

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Greater Brighton Project Pipeline</b>		
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<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Chair, Greater Brighton Officer Programme Board</b>		
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<b>LA(s) affected:</b>	<b>All</b>		

**FOR GENERAL RELEASE****1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT**

- 1.1 The first version of the Greater Brighton Project Pipeline 2016/17 ('the Pipeline') was agreed by the Greater Brighton Economic Board ('the Board') in October 2014.
- 1.2 The Pipeline comprises the 'long-list' of projects that the City Region will put forward for capital grant funding to the Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership (C2C LEP) as part of Round 3 of the Local Growth Fund (LGF). Once funding is allocated to a project, it will form part of the Greater Brighton Investment Programme ('the Programme').
- 1.3 To ensure completeness and continued accuracy, the Greater Brighton Officer Programme Board ('the Officer Programme Board') reviewed the Pipeline throughout summer 2015.
- 1.4 The purpose of this report is to present the updated Pipeline to the Board for approval and to agree the next steps.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the Board:

- 2.1 Agree the Pipeline, recognising that new projects may still come forward;
- 2.2 Submit the Pipeline, as listed in Section 4, to the C2C LEP for consideration for future LGF funding and inclusion in the Strategic Economic Plan, and;
- 2.3 Task the Greater Brighton Officer Programme Board with developing outline business cases for each of the projects contained within the Pipeline, to ensure that the City Region's is ready to respond to any future LGF announcements.

**3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 To date, approximately £92m of LGF funding has been allocated to projects within the Programme through Rounds 1 and 2.

- 3.2 The City Region's core area of focus is now on securing this funding and ensuring delivery of the Programme. For further information, please refer to Greater Brighton Investment Programme Update Report.
- 3.3 At the same time, the City Region must develop its Pipeline to ensure that Greater Brighton is in a strong position to bid for and secure additional funding through Round 3 of the LGF (if rolled-out).
- 3.4 The Autumn Statement, due at end November 2015, is expected to include an announcement on the LGF. It is anticipated that allocations will be smaller and that bids for funding will therefore be increasingly competitive. The C2C LEP will be expecting "*fewer business cases, better argued*"; intensifying the need for shovel ready projects.
- 3.5 Following the Autumn Statement, the C2C LEP will develop its evaluation criteria (with a likely continued focus on jobs, employment floor space and housing) and anticipates that the first calls will be made in January/February 2016.
- 3.6 Timescales will be tight, particularly when factoring in the Christmas period, and the C2C LEP is therefore encouraging partners to develop their project pipelines now.
- 3.7 The Pipeline for Greater Brighton is summarised in Section 4 of this report. The project templates attached in Part Two of the agenda include high-level information on each project contained within the Pipeline.
- 3.8 It is proposed that, throughout autumn 2015 the Officer Programme Board develops a high-level business case for each project within the Pipeline. As the C2C LEP cannot provide funding for this, the associated costs will be borne by the delivery bodies.
- 3.9 East and West Sussex County Councils will continue to be engaged in the process; ensuring that the Pipeline (particularly in relation to transport schemes) is aligned to their priorities. In addition, as the City Region's devolution proposals are further developed and refined, the Officer Programme Board will continually review the Pipeline to ensure that all capital projects contained therein are captured (including, for example, the station growth sites).
- 3.10 Following the release of further information, in the form of the Autumn Statement and the C2C LEP's evaluation criteria and calls, the current long-list of projects within the Pipeline will be prioritised and a short-list created. A further report will be presented to the Board in January 2016, seeking approval of the short-list. Not all projects will proceed to full business case stage, whilst alternative sources of funding may prove more suitable for others.

