

Subject: Overview of Operating Principles
Date of Meeting: 20 May 2014
Report of: Lead Authority Chief Executive
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Wards Affected: All

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 This report sets out the operating principles for the Greater Brighton Economic Board, which comprises the Greater Brighton Economic Joint Committee (GBEJC) and the Greater Brighton Business Partnership (GBBP).
- 1.2 The various documents relating to the running and operation of the Board, its Operating Principles, are listed in appendices 1 – 4 and cover the Heads of Terms (HoT), the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), the Procedural Rules (PR) and the Call-in Procedure.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Greater Brighton Economic Board approve and adopt its operating principles as set out in appendices 1-4 to the report.

3. CONTEXT / BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- 3.1 The GBEB will run as a concurrent meeting of the GBEJC and the GBBP and has an over-arching purpose to bring about sustainable economic development and growth across Greater Brighton ('the City Region'). To achieve this, the principal role of the Board is to co-ordinate economic development activities and investment at the regional level.

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 The GBEB has been established following the successful City Deal bid to government and no other mechanism was considered appropriate to enable joint collaboration and delivery of economic growth at a regional level.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The various local authorities and business organisations have been consulted throughout the process for the establishment of the Board.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 The establishment of the Board is seen as an important element in enabling partnership working and building relations both across the local authorities and with the local business organisations to facilitate economic development activities and investment at a regional level.

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 7.1 The financial considerations have been detailed in the Memorandum of Understanding listed as appendix 2 to the report.

Finance Officer Consulted: Rob Allen

Date: 16 April 2014

Legal Implications:

- 7.7 The legal implications of these proposals are detailed in the Heads of Terms and Memorandum of Understanding listed as appendices 1 and 2 to the report.

Lawyer consulted:

Bob Bruce

Date: 17.04.14

Equalities Implications:

- 7.10 The intention to enable a rotation of the Chair and support functions to the Board provides for all partner bodies to have an opportunity to take responsibility for the co-ordination of the Board.

Sustainability Implications:

- 7.11 There are no sustainability implications arising from the establishment of the Board and it will endeavour to account for sustainability considerations in seeking to achieve economic development and growth across the region.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 7.14 The establishment of the Board will provide an opportunity to work with neighbouring authorities and business organisations to ensure a voice is heard at both regional and national level in regard to the co-ordination of economic development activities and investment at the regional level.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Head of Terms
2. Memorandum of Understanding
3. Procedural Rules
4. Call-in Procedure

Documents In Members' Rooms:

None.

Background Documents:

None.