

One City Economy Board

Agenda – 23rd February 2021



	Date/time	Tues 23 rd February 2021 1400-1530	Venue	Zoom call
	Co-chairs	Craig Cheney (Deputy Mayor of Bristol) & James Durie (Business West)		
Time	Agenda			
14:00-14:05	1)	<p>Welcome from Chairs – James Durie /Craig Cheney</p> <p>Apologies from Craig Cheney</p> <p>New members to the board: Sophie Chester Glynn – run Co produce care in Bristol and BSSNG Alix Dietzel – lecturer at University of Bristol on climate justice</p> <p>Also joining us today: Marti Burgess – from the Night Time Economy (NTE) Brief update: NTE advisory board shortlisting today and 6 candidates going to interviews, this is a positive start however the NTE is still a long way off from recovering</p>		
14:05-14:15	2)	<p>Public Health Update – Sally Hogg</p> <p>Positive picture but r rates still high but going down week by week Our rate in Bristol is going down Surge testing going on 1 in 3 of us are asymptomatic First 4 priority group have been offered vaccinations Every adult will be vaccinated by 31st july followed by a second dose in 12 weeks Road map released yesterday</p>		
14:15-14:30	3)	<p>Businesses and the Clean air zone - Adam Crowther</p> <p>Head of transport in BCC</p> <p>AC slides will be shared</p>		
14:30-15:00	6)	<p>Sector Updates – All</p> <p>WB ZN NL AS AF BM SCG</p>		

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Gloucestershire City Council update:

- We are planning this year for a full schedule and particularly relevant for the International Cricket coming to Bristol 4-5th July 2021. We've potentially got further men's international events as well as hosting two women's internationals at the ground as well every year. Due to be announced in 3-4 weeks.
- Issues: organising off season events at our ground and other sports clubs and monitoring the crowd sizes/capacity. Following the announcement from government yesterday we are however confident about getting people in. We've been using the grounds as a COVID-19 vaccination centre and some challenges we have found has been the supply of vaccines coming through.
- Our other big focus for us has been the strain on the environmental sustainability so it's really interesting there's some stuff around the sort of clear air project that we see very much a big part of the half the strategy that we will be delivering going forward over the next four to five years for a club, and for considerably longer also been quite a lot of work on quality diversity and inclusivity as I'm sure we were in one form after another but yeah sort of nervous about the year ahead but actually some quite good stories in there which has acted as a distraction for us and our community ourselves within that.
- The government was thinking of scrapping gender pay legislation but in the end after reviewing the last six months numbers, this is due to be looked into by the Human Rights Commission so any company with 250 people or more needs to report on their gender pay gap for last year. In terms of what else is happening in Bristol we're organising an event as women and business Task Group part of women's commission for International Women's Day to highlight women in business in Bristol, and I put the link to that event in the chat if anyone's interested in attending.

Legal update:

Two short updates:

- Firstly the latest figures from core Tech Community Foundation show that 373 COVID response recovery grants have been made totalling 2.3 million. Included in this figure are the grants to charities helping to support people impacted by coronavirus.
- Secondly, thing James was the I sent you an email from Jane Yorke; she's the education coordinator, and in the future, she may want to join as a guest to this group just to give a bit of information about a project she's working on but just to let you all know that she's working on a project called workforce of the future school and college engagement service. It's a free bespoke service empowering SMEs to engage students in order to develop talent pipelines. So if anyone is

interested in working with Jane and building that connection between businesses and schools please advise contact her or myself.

City Funds update:

- It has been a good year financially, the impact of investment policies has outlined positive messages and this will allow us to go into the rest of this year with a real sense of hope and expectation in terms of how we can use that what is available, really well.
- Similarly, in relation to grants, we're hoping in the next 1-2 months to pull together an annual report, which will give a reflection on all the city firms achieved. We're certainly working very hard to bring further investment in the city, and to contribute to the process of recovery that we're still going through.

Bristol festivals sector update:

- Following yesterday's announcement the events and festivals sector is thrilled to have some form of plan, it will however take a lot of lobbying going forward with making sure that things move really efficiently with Bristol City Council spaces and permissions so everybody can get going. The sector is excited and ready.

University of Bristol Update:

- We are just working through the government's roadmap and trying to work out how that aligns with students in terms of their online blended learning and return to campus, over the next month in preparation for March 8th onwards.
- Like everybody says it is positive there is a roadmap but we need to assess how we can work to it.
- The majority of our attention will be for undergraduates, we currently have a lot of them back on campus and have had many who remained, but it is positive to see that a good number of students have returned.
- Last lockdown, we were prioritising those who needed to return in relation to the type of courses they were on which they would have practicals or those working within the specified areas that government specified so it needs to be clear in our figures.
- We are finding that a lot of students studying for example medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine etc, they have returned, and of those who could not stay due to other circumstances stated that they would've stayed on campus if they could, as in some cases University becomes the next home.

