

Subject:	Greater Brighton Economic Board 2016/17 Annual Report		
Date of Meeting:	07 November 2017		
Report of:	Chair, Greater Brighton Officer Programme Board		
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LA(s) affected:	All		

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

- 1.1 The reporting and accountability arrangements for the Greater Brighton Economic Board ('the Board') are set out within its [Heads of Terms](#). These arrangements require the Board to submit an annual report to each of its representative bodies.
- 1.2 In previous years the Annual Report has been presented to the Board for approval at the first Board meeting in the municipal year. At the 25 April 2017 Board meeting, the Board agreed that the Annual Report for 2016/17 should be presented at the meeting on 7 November 2017 (this meeting). This report contains the Board's 2016/17 Annual Report, which is attached as Appendix 1.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Board approves the 2016/17 Annual Report.
- 2.2 That the Board agrees to submit the 2016/17 Annual Report to each of the bodies represented on the Board.

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The 2016/17 Annual Report is attached as Appendix 1.
- 3.2 The Report outlines the role of the Board and its strategy for growing the City Region economy. It summarises the key areas of work that the Board undertook in 2016/17 to deliver its medium to long-term strategy, including:
 - a) The Greater Brighton Investment Programme; a co-ordinated programme of regeneration and infrastructure projects that support the creation of a network of high-value growth centres in key locations across the City Region. In

2016/17, several projects moved from delivery phase to completion, and the report demonstrates the excellent progress that has been made.

- b) The Greater Brighton One Public Estate Programme; an initiative funded by the Cabinet Office Government Property Unit (GPU) and delivered in partnership with the Local Government Association (LGA). The Programme is designed to facilitate and enable local authorities to work successfully with Government and local agencies on public property and land issues through sharing and collaboration. Greater Brighton joined the National Programme in November 2016.
- c) Greater Brighton's response to the Government's Industrial Strategy Green Paper; The Board welcomed the renewed emphasis on improving productivity and achieving an economy that works for everyone. In April 2017 the Board submitted its response, which is consistent with Greater Brighton's devolution proposal.
- d) The Greater Brighton City Region Workshop; In September 2017 representatives from across Greater Brighton hosted a two-day workshop, attended by a number of senior civil servants from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), and the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG). The aim was to reach a shared understanding of the opportunities and issues for delivering a Greater Brighton Local Industrial Strategy, and to help identify the priority areas for future collaborative working, including identifying the components for a Housing Deal for Greater Brighton and a deal to support the City Region's Creative Digital & IT Cluster.

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 Reporting and accountability arrangements are set out in the Board Heads of Terms (see 1.1).

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Not required.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 In line with the Board's reporting and accountability arrangements, Members of the Board are asked to agree the 2016/17 Annual Report and to submit this to their respective organisations.

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 7.1 There are no direct financial implications as a result of this report and the Greater Brighton Economic Board 2016/17 Annual Report in Appendix 1 details the activities of the Board and summarises key areas of work that the Board

undertook in 2016/17 to deliver its medium to long term strategy including specific projects relating to the Greater Brighton City Workshop, the Greater Brighton Investment Programme and the National One Public Estate Programme. All of these projects were able to assist with securing grants and funding for key projects across the City Region. The key areas of work and the financial benefits are detailed on paragraph 3.2 above.

Finance Officer Consulted: Rob Allen, Principal Accountant Date: 17/10/17

Legal Implications:

- 7.2 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report. The legal implications of decisions made by the Board, including those relating to the key areas of work referred to in section 3 of this report, were addressed at the time decisions were made and are reviewed on an ongoing basis.

Lawyer Consulted: Oliver Asha, Commercial Projects Solicitor Date: 25/10/2017

Equalities Implications:

- 7.3 None.

Sustainability Implications:

- 7.4 None.

Any Other Significant Implications:

- 7.5 None

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Greater Brighton Economic Board 2016/17 Annual Report

Background Documents

1. [Greater Brighton Economic Board Operational Arrangements for 2017/18](#), 25 April 2017

