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

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|  | **Date/time** | Tuesday 7th July 20201400-1500 | **Venue** | Zoom call |
|  | **Co-chairs** | Craig Cheney (Deputy Mayor of Bristol) & James Durie (Business West) |
|  | **Actions****Board Members to contact Sally Hogg if they feel they would benefit from Public Health team webinars over the autumn****Cllr Cheney and Stephen Bashford to pick up offline regarding presenting at WECA Recovery Board**  |
| **Time** | **Agenda** |
| 14.00-14.05 | 1) | Welcome (Cllr Craig Cheney, James Durie)  |
| 14.05-14.10 | 2) | Public Health Update (Sally Hogg) Over last couple of weeks have been getting postcode data about any cases which are emerging, this means that we can conduct more accurate tracking respond to any outbreaks quickly.Testing is becoming a lot more widespread now with tests being made available to people who are asymptomatic. The increased availability of testing should make things easier for businesses.In a recent outbreak in Bristol a food processing facility acted quickly, shutting down production and conducting contact tracing to ascertain how many staff were infected. Sally has asked whether businesses would find a series of webinars across the autumn useful.**ACTION: Board Members to contact Sally Hogg if they feel they would benefit from Public Health team webinars over the autumn**  |
| 14.10-14.25 | 3)  | Childcare Update (Cllr Helen Godwin)People may be aware that this summer does not look like a normal summer for a lot of families. Schools would normally be hosting independent childcare providers over the summer, but numbers will be reduced this year due to restrictions on space and schools being unwilling to host organisations for safety reasons.For six weeks of summer we should expect a reduction in productivity of staff who are unable to place their childcare for the holiday. There are also staff well-being issues to take in to consideration as parents will be under increased pressure during a time when they would normally be taking holiday.Potential childcare provisions in the Temple Quarter development were discussed. Guy Orpen explained that the University of Bristol would not be setting up its own childcare services for its students and staff because of a fear that it could force local providers out of businesses.  |
| 14.25-14.30 | 4) | Economic Recovery Update (Anesa Kritah)We don’t fully understand the impacts of the Coronavirus pandemic on the local economy, meaning that the Economic Recovery Strategy will be iterative and will change and develop over time. The Economic Statement of Intent will be the ideal foundation for this as it has drawn in so many different perspectives from the One City boards and been influenced by the Sustainable Development Goals. |
| 14.30-14.40 | 5) | WECA Update (Stephen Bashford) Board members emphasised work being undertaken by city partners and Bristol City Council to manage and respond to the effects of Coronavirus on the city; the Economic Statement of Intent and One City Economy Board webinars were discussed. This prompted questions on WECA activities and how they would be aligned with City Office/BCC activities. In response to questions from board members it was stated that from a WECA perspective they were clear that they are not rewriting a strategy, and that their local industrial strategy is going to be the backdrop to WECA activity. The recovery taskforce is developing a plan of action against that backdrop. At the next taskforce meeting there will be a focus on: job losses and how to support those who are experiencing unemployment and also how to support young people.In response to a question about how WECA is going to support the development of skills among young people in the region, Stephen Bashford stated that there is a lot of work going on in this area.James Durie and Cllr Cheney proposed that the Economy Board attend a meeting of the WECA Recovery Taskforce to present work carried out so far and find out about work being done by WECA, Stephen Bashford agreed with this. Sado Jirde: How is WECA going to ensure Inclusive Growth strategy is still relevant post Covid? It would definitely need a rethink. It would be good to know.Stephen Bashford: Whilst the LIS remains the foundation, we do need to reflect on the impact of Covid-19 to think how we drive forward clean and inclusive growth in the new normal. The Taskforce has identified 'Strengthening Inclusion' as one of its design principles. We would like to engage with key partners like BSWN and others to build this picture and our regional response. We will be in touch. **ACTION: Cllr Cheney and Stephen Bashford to pick up offline regarding BCC presenting at WECA Recovery Board**  |
| 14:40-14:50 | 6) | Citizens’ Democracy (Cllr Asher Craig, Jon Toy)When the budget was set for full council money was set aside for a deliberative democracy project. It will present an opportunity to hear ideas from citizens across the city so that council activities can be aligned to ensure they are what the public wants. The project will combine the citizens’ engagement work with work being carried out by One City boards, including the Economy Board.The aim of the project is to ensure that the emerging recovery plan to deliver Bristol’s future, both short-term (2020/21), and over the coming years, will reflects the ideas and priorities of citizens and community stakeholders.Phase 1: Focus groups and survey to identify citizens’ issues, aspirations and priorities Phase 2: Moderated discussion forum to crowdsource and prioritise ideas for specific actions Phase 3: Citizens’ Assembly to deliberate unresolved issues from previous phases and attempt to reach consensusThere are plans to report back to the Economy Board and other boards every three weeks so that views and ideas of the public can be shared.  |
| 14.55-15.00 | 7) | AOBNo further business. |