

BASP Board Meeting

10 December 2020 2pm to 4pm

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Attending

Anthony Bravo
Cllr Ken Rhatigan
Ian Boll
Rhiannon Sievwright
Karen McManus
Julian Jones
James Clay
Luke Bingham
Laurence Martin
David McArthur
Jessica Berry
Stella McKnight
Shirlene Oh
Diane Bromley

Representing

BASP Chair (BCoT)
Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council
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Hampshire Constabulary
Basingstoke District Association of Paris and Town Councils
Local Business Partnership
Sovereign
Federation of Small Businesses
Employment and Skills Zone, DWP
Health and Wellbeing Partnership, CCG
University of Winchester
Hampshire Hospitals Foundation Trust
Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council

Guest presenters

Cllr Simon Bound
Jane Rawlins-Mateus
Jack Kennedy

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Apologies

Daniel Garnier
Phillipa Mellish
Tony Capon
Lucy Dennis
Mike O'Mahony
Mary Swann
Keith Jones
Carol Harrowell
Rachael Wilkinson
Rob Dunford

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council
Hampshire County Council
Children, Young People & Families (CYPF)
Health and Wellbeing Partnership
Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council
Proteus Theatre Company
Hampshire Fire and Rescue
Social Inclusion Partnership (SIP)
Safer North Hampshire
Enterprise M3

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1. Welcome and Elections

Anthony Bravo was elected BASP Chair for the next two years. The position of Vice-Chair is still open for nominations with their election taking place in March 2021.

2. BASP Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Charter and key findings from Maria Miller's inquiry – Cllr Simon Bound, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council

The Board discussed the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Charter Jane Rawlins-Mateus has put together and provided feedback. The updated charter has been distributed along with the minutes; further feedback is invited. Cllr Simon Bound discussed the key findings from Maria Miller's race inquiry. There was a clear focus on the public sector in the inquiry, as the membership of BASP is largely public sector it is important to keep race at the forefront of our minds. With this in mind, a task and finish group which includes; Stella McKnight, Luke Bingham, Mary Swann and Jane Rawlins-Mateus has been set up and will meet in early 2021 to discuss the charter and next steps in tackling issues raised in the inquiry. Luke Bingham will also include Sovereign's new Equality and Diversity Director in the conversations.

3. Economic Recovery Update – Jack Kennedy, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council

From 16 March to 31 July 2020 the Council have supported local businesses by:

- Providing £33 million worth of rates relief to 974 businesses.
- £21.7 million worth of business grants awarded.
- 1,003 businesses received £10,000 small business grant.
- 623 retail, hospitality and leisure businesses supported with grants of up to £25,000.
- 344 businesses offered a three-month payment holiday for rent and service charges of up to £50,000 per annum.
- 405 businesses supported with advice, guidance and signposting to further support or funding.

Currently there are several grant schemes available to local businesses: National Restrictions Support Grants, The Discretionary Grant Scheme, Christmas grants for pubs that predominantly sell alcohol. More information and application details for the various schemes can be found here: <https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/local-restrictions-support-grant>.

September 2020 saw highest number of Universal Credit claimants (4895) since February 1994, there was a decrease in claimants in October, down to 4765. The data shows the

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continuing increased economic impact COVID-19 is having on the 18-24 age group, with our claimant rate (8.3%) higher than that of Hampshire (7.7%) and the South East (7.8%) albeit still below the UK rate (9.2%). The development of a Youth Hub with DWP in the new year will support young people back into learning or training. The hub will be a one-stop shop for support, guidance into education and employment.

The Board discussed the Kickstart Scheme, clean growth being at the heart of recovery across the borough and the importance of having Employment and Skills Plan in every planning development moving forward to aid economic recovery.

4. Manydown Update – Ian Boll, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council

The key developments with Manydown have been; resolution to grant outline planning permission for Manydown North in July 2020 subject to finalisation of Section 106 agreement, submission in November 2020 to the local planning authority's 'Issues and Options' consultation, the council and the Society of Merchant Venturers continue to work together to develop detailed proposals for submission to the draft plan consultation, the third stage of the local plan update process in winter 2021. The Board discussed the importance of holding Urban and Civic accountable within contracts and ensuring skills plans are included in all development contracts.

5. Round table updates

Jessica Berry – The Winter Assessment Centre up and running in Old Basing.

Karen McManus – Police will be carrying out patrols where vaccines are due to be held, Hampshire Constabulary priorities are drug related harm, gangs, and the gross misconduct case.

Cllr Ken Rhatigan – The Council will be giving as much help as possible to local businesses, this is at the forefront of Economic Development work as economic recovery kicks in, the Council is in a good budget position compared to other local authorities.

Diane Bromley – 8,000 applications received for the EU settlement scheme, the deadline for applications is 31 July 2021. The Council will be doing a lot of comms around the settlement scheme by working with partnerships and displaying information where people are going to be i.e. community centres, doctors' surgeries. Diane will present a full agenda item on this at March's Board meeting.

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James Clay – new industrial warehouse and factories coming through which will aid employment, office requirements changing.

Shirlene Oh - Planning to get approvals through various boards and NHS processes to go to public consultation for the new & refurbished hospitals from 18th January 2021.

Julian Jones – There are still issues with rural broadband which is increasingly vital in the digital world.