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

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|  | **Date/time** | Tuesday 8th September 20201400-15:30 | **Venue** | Zoom call |
|  | **Co-chairs** | Craig Cheney (Deputy Mayor of Bristol) & James Durie (Business West) – Apologies from both. **Chair for the meeting: Andrea Dell** |
|  | **Actions** |
| **Time** | **Agenda**  |
| 14.00-14.05 | 1) | Welcome (Andrea Dell) As both Co-Chairs were unable to attend, Andrea welcomed all to the meeting. |
| 14.05-14.10 | 2) | Public Health Update (Andrea Dell) Apologies from Sally Hogg and Christina GreyAndrea presented a verbal update that had been prepared by the DPH and the Public Health Team.Key Points;* The levels of cases in Bristol was discussed and that any changes are linked to people travelling and social mixing.
* A local outbreak plan has been developed where if there are more than 2 linked cases to contact the Public Health Team who will advise on next steps.
* Also included in the plan is information about Track and Trace and conducting risk assessments.
* Enhanced Guidance will be available to consider.
* To also consider that the yearly flu campaign is due to start on the 22/9, with a winter flu strategy

The Board were supportive of the approach that the Bristol PH team were taking.  |
| 14.10-14.20 | 3)  | Clean Air Zone ProposalsThe Board was supportive of the Bristol Clean Air proposals.The Key points raised were;* Aiming to reduce the levels of traffic through the City
* Cumberland Road is of specific concern, given its proximity to Spike Island and its pre consultation to take place.
* Not to have a charging Zone, considering the pollution levels. Not enough time to inform businesses in readiness.
* Other routes to consider – Upper Baldwin Street, as this is a key route for public services.
* FSB off the radar. Need to raise awareness to access.
* All further comments to be sent to Matt Griffith at Business West.
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| 14.20-14.50 | 4) |

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| Impact of Covid - focus on childcare Key Points Raised;* 81% of working mothers need access to childcare with only 4% having it.
* There has been a big change in the level and frequency of informal care.
* Changes in the levels of provision of breakfast clubs and after school clubs
* 1 in 4 early year providers fear closure.
* A care led innovative recovery approach is needed.
* Childcare is most expensive with one of the lowest paid workforce.
* Increasing support needed for maintained schools
* To have subsidised childcare places at nurseries
* The years of underfunding to be addressed.
* Crisis in wrap around are around a family.
* How to take this work forward – to work with the University.
* To have as much engagement on this issue as possible.
* The Board to work with the local MP’s and APPG and BCC on this issue.
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| 14.50-15.20 | 5)  | Sector specific COVID-19 updates **Bristol Port** – Back to normal. Additional operations taking place.**Bristol Pound** – Developing Visa/Mastercard Scheme alongside a new token scheme **Bristol 24/7** - Bringing back 24/7 publication. Very small signs of recovery with opportunities in creative roles.**Bristol Tech** - launch of 2nd Bristol Tech Festival looking back at 2010 and forward 2030. Kickstart to new jobs scheme. Cohorts of 30 at a time to open up the talent pool**FSB** – focussing on childcare and back to work. What will be in place when furlough ends. To date only 3% of independent traders will not reappear.**Legal Sector** – Courts still functioning. About 10% of offices are open, otherwise very quiet.**Chamber – Young Professionals** – Having virtual catch ups. A working group for the Event Sector industries has been set up.**University of Bristol** – Changes to A levels being processed. Larger numbers of students than normal.**TUC** – Rise in redundancies. Welcome a kickstart discussion. Lack Social care funding across the region needs addressing. **Business West**- Thrive programme, economy survey and economy festival. The next steps are jobs, kickstart and Brexit is back website being updated.**CBI** – Local lockdown and mass testing needed.**City Office/BCC**-Economy plan being drafted to be launched on 16th October. Festival of Ideas to focus on Resilience and Recovery. Mayor’s State of the City address to take place.**WECA** – focusing on Regional recovery. Partnership working taking place between WECA, BCC and Business West. New grants being discussed and development of visitor economy. |
| 14.55-15.00 | 6) | AOBNo further business. |