

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**  
**GREATER BRIGHTON ECONOMIC BOARD**

**10.00am 26 JANUARY 2021**

**VIRTUAL MEETING**

# **DECISION LIST**

**Part One**

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**20 GREATER BRIGHTON SUSTAINABLE RECOVERY PLAN UPDATE**

- 1) That the Board note the information in the report, including the update on the pandemic, and progress made against the plan agreed in October 2020.
- 2) That the Board agrees with the suggested actions for the next quarter (February-April 2021), and that progress be reported back at the April Board meeting.

**21 MAXIMISING THE REGIONAL INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM**

- 1) That the Board agree to set up a working group, with agreed Terms of Reference, to investigate the development and establishment of a Greater Brighton Innovation zone (February 2021).
- 2) That the Board agree that the working group should investigate the relationship between infrastructure activity and the Innovation Region proposition (March – June 21).
- 3) That the Board agree that the working group should report back to the July/October 2021 Greater Brighton Economic Board on the initial findings of the Working Group.

**22 GREATER BRIGHTON INWARD INVESTMENT DESK**

- 1) That the Board agrees to the establishment and resourcing of an inward investment desk consisting as a minimum of two business managers and one researcher supported by additional communications and intelligence resources.
- 2) That the Board agrees first hire should be focussed on identifying new opportunities from London-based companies rethinking their footprints

post-COVID. The research support would help to identify potential foreign targets that should be engaged and should focus on cleaner and greener aspirations and Covid recovery.

- 3) That the Board seeks to work with Coast to Capital LEP on the development of a bid to DiT's High Potential Opportunities programme, with partners agreeing on a collaborative approach to identify what the niche sector is that HPO should focus on and the support required to promote it.
- 4) That the Board agrees that initial cost of resourcing the desk should possibly be underwritten by local authorities, with funding sought from other sources including Government incentives and private sector contributions.

### **23 GREATER BRIGHTON HYDROGEN GROUP**

- 1) That the Board note the progress of and wide interest in the Greater Brighton Hydrogen Group, and its launch event planned for February 2021.
- 2) That the Board support the research into future demand for hydrogen in transport being carried out by the University of Brighton, Ricardo and Greater South East Energy Hub.
- 3) That the Board note and support the group in responding to opportunities for funding bids on hydrogen which are expected during 2021.

### **25 GREATER BRIGHTON ONE PUBLIC ESTATE PROGRAMME ANNUAL REPORT**

- 1) That the Board notes the content of the Programme's 2020 Annual Report.

### **26 GREATER BRIGHTON INWARD INVESTMENT PROGRAMME UPDATE**

- 1) That the Board note the report and the Investment Programme Update at Appendix 1.

NB The above decisions will be implemented after close of business on 2 February 2021 unless they are called in.