

ECONOMIC & SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

INFRASTRUCTURE SUB-GROUP

WORK STREAM – UPDATE May 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:
The Local Plan consultation ended on the 26 March. The ESDP did not submit a response. There will, however, be a further opportunity to comment in the Autumn. Heathrow had announced two consultations on the next step in delivering expansion. The ESDP wrote in response to the 'infrastructure design options' consultation on 26 March stressing the need for a new Southern Rail Access between Heathrow Airport and the Bracknell Forest area, linking to trains using the Reading and Waterloo Line.	17/4/18
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 has appointed the specialist BID management company Partnerships for Better Businesses (PFBB) to assist in progressing towards ballot. The Steering Group has been joined by Ambition Creative who will provide Website design services for free.	17/4/18
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. It is understood that as a result of consultation feedback, SWR has decided to retain the current service levels at Martins Heron.	17/4/18
Programme 4:	Lead
Provide business-led advice on future development needs for Superfast Broadband in Bracknell.	TB
Update:	Date:
City Fibre and Exponential-e spoke on topics covering Full Fibre and other advanced communications at the ESDP Breakfast Forum on 12 April. We will use the knowledge gained to develop an ESDP position on future communications needs for business.	17/4/18
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.	17/4/18

Programme 6	Lead:
Continue to improve and promote the sustainable transport network that	SJ

provides a high level of accessibility to key services including employment, education, healthcare, shopping and leisure.	
Update:	Date:
City Fibre, Exponential-e and Morgan Lovell spoke on topics covering flexible working and changes to workplace environments at the ESDP Breakfast Forum on 12 April. We will use the knowledge gained to develop ESDP initiatives on needs for business.	17/4/18
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 ESDP will review the value of continuing to explore this topic.	17/4/18

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