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

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|  | **Date/time** | | Tuesday 23rd June 2020  1400-1500 | **Venue** | Zoom call |
|  | **Co-chairs** | | Craig Cheney (Deputy Mayor of Bristol) & James Durie (Business West) | | |
|  | **Actions** | | | | |
| **Time** | **Agenda** | | | | |
| 14.00-14.05 | 1) | Welcome (James Durie) | | | |
| 14.05-14.10 | 2) | Public Health Update (Sally Hogg)  There is still an expectation that we will see outbreaks of Coronavirus appearing around the country so we need to exercise caution and remain alert to the fact that the virus has not gone away.  Outbreak Management Plan is being finalised, ready for the deadline of the end of June. One thing that is becoming really important is having phone numbers for people so that they can be contacted, this is especially important in businesses so that effective tracing can be carried out if there is an outbreak. | | | |
| 14.10-14.25 | 3) | Economic Statement of Intent (Tim Borrett)  This is the plan for a plan, rather than the plan itself. A version of the Statement of Intent was circulated to Board Members so that amendments could be made. Some of the content included on the Temple Campus was not up to date, this was amended.  There was an addition to the statement from the Women’s Commission which was included. There is also a specific Sustainable Development Goal (no. 5 Gender and Equality) that addresses this. It was noted that the scope for including further sections in the statement was very limited. | | | |
| 14.25-14.30 | 4) | Economic Inclusion and Equalities (Zara Nanu)  There was agreement across the board that the paragraph on gender had been included. Zara discussed how previous wars and pandemics have had an effect on levelling out the distribution of wealth. One thing that we have not seen so much of is levelling out of the distribution of wealth between ethnicities.  A number of benefits gained by businesses with more women and people of ethnic minorities in senior positions were outlined. Now is a good time to do more work in this area. Bristol is a very diverse place and businesses should take advantage of this. The government seem to be giving signals that issues around diversity are not as important as other issues.  **Diane Bunyan** highlighted the importance of the availability of childcare; the economy will not be able to recover unless something is done without this. Women are being confronted with a decision presented to them by their employers: either take unpaid leave to care for their children or take a career break.  **Cllr Helen Godwin** emphasised that this should not be categorised as a women’s issue or a childcare issue, but rather as a wider productivity issue.  **Nina Skubala** this is going to be going on for some time. My children will not be at school 5 days per week. This is going to need to be addressed after the summer holiday as well, need long term planning to deal with this. | | | |
| 14.30-14.40 | 5) | City Office Update (Andrea Dell)  We want to be confident that the One City Boards are representative of the city. We will have conversations with the boards on this, including the Economy Board.  Final comments are due for Statement of Intent tomorrow.  The City Gathering is taking place on Friday 26th. If you know others in your organisations who would like to attend then please let us know, we are not constrained by the size of City Hall and can have 1000 attendees.    Focus on three themes : Loss, being led by Bishop Viv – Where we are now, led by David Olusoga who has been doing work with us on BLM – One of the final speakers will be Lord Kerslake who will discuss how devolution fits in to the future after Coronavirus.  There are a number of city recovery focussed webinars being organised at the moment: John Hirst will be leading a session on the tourism economy, there will be sessions on digital and creative industries and Marti Burgess will be leading on the night time economy.  We are currently working with Cllr Craig Cheney on setting up the One City Culture Board so that there can be a focus on this. | | | |
| 14.40-14.45 | 6) | Sector specific COVID-19 updates  Bristol Together – John Hirst  Joh provided a short update in Keith Rundle’s absence. This campaign is something to help bring the city together, to unite us. John encouraged everyone to take part in this, if there is anyone who can help us to take it forward quickly. We need the money because there are businesses out there that are ready to close.  TUC - Nigel Costley  The private sector unions are now seeing a sharp upturn in the start of redundancy negotiations. Concerns that this is taking place while staff are on furlough. Some companies are effectively trying to use the government furlough scheme to pay for the notice of redundancy.  Bristol 24/7 - Ben Wright  Trying to hear more voices from poorly represented communities around the city by employing some new journalists from those communities. Quite possible that sections of the city which are badly affected by Coronavirus will not be heard, hopefully this will counter that. As for day to day running of Bristol 24/7, we have had 95% of our revenue dry up due to most of this coming from advertising from culture and hospitality around the city. Some existing members have begun to renew as well as new customers signing up, which is very reassuring.    Feed Bristol – Andy Street  Remember meeting a number of restauranteurs who were worried about the effect of Coronavirus on their businesses, but despite this they were still prepared to do what they could to help with issues around the city. Last year Feeding Bristol had a fantastic response from businesses. This year we won’t be approaching businesses, but we will still be raising funds so that we can fund out activities – watch this space over the coming weeks for further information.  International Trade – Ameeta Virk  We have launched a virtual space for businesses to gathering and share information – Peer to peer discussion about the risks in certain markets. May reach out to members of the Board. Link has been shared. | | | |
| 14.55-15.00 | 9) | AOB  No further business. | | | |