#### **4. PROJECT PIPELINE**

- 4.1 The Pipeline is as follows:

Project Title	Lead Delivery Body	Link to Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) *	Link to Devolution Proposals **
Worthing Centre: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Union Place</li> <li>• Teville Gate</li> <li>• Montague Street</li> <li>• Grafton Centre</li> </ul>	AWCs	1,2,6 1,2,6 1,2 1,2,6	1,2,3,5 1,2,3,5 1,2,3,5 1,2,3,5
• Northbrook College Innovation Centre, Worthing	AWCs	2,4	2,5
• Martletts Way, Worthing	AWCs	1,2,6	1,2,5
Shoreham Growth Centre: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decoy Farm, Worthing</li> <li>• A27 Junction, Lancing</li> <li>• Shoreham Harbour Transport Package</li> </ul>		1 1,2,6 1,2,6	1,2,5 1,2,3 1,2,3,5
• Coastal Transport System	BHCC	1	1,2
Brighton Waterfront: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Central – Gateway to the Sea</li> <li>• Waterfront Bus</li> <li>• East – Madeira Drive and Dukes Mound</li> <li>• East – Infrastructure</li> <li>• Madeira Terraces</li> </ul>	BHCC	1 1 1 1 2,6	1,2 1,2 1,2 1,2 2,3
• Royal Pavilion Estate, Brighton	BHCC	1	1,2
Newhaven Growth Centre: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beach Road Eastside Business Park</li> <li>• Railway Quay</li> <li>• East Quay</li> </ul>	LDC	1,2,3 1,6 1,2,3	2,3 1,2,3,5,6 1,2,3
• Science & Technology Park, Burgess Hill	MSDC	1,2,3,4,5,6	2,3
• Sustainable Transport Package, Burgess Hill Town Centre	MSDC	1,2,3,4,5,6	1,2,6
• Bio-Innovation Centre, Brighton	UoS	1,2,3,4,5	1,3,5,7

\* The [SEP](#) contains 6 strategic priorities:

1. Successful Growth Locations, including transport investment
2. Successful Businesses
3. Building Competitive Advantage
4. Skills and Workforce
5. Growth is Digital
6. Housing and Infrastructure

\*\* The Greater Brighton Devolution Proposals are focused on 7 strategic priorities:

1. Transport Infrastructure
2. Unlocking Growth Sites
3. Enterprise
4. Smart Infrastructure
5. Skills for Employment
6. Living Wage Housing
7. Information Economy

4.2 The projects contained within the Pipeline are located across the City Region. The map attached as Appendix 2 provides a visual representation.

## 5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The Pipeline currently consists of a long-list of projects located across the City Region, for which capital grant funding will likely be sought from the C2C LEP via Round 3 of the LGF.
- 5.2 At the time of writing, the timetable and process for LGF Round 3 was still to be announced but, to ensure readiness, the C2C LEP is encouraging all partners to develop their project pipelines.
- 5.3 The Board is asked to agree the Pipeline, as outlined in Section 4 of this report, and to task the Officer Programme Board with developing high-level business cases for each of the projects contained therein.
- 5.4 A further report will be presented to the Board in January 2016, following the Autumn Statement and anticipated guidance from the C2C LEP.

## 6. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

### Financial Implications:

- 6.1 It is proposed that, following approval of the pipeline the Officer Programme Board develops a high-level business case for each project within the Pipeline. The business cases will identify public sector match funding as well as private sector leverage to accommodate the LGF funding for each project. Details of these are included within Appendix 1 of this report. The business plans need to demonstrate the financial viability of each project including a full cost plan, funding options and risks. The preparation of business plans can be expensive and may require specialist advisors and consultants. The cost of developing these business cases will be met by the delivery bodies.

*Finance Officer Consulted: Rob Allen*

*Date: 23/09/15*

### Legal Implications:

- 6.2 As each project goes through the business case process legal issues will emerge and be addressed. There are no direct legal implications arising from this report. There are some commercial sensitivities around some of the project details and hence the separate Part II information.

*Lawyer Consulted: Oliver Asha*

*Date: 01/10/15*

### Equalities Implications:

- 6.3 None

### Sustainability Implications:

- 6.4 None

### Any Other Significant Implications:

6.5 None

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

### **Appendices:**

Appendix 1: Project Pipeline Map

Appendix 2: Project Pipeline Templates (Exempt Category 3- copy circulated to Members only)

### **Background Documents**

None

