

Subject:	Greater Brighton Economic Board 2014/15 Annual Report		
Date of Meeting:	14 July 2015		
Report of:	Chair, Greater Brighton Officer Programme Board		
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LA(s) affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

- 1.1 The Heads of Terms for the Greater Brighton Economic Board ('the Board') outline the Board's reporting and accountability arrangements. The requirement of the Board to submit an annual report to each of its representative bodies is included within these arrangements.
- 1.2 On 21 April 2015, the Board agreed a report outlining the preparatory steps needed to support the operational aspects of the Board in 2015/16. As part of that report, it was agreed that the annual report for 2014/15 be presented to the Board for approval at the first meeting of the new municipal year.
- 1.3 The Board's 2014/15 Annual Report is intended to be used as an interactive electronic document. It will therefore be presented to the Board at their meeting on 14 July 2015.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 The Board is asked to approve the 2014/15 Annual Report.
- 2.2 The Board is asked to give delegated authority to the Greater Brighton Officer Programme Board to make any minor amendments to the 2014/15 Annual Report.
- 2.3 Board members are asked to submit the 2014/15 Annual Report to their respective organisations.

3. BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT:

- 3.1 The 2014/15 Annual Report commends the Board for the enormous progress that it has made in its first year of operation. The Board has built a strong alliance of public and private sector partners and a 'brand' that is recognised by Government, investors and stakeholders. It has established the Greater Brighton Investment Programme and project pipeline that will grow the economy, creating businesses and jobs and unlocking employment floor space and new homes. To date, the Board has successfully secured over

£96m in Government funding for the Greater Brighton Investment Programme, through its City Deal and rounds 1 and 2 of the Coast to Capital Growth Deal.

- 3.2 The 2014/15 Annual Report recognises the major opportunities and challenges facing the Board in the year ahead. It outlines the Board's key areas of focus for 2015/16, enabling it to:
- Continue to work collaboratively to ensure that all parts of the Greater Brighton City Region benefit from its work;
 - Be ready to respond to the national policy debate on place-based devolution and, in so doing, be able to both seize any new opportunities, freedoms and flexibilities that the new Government creates and successfully negotiate new funding with HM Treasury and the Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership;
 - Ensure that City Region partners have the on-going capacity to deliver, responding to the rapid and profound reductions in local government funding, and ultimately;
 - Have a clear and agreed plan for how it will strengthen and boost the local and national economy over the next 5 years.

4. CONCLUSIONS:

- 4.1 The Board is asked to agree the 2014/15 Annual Report and to submit this to its representative bodies.
- 4.2 The 2014/15 Annual Report recognises the many achievements of the Board thus far and outlines the key areas of focus for the Board in the year ahead.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 The Annual Report includes updates on a number of projects throughout the region and incorporates up to £96m of government investment from City Deal and Coast to Capital funding into the Greater Brighton Investment Programme. This funding supports a number of different projects and each of these have been subject to separate reports and business cases that details the financial benefits and risks. Further updates to the Board for each project will be reported throughout the year.

Finance Officer Consulted: Rob Allen, Principal Accountant *Date: 25.06.15*

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 Specific legal issues have been or will be addressed in reports relating to individual projects and workflows. There are no additional legal implications arising from the annual report.

Lawyer Consulted: Bob Bruce, Deputy Head of Law *Date: 25.06.15*

Equalities Implications:

5.3 None

Sustainability Implications:

5.4 None

Any Other Significant Implications:

5.5 None

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

None

Background Documents

- [Greater Brighton Economic Board Operational Arrangements for 2015/16](#), 21 April 2015