Destination Bristol update:

- I agree with MT's points, it has been a real mixed picture amongst our members and what tourism is going to mean following this roadmap, and to a certain extent retail as well. Many are still closed, and many have gone dormant, almost hibernating, and we don't seem to think about it as much as we used to because we know that we've learned to live without all these businesses around us.
- It's a good time to roadmap, and hopefully we can stick with it and that's obviously the kind of things that happen outside our control that could be. So, we're still optimistic but we've got to be realistic about where we are, not everybody will make it through. And I think most have had good support along the way. So that's positive but, you know, let's just see how the next few weeks unfold. And I was trying to get in earlier on the gym but I just about an Adam crowd is Adam still here as he got an app.

Action: JH and AC to link up

Action: JD and JH to link up re M32 park and ride

- Everyone agrees that Bristol needs to have good quality air and this needs to be portrayed locally and nationally.
- We have noted some negative comments coming through, that people are starting to think Bristol is not a good place to come so we have to try and combat this with positivity and encouragement to people coming to and living in Bristol.
- I think we should remind ourselves on the clean air zone, there are 70% of cars like they estimated, within our compliance; talking about older cars, clean petrol and diesel cars. And it is about transitioning but yes, but totally agree with you that the message isn't good. Ensure people are getting support if they meet difficulties with moving in, around and out of Bristol.

Social Care update:

- New guidance around visiting families, which we're looking into.
- There's an ongoing issue around vaccinations and getting the social care staff vaccinated. There's a report that vaccination does help stop the spread so a lot of employers should be thinking whether we put into future work contracts. There is currently a live discussion surrounding this going on.
- We had a question and answer session with a very diverse group of medical professionals around this and will update when we have this as they do explain it well.
- I'm doing a webinar tomorrow night to discuss the issues and aim to continue the continued parity with health and social care and the Clean Air zones giving feedback to providers that they need to start having conversations about how they're going to afford to go into certain zones and house calls and how they are going to make that financially viable.

Action: Kick start talks with relevant stakeholders to ensure that this is on provider's radar.

- There's not much update since the last board, money is beginning to flow again so I'm back to working full time hours, and the personal pay will pick up again.
- I think the next big area of focus for us is developing/creating and measuring the future economy, we need to create a socially inclusive economy that it is regenerative of our biosphere. Therefore what we're looking at with the tokens is to provide a set of early indicators, measuring, not just the economy of the city, but around the social value and the environmental capital of the city and how we are taking care of that and working to improve it. If you get in touch with me you're interested in.

Bristol 24/7 Update:

- It is a bit soon to be able to provide an in depth response following the release of the roadmap yesterday, again echoing what MT has said that there is a mixed bag of responses. For example, some colleagues are not feeling optimistic for the June deadline as it may not be realistic for some of the bigger events but I think generally there's a feeling of positivity and relief that an end is in sight.
- We have been working with community journalists who are training up people looking to get into media from all around the city as the funding for that is coming to the end at the end of next month so we're looking at ways that we might be able to extend it.

Women's Commission Update:

- The women's commission are meeting with Naomi Logan, Andrea Adele, and Jane Taylor, next week which was kick started from this meeting, particularly looking at childcare infrastructure, social Care infrastructure and training and skills that we can hopefully feed into.
- We have also had a conversation with Polly Trento from women's budget club around social care cooperatives and, interestingly her take on it that social care in itself is a form of low carbon employment.
- We're very disappointed in health and care white paper because it's so centralised, and domiciliary care is much more community based. So decisions need to be taken at a much more community based arena.

- We're waiting a lot on the budget, particularly around the furlough arrangements, we want it to be extended obviously people go on choosing to be furloughed I think it will be a natural way of a fading edge but the government needs to urgently let us know if they can give us that extension to give people some assurance.
- The conversation that is still very much live is about the need to provide proper support to people self-isolating and public health desperately see that as an issue. People need to be able to afford to do the right thing and the concern is that figures today are about the impact of the young people, which is a big issue for us, but the problems around kickstart, which I don't think have been given enough attention with that mistake and that really being ramped up considerably with the public sector playing a much bigger role and linked to the green agenda and green skills, and probably on that point. We would like to do a lot more work around skills and how to cope with the demise of the funding for union learning but then green skills screen jobs aren't always good jobs. We have to present the future of green jobs, whatever that means as a quality offer for young people. Unions are trying to get their heads around how we deal with employers implementing contracts saying you need a vaccination to work here, we support the vaccination but we want to see everyone being vaccinated clearly and that the rules are fair.

