

ECONOMIC & SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP



Economic & Skills Development Partnership

INFRASTRUCTURE SUB-GROUP

WORK STREAM – UPDATE: January 2020

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: The Group reviewed the ESDP response to the draft Transport Strategy for the South East consultation and this was submitted before the 10 January deadline.	Review Date: 6/1/20
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: A storybook style document on agile working best practice using Infographics and Case Studies to cover aspects such as productive time v travel time is being developed. The proposed BFC business surveys would help with obtaining information on this.	Review Date: 6/1/20
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: It has been decided to rename Programme 3 as 'Cleaner Travel' to broaden the scope of the topic and better align with BFC strategic 'thinking' and that of the Transport for the South East.	Review Date: 6/1/20
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: An initiative to encourage businesses to use parks and open spaces for business activities is to be considered. This could include 'pocket parks' near business premises and 'blue 'line' routes for walking and running, with stopping points for meetings and health activities. The topic could be covered at the ESDP Spring Event and a 'pilot' route needs to be sketched out for a Bracknell Forest 'pocket park'. Tree Planting is also to be encouraged.	Review Date: 6/1/20

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 2019 competition under the theme 'Inspirational Bracknell Forest' has been completed. Around 140 images were received. Nick Thring and Bob Collis took part in the judging. The ESDP will again sponsor the prizes. The best images will be shown at South Hill Park in the early summer.	Date: 6/1/20