

## ECONOMIC & SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

### INFRASTRUCTURE SUB-GROUP

#### WORK STREAM – UPDATE: September 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 June, 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: 1/9/19
In June the ESDP submitted its response to the TVLEP's consultation on the draft Framework Document for the Berkshire Local Industrial Strategy (BLIS)	
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: Case Studies have been requested through Bob's Blog. Whilst the BID Workshops did not provide a hoped-for steer on the way forward with Case Studies on agile working from businesses, there was enthusiasm for co-ordinating agile working initiatives in the BID area at the recent BID Business Plan launch event.	Review Date: 1/9/19
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. The idea of including a co-ordinated approach to increasing the number of Electric Vehicle Charging (EVC) points in the BID area as part of the initiative for a shared parking initiative was positively received. A Report by PBA on EVC is anticipated shortly and will be used in assessing potential initiatives to be led by the ESDP.	Review Date: 1/9/19
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, 'A Walk and Talk in the Park', was held at lunchtime on 23 May in South Hill Park. The theme of staff Well-Being and Mental Health in the Workplace was well received, with a round 30 attendees.	Review Date: 1/9/19

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. The best images were shown at South Hill Park in May and a photo call held on 4 June followed by a press release. The ESDP is joining BFC Parks and Countryside Dept. in the 2019 competition which has now been launched under the theme 'Inspirational Bracknell Forest'	Date: 1/9/19