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

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|  | **Date/time** | | Tuesday 16th May 2020  1400-1500 | **Venue** | Zoom call |
|  | **Co-chairs** | | Craig Cheney (Deputy Mayor of Bristol) & James Durie (Business West) | | |
|  | **Actions**  **Send any ideas on the Outbreak Management Plan to Sally Hogg** | | | | |
| **Time** | **Agenda** | | | | |
| 14.00-14.05 | 1) | Welcome (James Durie) | | | |
| 14.05-14.10 | 2) | Public Health Update (Sally Hogg)  Bristol’s Outbreak Management Plan is well underway and will be complete by the government deadline of the end of the month. The plan will provide us all with clarity on how we are all going to work with the national Test, Trace and Isolate system. We will have plans for high risk businesses, public transport and food supply.  \*An outbreak is classified by the government as more than two cases.  **Action: Send any ideas on the Outbreak Management Plan to Sally Hogg** | | | |
| 14.10-14.25 | 3) | Skills Update (Jane Taylor, Head of Employment and Skills)  Unemployment levels are down to the same levels as the late 70s early 80s. This is going to get worse as we know that these figures are being masked by the numbers of people who are covered by the furlough scheme.  Once young people are out of employment and education where they can develop skills there can be an extended period of time before they are able to come back and participate again. We need to prevent this from happening in the first place.  Digital Skills and Inclusion – We need immediate investment to address the digital divide which has grown significantly. Families need access to computers and good internet connections so that they can interact with an increasingly online jobs market.  Training and reskilling – There are large numbers of pupils who have been out of education during the pandemic. Attention will need to be paid to these pupils to avoid further divisions developing.  Unemployment – We need to take action to ensure that certain groups are supported in to employment.  Apprenticeships – We need to kick start apprenticeships in the public sector through coordinated entry/semi-skilled roles and support SMEs to take on apprentices. | | | |
| 14.25-14.30 | 4) | Economic Statement of Intent (Allan MacLeod)  We have been working to pull together comments from the themed boards, have received some comments through – deadline is tomorrow for final comments. The statement will be shared at the One City Gathering on the 26th June. | | | |
| 14.30-14.40 | 5) | City Office Update (Ed Rowberry & Annabel Smith)  Some of the confirmed speakers at the City Gathering so far include David Olusoga and Lord Kerslake.  There are a number of city recovery focussed webinars being organised at the moment: John Hirst will be leading a session on the tourism economy, there will be sessions on digital and creative industries and Marti Burgess will be leading on the night time economy.  We are currently working with Cllr Craig Cheney on setting up the One City Culture Board so that there can be a focus on this. | | | |
| 14.40-14.45 | 6) | Sector specific COVID-19 updates  Keith Rundle – City Centre  Essentially the aim is to get the city centre to a point where it is an environment that people feel safe and happy to return to. Main element of this is to roll out a communications and engagement campaign to show the public that the city is ready to reopen. Trying to convey a sense of togetherness; businesses are part of Bristol and need to be supported. The Board agreed with the need to send out positive messaging to the public.  John Hirst – Retail  Majority of retailers managed to get some funding from the government grants. Shops reopened yesterday and there were queues for various stored. Sign on the ground are not being followed by shoppers so we need to learn from this, queuing is going to be a challenge throughout this. | | | |
| 14.55-15.00 | 9) | AOB  No further business. | | | |