

One City Economy Board COVID-19 response call



	Date/time	Tuesday 8 th 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)	<u>Welcome (Andrea Dell)</u> As both Co-Chairs were unable to attend, Andrea welcomed all to the meeting.		
14.05-14.10	2)	<u>Public Health Update (Andrea Dell)</u> 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; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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)	<u>Clean Air Zone Proposals</u> The Board was supportive of the Bristol Clean Air proposals. The Key points raised were; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All further comments to be sent to Matt Griffith at Business West.
14.20-14.50	4)	<p><u>Impact of Covid - focus on childcare</u></p> <p>Key Points Raised;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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)	<p><u>Sector specific COVID-19 updates</u></p> <p>Bristol Port – Back to normal. Additional operations taking place.</p> <p>Bristol Pound – Developing Visa/Mastercard Scheme alongside a new token scheme</p> <p>Bristol 24/7 - Bringing back 24/7 publication. Very small signs of recovery with opportunities in creative roles.</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Legal Sector – Courts still functioning. About 10% of offices are open, otherwise very quiet.</p> <p>Chamber – Young Professionals – Having virtual catch ups. A working group for the Event Sector industries has been set up.</p> <p>University of Bristol – Changes to A levels being processed. Larger numbers of students than normal.</p> <p>TUC – Rise in redundancies. Welcome a kickstart discussion. Lack Social care funding across the region needs addressing.</p> <p>Business West- Thrive programme, economy survey and economy festival. The next steps are jobs, kickstart and Brexit is back website being updated.</p> <p>CBI – Local lockdown and mass testing needed.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>WECA – focusing on Regional recovery. Partnership working taking place between WECA, BCC and Business West. New grants being discussed and development of visitor economy.</p>
14.55-15.00	6)	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>No further business.</p>