

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

CULTURE, HERITAGE, SPORT, TOURISM & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

4.00pm 7 MARCH 2024

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL, NORTON ROAD, HOVE, BN3 3BQ - HTH/CC

MINUTES EXTRACT – ITEM 59

Present: Councillor Robins (Chair) McGregor (Deputy Chair), Hill (Opposition Spokesperson), Bagaeen, Cattell, Miller, Stevens, Goddard, Grimshaw and Nann

59 INTEGRATION OF LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP FUNCTIONS

59.1 The Chair invited Max Woodford to introduce the report starting on page 29 of the Agenda.

59.2 Councillors Robins, Goddard, Miller, Bagaeen, McGregor, Stevens, and Hill raised queries about sustained investment, tiers of local government, financial impact, and talking the city up instead of down.

RESOLVED:

That Committee:

1. Noted the impending transfer of LEP functions to UTLAs and that this has the potential to support delivery of the Council's emerging Economic Strategy alongside business support, investment and growth activities.
2. Approved the approach outlined in this report for the integration of LEP functions within the Council's economic development service and within the business & intellectual property centre located at Jubilee Library.
3. Agreed to receive annual reports on integration and subsequent delivery of former LEP functions.
4. Delegated authority to the Executive Director Economy, Environment & Culture, following consultation with the Chair of this Committee, to complete the negotiation and integration process.
5. Delegated authority to the Executive Director Governance People and Resources to make the necessary changes to the Council's Constitution, including the Scheme of Delegations to Officers to reflect the recommendations in this report.

