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

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|  | **Date/time** | | Tues 2nd May 2020  1400-1500 | **Venue** | Zoom call |
|  | **Co-chairs** | | Craig Cheney (Deputy Mayor of Bristol) & James Durie (Business West) | | |
|  | **Actions**   * **Sally Hogg to look in to Test/Trace/Isolate scams and share correct information with Board** * **Jacqui Jensen to share results of risk assessments** * **Annabel Smith to send link to webinars available on Youtube** * **Board members to consider any asks of government for incorporation in to the Economic Recovery Strategy** | | | | |
| **Time** | **Agenda** | | | | |
| 14.00-14.05 | 1) | Welcome (Cllr Cheney)  Dispensing with introductions today to due busy agenda. | | | |
| 14.05-14.10 | 2) | Public Health Update (Sally Hogg)  Government Test/Trace/Isolate scheme launched last Tuesday, this includes testing for all NHS staff and care sector workers who are asymptomatic. Members of the general public can also be tested if symptomatic. As part of the trace element of the scheme, we will be expected to remember people whom we have had contact with so that they can be followed to prevent spreading the virus. If an individual receives are positive test result, they will be expected to isolate for 14 days and the trace system will inform people they have come in to contact with to do the same.  Home test kits can be ordered online via the GOV.UK website, drive in site tests can be booked on the NHS website. Drive in tests site are Bristol Airport and Ashton Court. There may be small mobile test centres being set up in future which will be able to visit care homes and other places of work.    **ACTION: Sally Hogg to look in to Test/Trace/Isolate scams and share correct information with Board** | | | |
| 14.10-14.15 | 3) | Schools Update (Jacqui Jensen)  The offer of services is currently being expanded from schools being open only for vulnerable pupils and children of key workers, which has been the case for the past few months. The return to school will be steady and gradual to ensure the safety of pupils, staff and families. 45% of primary schools expanded their service on the 1st June along with 64% secondary schools.  Class seizes will be 8 to 10 pupils rather than normal sizes to facilitate distancing. The council will provide schools that have additional requirements for PPE due to their provision with a special supply kit. Other than this, schools will be able to procure their own PPE.  **ACTION: Jacqui Jensen to share results of risk assessments** | | | |
| 14.15-14.25 | 4) | City Office Update (Andrea Dell)  The City Office is currently supporting the Economy Board and the work on the Back To Work Safely project. The City Gathering is on the 26th June and will be taking place on Zoom. The focus will be on the loss of life and loss of livelihood due to Coronavirus, the statement of intent for economic recovery will be launched – part of Economic Recovery Strategy. Three key sections of City Gathering: 1) Recognition of loss through COVID 2) Best practice case studies and offers & asks of community, 3) Recovery, what does recovery look like for the city? Support is also being provided to the council’s work on participatory democracy and the use of Citizens Assemblies.  Currently leading on wider engagement across the city by organising a series of webinars. Future topics will include tourism, culture, creative and digital among others.  **ACTION: Annabel Smith to send link to webinars available on Youtube** | | | |
| 14.25-14.30 | 5) | Economic Development Update (Andrea Dell)  The Economic Development team are currently focussed on the discretionary grant applications so that money can be provided to support businesses. They will be back to working with the Economy Board once this is complete. | | | |
| 14.30-14.35 | 6) | Sector specific COVID-19 updates (James Durie)  An update was provided by James, who detailed the need to limit the damage that has already affected the economy and to assist businesses with reopening. Need a strong alignment in terms of communications.  **Andrea Dell**: Public Heath are currently working on Outbreak Strategies for the city and there will be a Coordinating Strategic Group to ensure that there is a One City approach along with an Innovation Group to ensure that cutting edge ideas are being brought forward. Enforcement team have written to 18,000 rate payers to explain how social distancing should be carried out in establishments.  **Keith Rundle**: Started work three weeks ago on how business can come out of the other end of lockdown. Putting together a draft main strapline. We want to reassure the public that coming out of lockdown will be a safe and orderly transition and to ensure that the experience is positive from the outset.  **Stephen Bashford**: We at WECA are supportive of coordinated messaging. | | | |
| 14.35-14.55 | 7) | Nuala Gallagher – Director: Economy of Place  The government guidance on social distancing is changing and we are trying to keep up with this, there are 47 high streets across the city so this poses challenges. Wapping Wharf businesses have already been in touch about not being able to run due to social distancing requirements, they are enquiring about operating in different areas of the city and this is being looked in to. | | | |
|  | 8) | Tim Borrett – Director: Policy, Strategy and Partnerships  There are two big pieces of economic recovery work coming along: The Economic Recovery Strategy (aiming for completion in August/September) and the Statement of Intent (26th June deadline) which will describe the fundamentals of what the recovery will look like. Thank you for all input from members. Some responses were more detailed than others so may not be included in Statement of Intent but will be carried over to the Economic Recovery Strategy. There is a tactical element to this which is to be able to make any key asks of government, such as our current focus on infrastructure. If there are key asks then we would like those to be brought forward.  **ACTION: Board members to consider any asks of government for incorporation in to the Economic Recovery Strategy** | | | |
| 14.55-15.00 | 9) | AOB | | | |