COVID19 – Hampshire Economy

Impact and Recovery

ETE Committee 1 July 2020



Macro Impact & Response

- Feb/March/April contracted by 25%
- Claimant count 2.1% (March) to 5.3% (May)
- Business grants £344M of £410M distributed in HIOW (84%)
- 283,000 jobs supported Govt schemes



Tourism

- Visitor attractions eg Marwell – 200 staff furloughed, £3.4M loan
- Cruise sector –
 massive losses for
 operators, ships
 anchored up,
 Carnival announces
 450 job losses





Ports

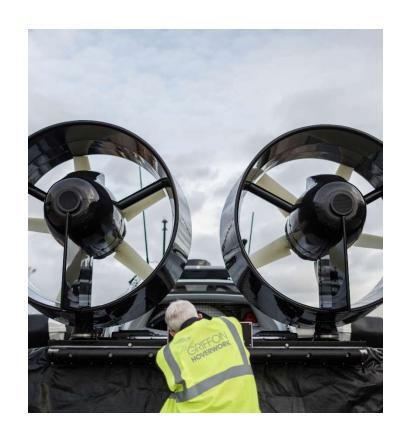
- Up to 50% reductions in freight volumes
- Initial stoppage of car exports
- Exxon Mobil 25% reduction in volumes





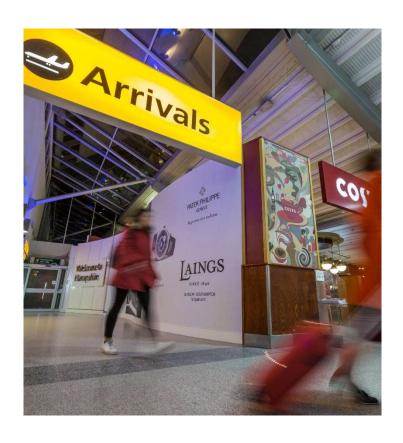
Marine

- Low business confidence
 39% (Hampshire) vs
 12% (UK)
- Manufacturing eg
 Griffon Hoverwork –
 operational but impact on
 productivity overseas
 client demands –
 medium term risks



Aviation – Southampton Airport

- Flybe collapse pre lockdown
- Staff restructure
- Skeleton staff
- Only essential flights to Channel Islands

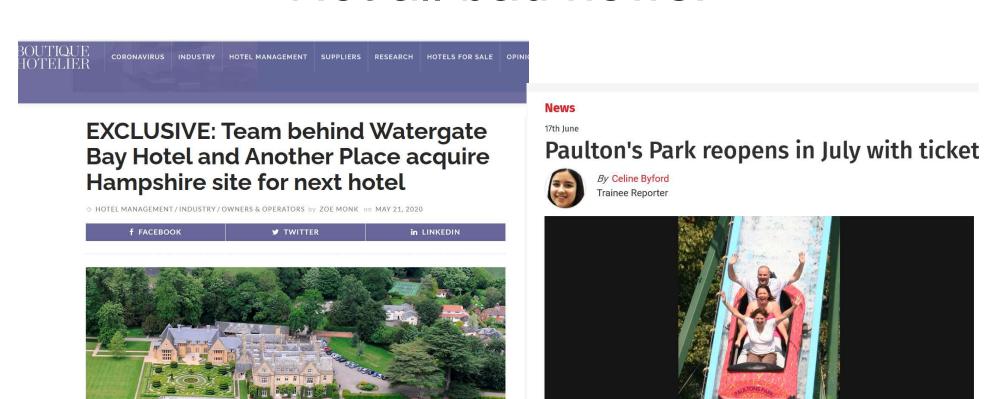




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Recovery - Some Big Issues

- Confidence consumers, investors
- Supporting people skills, employability
- Govt seeking quick wins in South?
- Brexit
- Expectations climate change



Recovery - Short Term

- Business support SMEs
- Town centres / high streets
- Influencing behaviours buy local, domestic tourism
- Transport IOW ferries, airports



Recovery – Medium / Long Term

- Regeneration, Housing, Infrastructure projects – need pipeline ready
- Digital connectivity (5G)
- Rethink business support?
- Vision for Hampshire 2050



Opportunities

- Growth sectors ICT, life sciences
- London dynamic?
- UK trade based growth strategy
- To change the way we do things!

