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| Subject: | Greater Brighton One Public Estate Programme: 2018/19 Annual Report | | |
| Date of Meeting: | 15 October 2019 | | |
| Report of: | Chair, Greater Brighton Public Sector Property Group | | |
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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 and the Greater Brighton OPE Partnership (“the Partnership”), led by Brighton & Hove City Council, 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 Programme’s 2018/19 Annual Report to the Board, which will also be submitted to the National OPE Team in the LGA and Cabinet Office as the Partnership’s end of year report.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Board notes the content of the Programme’s 2018/19 Annual Report.

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The 2018/19 Annual Report is attached as Appendix 1.
- 3.2 The 2018/19 Annual Report provides the Board with:
 - A summary of the national OPE Programme, founded in 2013 and delivered in partnership by the LGA and Government Property Unit (GPU).
 - An overview of the Greater Brighton OPE Programme and Partnership, established in November 2016.
 - Confirmation of the funding awarded to date through the Programme.

- A description of the projects comprising the local OPE Programme and a high-level update on their progress and expected outputs.
- A list of the local OPE Programme's key areas of focus for 2019/20.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 As demonstrated by the 2018/19 Annual Report, both the local OPE Programme and its constituent projects have continued to make good progress 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. The local OPE Programme will help to play a key role meeting the Board's housing and employment space targets.
- 4.2 The local OPE Partnership has provided the Board with an excellent opportunity to work with public sector partners to reconfigure public services and use their combined assets 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 thirteen approved projects that have received OPE funding to support their development. To date the Greater Brighton Partnership has secured £1,861,500 in funding from the National Programme as detailed below:
- £155,000 to deliver the OPE programme;
 - £409,500 OPE revenue grant funding for the first six projects in Phase 4;
 - £305,000 for a further three projects as part of the Phase 6 funding;
 - £173,000 for one additional project in Phase 7 including £16,600 as a repayable grant.

An additional funding award of £819,000 was made for three Land Release Fund projects to support affordable rented homes across Brighton and Hove.

Finance Officer Consulted: Steven Bedford, Principal Accountant

Date: 22 August 2019

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: Joanne Dougnaglo, Senior Property Lawyer

Date: 19 September 2019

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:

Appendix 1: 2018/19 Greater Brighton OPE Programme Annual Report

Background Documents

None

