

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL
POLICY & RESOURCES (RECOVERY) SUB-COMMITTEE

1.30pm 29 MAY 2020

VIRTUAL MEETING - SKYPE

DECISION LIST

Part One

5 COVID-19 CITY RECOVERY PROGRAMME UPDATE

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Ward Affected: All Wards

- 1) That the localised response to a phased recovery and the progress updates on the city's recovery programme be noted;
- 2) That the council's approach to a phased recovery from Covid-19 ensures delivery of the council's goal of lowering toxic emissions to achieve 'carbon neutrality' by 2030; and
- 3) That further to the council's planned work on Transport Network Management and Recovery, that the committee recognises:
 - Government guidance ('Safer Public Places – Urban Centres and Green Spaces'), which focuses on practical interventions to adapt public places, particularly in areas of high footfall, to support health and safety as urban spaces become busier;
 - latest Government guidance indicating that non-essential retail will reopen on 15th June, requiring more immediate changes to our transport network to allow for safe 'social distancing,' than can be realised by the next meeting of Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee;
 - the strength of feeling in the city for transport network changes, to facilitate road safety, walking and cycling, reduce toxic emissions, as well as support the safe use of public transport;
 - plans agreed by Urgency Policy and Resources Committee to bring forward urgent transport changes, and the current LCWIP consultation;
 - news that the council has recently been allocated 'emergency active travel' funding from Government, some of which could be withdrawn if

the initial tranche is not spent quickly;

and therefore agrees:

- to identify and implement urgently needed changes to both public places and the transport network, to enable outdoor exercise, active travel and maximise safe public transport use, (including measures referenced in the Government guidance, such as timed road closures) that can take place prior to 15th June;
- and to fast-track engagement with local communities and stakeholders, to help identify and prioritise such measures, prior to 15th June;

that further to guidance on reopening of schools, to swiftly progress safe 'school streets' initiatives across the city.

6 COVID-19: SUPPORT FOR BUSINESSES

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- 1) That members note the work being undertaken to deliver business rates relief and business grants to local businesses.
- 2) Agree the rationale and process for administering the discretionary grants for business, and delegate the agreement of the detail of the application and assessment process to the Executive Director Economy, Environment and Culture, and acting Chief Finance Officer
- 3) Delegate final approval to make grant awards to the Executive Director Economy, Environment and Culture, in consultation with a professional panel to include representatives of business groups who helped to prepare the Economic Strategy
- 4) Agree to underwrite income to the Brilliant Brighton Business Improvement District (BID) for 2020/2021, up to a maximum of £350,000.
- 5) Agree to waive the business membership fees for Visit Brighton for 2020/2021 for six months to a maximum cost of £100,000.
- 6) Allocate £15,000 from the 2020/2021 Economic Development Budget to cover the operating costs of the Brighton and Hove Economic Partnership.