

ECONOMIC & SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

INFRASTRUCTURE SUB-GROUP



WORK STREAM – UPDATE: March 2019

Programme 1: Consultations	Lead:
Represent the ESDP Membership and associated businesses in responding to consultations relating to local and central government infrastructure schemes, including roads, railways and airports.	BC
Update: In March, the ESDP wrote in response to Bracknell Forest Council's expression of interest to the Future High Streets Fund for a grant towards the development of Bracknell Town Centre.	Review Date: 24/1/19
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Programme 2: Agile Working	Lead: SJ
Work with Partners/Business etc. to help promote a working environment for staff that helps generate community-wide benefits, such as reduced peak hour travel to ease transport congestion and also help reduce personal stress. Develop a series of Case Studies to be shared with Bracknell Forest businesses.	
Update: It was agreed that the BID Workshops should be used to steer the way forward with this topic. Bob to then circulate a request for Case Studies from businesses. This request was included in the March Bob's Blog.	Review Date: 24/1/19
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Programme 3: Electric Vehicle Charging	Lead: SJ
Support and encourage the private sector to lead the way in providing suitable charging infrastructure for electric vehicles. Focus on business areas and Council owned properties/leisure facilities/car parks to help with kick start locations.	
Update: As with the above, it was agreed that the BID Workshops should be used to steer the way forward with this topic. Bob to then circulate a questionnaire to businesses. This was also included in the March Bob's Blog. TRL has been approached to find out who could provide advice on developing a strategy for electric vehicle charging.	Review Date: 24/1/19
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Programme 4: The Natural Estate	Lead: SC
Develop ideas on how the borough's natural estate can be promoted or enhanced to benefit local businesses, e.g. open spaces used to provide 'outdoor offices' by providing IT charging points, WiFi and outdoor workstations or options for businesses to demonstrate Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) through tree planting or volunteering schemes. Seek support and sponsorship for a demonstration project.	
Update: The outdoor demonstration event is to be held at lunchtime on 23 May in South Hill Park. The theme will be staff well-being, and will be titled 'A Walk and Talk in the Park'.	Review Date: 24/1/19
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Programme 5: Photographic Competition	Lead: BC
Provide support to the joint annual BFC/ESDP Photographic Competition. Liaise with BFC's Parks and Countryside Department over competition theme, sponsorship and judging.	
Update: The 2018 competition has been completed with the ESDP sponsoring £300 covering six prizes. Winning exhibition will be shown at South Hill Park in May. ESDP members will be invited to display the winning photos at their business locations.	Date: 24/1/19