

Subject:	Greater Brighton One Public Estate Programme: 2017 Annual Report		
Date of Meeting:	6 February 2018		
Report of:	Chair, Greater Brighton Officer Programme Board		
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Ward(s) affected:	All		

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

- 1.1 On 18 October 2016, the Greater Brighton Economic Board (“the Board”) agreed the governance arrangements for the Greater Brighton One Public Estate Programme (“the local OPE Programme”) and the associated Terms of Reference for the Greater Brighton Strategic Property Board. Included within these Terms of Reference is the requirement to submit an Annual Report to the Board.
- 1.2 The One Public Estate (OPE) Memorandum of Understanding between the Local Government Association (LGA), Cabinet Office Government Property Unit (GPU) and the local OPE Programme, for which Brighton & Hove City Council is the lead authority, requires the Partnership to “*provide an end of year report highlighting overall achievements and progress with delivery of OPE projects*”.
- 1.3 The purpose of this report is to submit the local OPE Programme’s 2017 Annual Report to the Board, which will also be provided to the LGA and GPU as the Greater Brighton OPE Partnership’s (“the Partnership”) end of year report.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Board note the 2017 Annual Report.

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The 2017 Annual Report is attached as Appendix 1. It provides the Board with:
 - A summary of the national OPE Programme, founded in 2013 and delivered in partnership by the LGA and GPU;
 - An overview of the local OPE Programme and Partnership, established in November 2016;
 - Descriptions of the schemes comprising the local OPE Programme’s project portfolio and a high-level report on their progress and milestones;
 - An update on the outcome of the local OPE Programme’s Phase 6 funding bid seeking both additional OPE revenue grant funding and new Land

Release Fund (LRF) capital grant funding, which was submitted on 03 November 2017, and;

- A summary of the local OPE Programme's key areas of focus for 2018.

4. CONCLUSION

4.1 As demonstrated by the 2017 Annual Report, both the local OPE Programme and its comprising projects have made strong progress during their first year of operation and the benefits of OPE, in terms of both unlocking blocked development sites and in facilitating closer co-ordination and partnership working between public sector partners and stakeholders, are already being seen.

4.2 In so doing, the local OPE Programme is helping to play a key role in meeting the Board's housing, employment space and jobs growth targets. It is also providing the Board with an excellent opportunity to work with public sector partners to help to reconfigure public services and use the combined public estate towards a common goal of shared and sustainable prosperity.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

5.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. The annual report includes details of the nine approved projects that have received OPE funding to support their development. The funding included £529,500 OPE revenue grant funding for the first seven projects with an additional £125,000 for a further two projects in December 2017 as part of the Phase 6 funding. An additional bid for the Land Release Fund of £819,000 has been made to support affordable rented homes across Brighton and Hove.

Finance Officer Consulted: Rob Allen

Date: 24 January 2018

Legal Implications:

5.2 There are no legal implications arising directly from this report. The legal implications will be addressed on a project-by-project basis by the public sector bodies involved.

Lawyer Consulted: Alice Rowland

Date: 17 January 2018

Equalities Implications:

5.3 There are no equalities implications arising directly from this report. The equalities implications will be addressed on a project-by-project basis.

Sustainability Implications:

5.4 The One Public Estate Programme is aimed at supporting partnerships to take a strategic approach to asset management. This will enable partnerships to get the most from their collective assets, creating opportunities to reduce running costs, generate capital receipts, create more integrated and customer-focused services and to grow the economy by unlocking surplus sites for new housing,

employment space and jobs. In so doing, the local OPE Programme will help to create more sustainable services, public sector bodies and economies.

Any Other Significant Implications:

5.5 None.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Greater Brighton One Public Estate Programme: 2017 Annual Report

Documents in Members' Rooms

None.

Background Documents

None.

