors too few? Creative, Media & Arts - Film, Television, print media, social media, Theatre, cinema, arts organisationsTourism & hospitality - Hotels, Entertainment, pubs, bars, restaurants, visitor attractions, events, leisureProperty & Development - Developers, Estate Agents, Property, ConstructionRetail, distribution and logistics Finance, professional and business services - Finance sector, Legal, ConsultancyEngineering, aerospace, Manufacturing Further EducationWe should make use of existing boards ***Bristol at Night Board & Night time economy board*** should be included but sit multiple sectors. Health and social care sector – get lots of focus worth including? Where does the Transport sector sit? Structure around Brexit categories or other government categories? **Stephen to feedback about government categories from the Western Gateway call**.Tech and digital sits across lots, how can it be weaved across a number of sectors. Suggestion - Health & Social Care which spans private, public and vcseSuggestion - Theatre, arts, events being in one group, film/TV/cinema in another. .Will the FE sector link closely to the Learning City Partnership networks? |
| 6) | Webinar update Webinar Thursday 1600-1730 |
| 7)  | AOB Should the "Food Sector" be included on this group? Ways2Work website appears to be a good interim currently for job losses and creation in the Food sector. Can invite someone from the independent restaurants association or the Food Union. Joy Carey would also be worth inviting.  |