Business West (NS) Update:

- So, we've just launched a trading q net zero portal on the Business West website, which is still being built upon and developed and will act as a signpost for businesses to what support is available to them at the moment. And as we it up, we will have case studies and a peer to peer guidance and advice and how businesses in this part of the world are addressing climate change.
- Ask: If any of you that are working in that sort of area and have got guides or case studies, please let me know about those.
- We've also set up a climate advisory group as well as to support us in in how we approach, climate change as an organisation as well. I'll be taking a bit of a lead on that, and the other things that we're busy with as well is head of the metro mayoral election is that we're coming up with manifesto, and we'll be doing an event.
- Later in the year bandwidth in the centre of cities as well will be hosting events with some of the candidates for the other events, we've got some women in business events as well and we've got the doing one on mass transit as well.
- Central cities event on the 28th of April, a virtual invitation will be sent.

- At team CPP we've been working with Treasury on the levelling up fund the shared prosperity fund perspective.
- Looks like you know the levelling up Fund, which is the 4 billion fund that was announced at the spending review last year is going to be focused on capital infrastructure projects, whereas the shared prosperity fund which is the fund to replace European funding streams will be open to social infrastructure to AI, skills, and those sorts of investments so that's what we've been working on and separately. We're also working with the Council on a project about female participation in the labour force and I've been in touch with some or the tangential members of this board on Matt.
- Update from our business insights panel which met last week that echoes the feelings of mixed picture across the across the regional economy. This is all prior to yesterday, by the way that's clearly going to change but some tentative positive signs as well coming through from some sectors.
- Businesses seem to see a bit more confidence and a bit more investment happening, so I think there are there are signs that there is life and opportunity there. But I think some sectors particularly tourism, hospitality are still being impacted heavily and I think, you know, whatever the announcement yesterday just needs to be worked for analysis for impact in terms of reopening.
- We continue to make progress on the recovery plan implementation and recovery fund. There are a number of programmes now open, our green business grants is open, and lots of good interests in that already.
- We're just about to start marketing our small business resilience fund, as well and we've got a couple of calls open as well. Seeking partnerships to help us deliver on the regional skills agenda so with digital skills investment programme open; workforce of the future. We've got a phase two called open for that. That's effectively aimed at supporting small businesses to plan their future workforce.
- In March, we'll be taking a couple of business cases through our decision making a cultural and creative business support programme, and a community recovery fund as well so I can share more about those as they come forward so that's all that's all progressing.
- And just a couple on the most strategic longer term; the free port bid is now in with government so we're waiting for feedback on that. We took it through our joint committee. Earlier in the year, a business case for an innovation programme, that's going to come forward so there's a 7 million pound investment to support businesses for across all sectors to innovate plan for the future, and on ongoing, our business support for growth continues to see an uptick in activity and we're just helping to simplify the landscape, which is very busy and complicated in terms of funding and making sure that businesses are taking up that ground support which is which is still available.

City Funds update:

- City funds and deploying investment to the city potentially ties into some of the other comments around environmental and social responsibility. I think that potentially presents an opportunity for Bristol and the region. In line with people like DF perhaps is, you know if we're able to attract that investment locally, how

