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

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|  | **Date/time** | | Tuesday 8th September 2020  1400-15:30 | **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 Grey  Andrea 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 Proposals  The 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. | | | |
| 14.20-14.50 | 4) | |  | | --- | | 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. | | | | |
| 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) | AOB  No further business. | | | |