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

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|  | **Date/time** | Tuesday 30th June 20201400-1500 | **Venue** | Zoom call |
|  | **Co-chairs** | Craig Cheney (Deputy Mayor of Bristol) & James Durie (Business West) |
|  | **Actions** |
| **Time** | **Agenda** |
| 14.00-14.05 | 1) | Welcome (Cllr Craig Cheney)  |
| 14.05-14.10 | 2) | Public Health Update (Sally Hogg) The lockdown in Leicester was discussed. It was explained that if we had we had the beginnings of a Leicester type situation then we would have been able to respond very quickly. The Public Health team does not current have access to data on potential new cases, when they have this they will be able to respond even faster.The Outbreak Management Plan allows us to manage the risk of Covid-19 through anticipation and containment, using our knowledge of our place. We think that curiosity will help us to manage the situation and are very receptive to information being brought forward. The plan contains a lot of risk assessments and there will be more of these, the Public Health team are due to meet with First Bus soon to work on one of these. Events have not been on the list for outbreak plans, but there will now be work done on updating this. The Outbreak Management Plan will be iterative and will change as we work through the pandemic. One thing that has changed in the last week is the roll out of testing for asymptomatic people; this will be made more widely available.In Leicester, residents are being asked to stay at home among a number of other measures. Businesses which opened recently on the 14th June will now be closed again and there will be a lot of knock on effects of this. These restrictions will be in place for two weeks.  |
| 14.10-14.25 | 3)  | Next Steps for the Economy Board (James Durie)The frequency of meetings were discussed and it was agreed by the board members that following the next meeting on the 7th July the pattern of meeting will be reduced to once every three weeks, the duration of the meetings will be increased to 1.5 hours. |
| 14.25-14.30 | 4) | City Office Update (Ed Rowberry & Annabel Smith)We are holding a webinar on tourism chaired by Joh Hirst tomorrow and will also be holding an event on the night time economy chaired by Marti Burgess in future.One City plan will now be updated in March instead of January and the next City Gathering is planned for September.Lin Barlow from UWE will be chairing the new Culture Board and is selecting the members.Lord Kerslake also announced during the City Gathering that UK2070 would collaborate with the City Office in future. |
| 14.30-14.50 | 5) | Sector Updates **Nigel Costley, TUC**No specific update, but will be attending meetings with unions tomorrow. The TUC is supporting employees who are currently in talks with businesses about redundancy. **Destination Bristol - John Hirst** This weekend will be key for hospitality because a lot of businesses will be reopening. Some businesses are saying that they will be reopening on the 8th or 10th, there are others which will not be opening until September.**Bottle Yard Studios - Fiona Francombe**The studios have had their first client back since the beginning of the lockdown. Dramas are being more cautious as they want to film in closer proximity so that the restrictions of Coronavirus are not obvious to viewers. Fiona Francombe will now be moving on from the studios to work with the Old Vic theatre. **Gapsquare - Zara Nanu**The sectors of the economy which have been seeing the most support in term of promises of investment from the Government are those which are dominated by men; the construction sector workforce is 70% male and is set to receive large amounts of investment from government. This means that women will be less likely to receive the benefits of this kind of investment. **Bevan Brittan - Marti Burgess** There needs to be more clarity from the government, there has been a lot confusion about the 30 person cap recently. Members of the sector are struggling with interpreting the guidance coming out of government and feeling like they have not be taken in to account.**Paragon Costs Solutions - Nick Lee**The legal sector is still ticking over and court hearing have still be taking place, although we are expecting issues around August/September time.**DIT - Ameeta Virk**We are continuing to support companies to carry on with their international business if they can. We will be holding an event at the Engine Shed for food and drink companies which are exporting. **Alastair Currie Events - Alice Peacock**From the events side, there does seem to be a lot of confusion with government guidelines. Within the events community this is still fear about an outbreak and the effects that it could have. Alice Peacock ends her term as President of the Bristol Junior Chamber tonight and his handing over to Jack Callow as incoming President. **Bristol City Council – Stephen Peacock**We were asked by the government at short notice to provide information ‘on shovel’ ready projects. The Temple Quarter is an overarching strategic priority for Bristol and the region, it was highlighted to the government as the most important project of its type at this time.  |
| 14.55-15.00 | 9) | AOBDiscretionary Business Grants - Further information on the discretionary grants programme has been sent out to the board members.  |