		<p>do we then ensure that that there's a sort of local stake in that as well. Because if we get that right, then we can resolve some of the value that's created and perhaps address some of the sort of social and environmental unfunded dilemmas so it feels like good news because that you know these are big banks pension funds all the rest of it. People like MC leading the charge. But harnessing it in the right way and practically strikes me as quite important and I wonder if that's an area of inquiry, over the next year or two, perhaps as, particularly as cop 26 takes place, which could act as a real trigger in terms of, you know, shifting political policy agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In regards to the COP event (being held in Glasgow this year in November) this is a chance for the groups of organisations in and around the city, broader city regions and beyond that, time to think this as an opportunity alongside the costs of climate change, working as a collective and making connections, rather than just individually. There are organisations that will be doing their own thing with, for instance, talking to our opposite number at the Glasgow chamber, which is one of the things we're doing but also the likes of NatWest or the visual banks, so we are still very worried about whether they're going to survive. • I'm seeing a sub cohort investors both individuals organisations setting up or choosing to come to Bristol so I have to say this, it does feel there is some sort of positivity so and I think just you just look at some of the activity on the real estate front, there are some moves that businesses are taking spaces against what, you know, potentially is quite a challenging, position the moment about how we're going to reoccupy buildings but I'm seeing some activity which I think describes that people are will be moving back into their spaces perhaps in a different way and with a different blend of how they work. • Further updates are that we have been supporting the free port bid, which is a big opportunity for this area to learn that kind of status for parts of our city and broader region, stretching down into Somerset to have this sort of opportunity. I think drives in new growth into the UK, and then also just there's a process going on as the Bristol airport moves to appeal against the decision where it has refused its consent to move from 10 million passengers to 12 million. • There's a public inquiry that will take place to summon a number of organisations to provide a refreshed view that we've taken around a qualified level of support see a good connectivity at the airport and environmentally. We're in transition to a much more sustainable form of aviation that we know, not just, it's not just the responsibility of Bristol airport, but clearly, we have an aviation industry which are all moving in that direction.
15:00-15:10	4)	Update on Economic Recovery Strategy – Suzanne Cheng Anesa, Andrea and Suzanne regularly meeting
15:10-15:20	5)	One City Plan & City Gathering – Allan Macleod Economy Board and One City Plan update:

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting with the subgroup members from the Economy Board met to discuss how we will partner and work with each board and significantly and positively contribute to the One City Plan and ultimately Bristol’s recovery. With the roadmap that was released yesterday it will provide us with some guidance on how to and who to link up with as recovery for each sector will be very different. With this in mind and the government update we need to work together and aim for change. • We're coming to the final review stages where we're finalising the drafting and imminently sending off to design. The big date for the One City Plan is the City Gathering 12th March 2021. We are still working up ways of working collaboratively with the other boards. • We had a good discussion at yesterday's multi board with the other board chairs and support officers, about how we can do work better and how we can ensure the priorities of the different boards are reflected in the work that we do. Between boards and how we collaborate within the one city structure. Action: AM to pull this piece of work together and discuss with all boards soon. • City Gathering update: The three sections is going to be covering; firstly, a year from lockdown discussing what's happened in the past year, then looking at some of the ones city updates some of the progress on different strategies and the work that's been happening with one city. Then we're going to be launching the One City Plan. Each of the boards will have a short slot to introduce their top priority. Each year we nominate three goals to stand slightly above the rest of the 18, and then those goals are voted on at the City Gathering. So we have one that is selected in advance by the youth mayors, and then two other goals that are voted on. So, each board picks one that is their top goal, their top priority for that year, and the deadline for that is the 26th of February and that's so that we can ensure that the youth matters, and the youth organisations that we work with, as Professor youth mayors traditionally have a chance to vote on the, the goal that they would like to select for next year for the economy board next year's goals. • Top 3 as it stands: Developing a regional redundancy support programme to support effect sectors, Improving the provision of local digital skills and training and Promoting the city as a safe destination for overseas education tourism and investment. • We've also been doing some work on the forward planning for the board to try and bring a better structure and be a bit more proactive with the discussion points we have as we had a few speakers drop out of today's session. We do however have some topics lined up for the next session to think about; the free port, and the work around what the climate advisory committee have done on the BEIS white paper that was recently launched on green recovery. • Action: all members to vote via the provided doodle poll on top goal by 23rd February so we can collectively agree what the majority vote is • Action: to share Adam Crowther’s slides
15:20-15:30	7)	<p>AOB - all</p> <p><i>Jane could not attend this week but is interested in speaking at a future board meeting; Workforce For The Future School & College Engagement Service – Jane Yorke</i></p>

Climate Advisory board BACCC have completed the BEIS white paper rapid assessment

Free port will be highlighted next meeting

- 25th March - Mass Transit Event <https://www.businesswest.co.uk/events/mass-transit-webinar-businesses>
- Jane/WECA colleagues would be happy to update on Workforce for the Future at the next meeting. Phase 2 call is currently open for calls btw <https://www.westofengland-ca.gov.uk/workforce-for-the-future/>
- IWD event highlighting stories of women in Business in Bristol: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/women-leading-in-business-bristol-tickets-142094332975>
- COP26 Bristol Green Capital Partnership will be doing a City V Climate Gathering in Sep and Festival of the Future City in Oct will also have a cop focus
- From nina skubala : <https://www.womenmeanbiz.co.uk/event/1732/celebrate-international-womens-day->
- From Sophie Chester-Glyn : our next livestream on health and care bill whitepaper: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NXOL3odo8OE>