

## ECONOMIC & SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

### INFRASTRUCTURE SUB-GROUP

#### WORK STREAM – UPDATE February 2018



Economic & Skills Development Partnership

Programme 1:	Lead/Review Date
Provide direction and input to the Local Plan and associated policy documents on the Bracknell Forest business community's infrastructure needs.	GH
Update:	Date:
Key dates for ESDP involvement in the Local Plan consultation will become clear when the local plan timetable for external consultations is produced in the Spring of 2018. Heathrow has announced two 'consultations' which they labelled as the 'next step in delivering expansion.' These will be launched on 17th January 2018, and will run until 28th March. The first consultation will be on "infrastructure design options" and mitigation measures, while the second will focus on the future design principles for airspace around Heathrow, but not future flight path options. This is a separate consultation to the Government's Airports National Policy Statement consultation.	27/2/18
Programme 2:	Lead:
Explore the viability of creating a Business Improvement District (BID) within Bracknell Forest, forming a Steering Group to assess and report on potential options.	BC
Update:	Date:
The Steering Group is in the final stages of negotiating a working partnership with an experienced Business Improvement District management company. A programme to reach the 'decision-to-ballot' stage has been established. The next steps include interviews with key stakeholders and setting up communication links for businesses in the BID area.	27/2/18
Programme 3:	
Working with the LEP, provide business-led advice to Train Operating Companies and Network Rail on delivering improved rail services to and from Bracknell.	SJ
Update:	Date:
The ESDP responded to South Western Railways' December 2018 Timetable consultation, asking for no reduction in services to and from Martins Heron and where possible for the frequencies to be improved. SWR plans to publish an update on the proposals in March 2018.	27/2/18
Programme 4:	Lead
Provide business-led advice on future development needs for Superfast Broadband in Bracknell.	TB
Update:	Date:
We now need to understand the role that the ESDP could take in lobbying for the acceleration of Full Fibre both for business and residential properties. City Fibre will be speaking on this topic at the ESDP Breakfast Forum on 12 April.	27/2/18
Programme 5:	Lead:
Provide support to the LEP and local authority in seeking funds to improve Bracknell's Strategic road corridors to increase capacity and provide reliable journey times	SJ
Update:	Date:
BFC officers continue to update the ESDP on progress with improvement schemes.	27/2/18

Programme 6	Lead:
Continue to improve and promote the sustainable transport network that provides a high level of accessibility to key services including employment, education, healthcare, shopping and leisure.	SJ
Update:	Date:
The Sub-Group has been discussing ways of encouraging business to improve their approach to flexi-working and the possibility of leading a campaign on the subject. We expect to gain a better understanding of issues relating to flexible working at the ESDP Breakfast Forum on 12 April.	27/2/18
Programme 7	Lead:
Provide advice and direction on improving the availability of rented and graduate accommodation to meet increasing demand from Bracknell's business employers.	JT ML
Update:	Date:
The Sub-Group will continue to explore this topic.	27/2/18

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