Business Growth Service Communications Update

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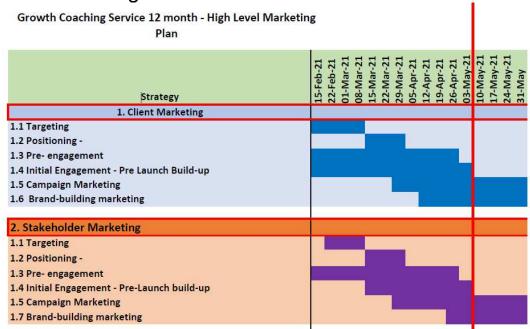
The Business Growth Service, which will be branded as Growth Works, has now mobilised and a communications and engagement protocol has been agreed between the Gateley-led consortium and the Combined Authority. Gateley's Project Management Office have supplied the below Gantt Charts to outline their marketing plans for each service line to the Business Board.

Also outlined below are some short-term communications for each service line, a more detailed communications plan for Growth Works is being finalised and will be included in the Business and Market Engagement Update for your next meeting.

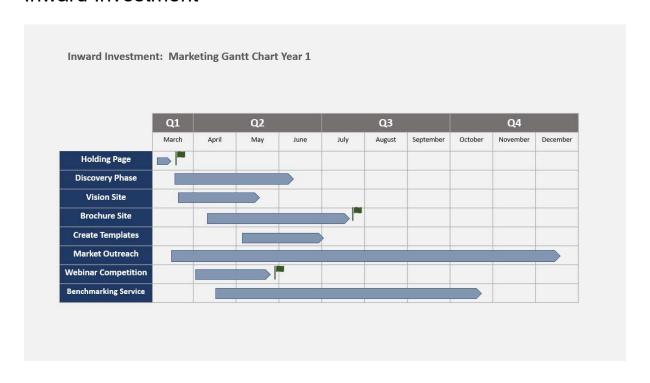
Grants and Equity



Growth Coaching



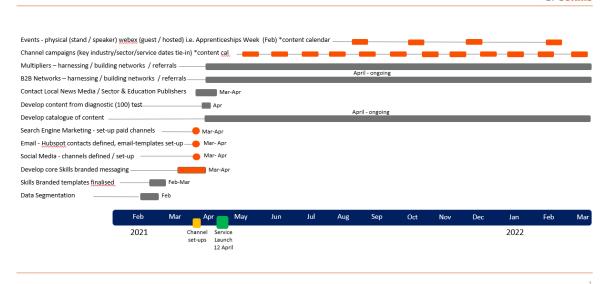
Inward Investment



Skills and Apprenticeships

GPC Skills Marketing Gantt Chart





Short Term Communications

Grants and Equity	Targeted call for expressions of interest underway, with the initial application window opening 28th Feb. Building a pipeline of immediate and future potential applicants.
	Funding announcements early in March with comms to highlight the grant awards and their impact.
Growth Coaching	Call to action communications and joint communications with stakeholders to raise awareness of and build a pipeline. Peer Networks Programme, case studies with business leaders who have completed the programme and how it was helpful. Start-up support case studies based on recent sessions
	hosted in partnership with the Growth Hub.
Inward Investment	Proactive inward investment service actively engaging with the business community and networks and is currently engaged with three strategic inward investment opportunities for the region, these are covered by NDAs.
	Network of specialists are leveraging their international contacts to identify opportunities in technology and promoting the Oxford Cambridge Arc as an opportunity to invest.

Skills and Apprenticeships	Reigniting Skills Webinar to mark national careers week, launching new labour market information for the region and introducing education leaders to the new skills service.
	Communications to highlight apprenticeship placements generated in month one.