

One City Economy Board COVID-19 response call

Agenda – 20th October 2020



	Date/time	Tues 20 th October 1400-1500	Venue	Zoom call
	Co-chairs	Craig Cheney (Deputy Mayor of Bristol) & James Durie (Business West)		
Time	Agenda			
14.00-14.05	1)	Welcome and Introductions (James Durie)		
14.05-14.10	2)	<p><u>Public Health and testing update (Sally Hogg)</u> Ranked 45th out of 149th English local authorities. SW R rate estimate of 1.3-1.6. Don't have a Bristol R rate because the numbers aren't high enough. Expecting a challenging winter. New regional alert system, three tiers. Based on central government and local authorities discussion on when it shift from one tier to the next. Most transmissions in informal social settings with family and friends. Work place outbreaks, normally from staff socialising rather than work place. PHE are conducting deep dives into every case but seems from test and trace that it is informal settings that is the biggest impact. Washing hands, keeping space, being outside, limiting social contact, isolating to cut off the virus. Contact, someone within 2m for 15mins without a face covering. Concerns with the app raised. GO – thank you to Sally and colleagues for support of PHE in that last few weeks. Vast majority of case are in halls of residence. Very well supported by PHE, outstanding support. Many students have tested positive but not many falling badly ill. Very few examples of staff catching infections from students. SH – will support any workplace, aim to nip this in the bud and keep Bristol safe. Determination to make sure that we avoid that we move through the tiers. First level is where we keep the control. Once we move into other tiers central government will visit. JD – to share about council run outdoor spaces and how they can be used in imaginative way. HLF funding to enable organisations AC – businesses/restaurants will have the opportunity to pitch for BCC support.</p>		
14.15-14.20	3)	<p><u>Review of Economic Recovery strategy launch (City Office/Craig Cheney)</u> ER - Thank you for engagement with strategy and with events last week but key will be in the next steps and the action plans that come out of this. SB- Good alignment with the regional work but the key will be about what comes next. WECA will stand with regional partners to move the region forwards. Good to have a solid background of what state the economy is in and how we can drive that. JD – how do we structure and align what we do next with WECA's work? SB – need to keep talking, need to be clear about priorities, what are the three/four big things that need to be accelerated? Regional recovery plan has fair degree of rethinking, fair amount of projects on going. Joint committee has set aside £10million fund as a regional catalyst. Spending review potentially in November, key will be linking up and</p>		

		working together. Having the plans in place with consistency then there is a better chance of striking balance and impact.
14.20-14.35	4)	<p><u>Strategy Next steps and delivery plans (all)</u></p> <p>AK – How do we start to deliver concrete delivery plans. A lot of support and interventions out there at the moment. A lot out there and lot of people at risk of redundancy. Medium and long term action planning work will need to look at focusing resource and partnership arrangements. Potential to develop some sub-groups around the three themes within the recovery plan.</p> <p>Employment and the labour market – galvanising support around the theme, link to learning skills partnership. Business and investment theme – key sectors represented on the board, Bristol places – more longer term, broad, climate change, digital connectivity, hospitality and culture, links across one city boards but clear structure around that.</p> <p>NG- Measures on the data, how do we start to drill into these measures with different time scales, some short medium, some long term. Needs to be accessible within the city so people can be involved in this.</p> <p>SP - Climate and Ecological emergency are examples of how we are already focusing delivery across the board with action. It is changing day to day decision making.</p> <p>NC – good employer charter with WECA</p> <p>JD - Work back from 5th of March and work out what needs to be produced by then if not before then. Organise around those four themes with members volunteering support in relevant areas.</p> <p>CPP can get involved with monitoring side of strategy.</p>
14.35-14.45	5)	<p><u>Economy board regularity (all)</u></p> <p>Proposed monthly meeting general agreement from the board.</p>
14.45-14.55	6)	<p><u>Brief Sector updates (all)</u></p> <p>John Hirst – Destination Bristol</p> <p>Positivity in that there are new shops opening, and new restaurants. New lego shop opening and new restaurant, however generally people aren't venturing out as much. Not very optimistic about the build up to Christmas.</p> <p>Sam Holliday – FSB</p> <p>Some encouraging signs but to balance that previously felt we were heading in the right direction, but maybe less so now. Seems like there is less unity going on across the board.</p> <p>Nick Lee – Bristol Law Society</p> <p>Nightingale court, with 42,000 trails in the crown courts, and Bristol is the 14th nightingale court to open, dealing with employment and non-custodial cases.</p> <p>Nigel Costly – Trade Unions</p> <p>A lot of businesses are Government is pulling all the funds from the trade union learning reps.</p> <p>Jackie Longworth – Bristol Women's Commission</p> <p>Inclusive recovery report, hoping plan will be useful to employers as well as the city. Achieving and disseminating the report to employers would be invaluable. Working with WECA to explore how their investment funds could ensure that the recovery is inclusive. How are WECA supporting Bristol with funds for recovery, particularly child care and care sector are recognised as key infrastructure.</p> <p>https://www.fairplaysouthwest.org.uk/resources/80-bwc-paper-delivering-an-inclusive-economy-post-covid-19-september-2020/ SB and JL to speak outside the meeting</p>

		<p>James Durie – Business West</p> <p>Ameeta Virk is leading on some work around tech for good as a theme to help businesses in potential new markets, into India, the United states etc to do some exploration in those markets, looking for selling products and services into, for businesses from across the south west.</p> <p>https://www.businesswest.co.uk/blog/why-tech-good-companies-should-think-about-india-their-next-export-journey</p> <p>One City Economy strategy referenced in opening and closing debate in Parliament around infrastructure. Hour long debate about infrastructure needs for city and city region. Referenced the work that has been going on and themes of the strategy, hopefully will lead to funding for temple quarter and hengrove and other areas.</p> <p>Asher Craig – watch space for city council funding, Craig will make announcement. VCSE strategy, deliberative democracy work etc, want to make sure that things happen.</p>
14.55-15.00	7)	Board member AOB