

Subject:	Greater Brighton Economic Board- Operating Principles 2015/16		
Date of Meeting:	14 July 2015		
Report of:	Lead Authority Chief Executive		
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Authorities affected:	All		

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

- 1.1 This report sets out the operating principles for the Greater Brighton Economic Board (GBEB), which comprises the Greater Brighton Economic Joint Committee (GBEJC) and the Greater Brighton Business Partnership (GBBP).
- 1.2 The various documents relating to the running and operation of the Board, its Operating Principles, are listed in appendices 2 – 5 and cover the Heads of Terms (HoT), the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), the Procedural Rules (PR) and the Call-in Procedure.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Greater Brighton Economic Board approve and adopt its operating principles as set out in appendices 1-4 to the report.

3. CONTEXT / BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- 3.1 The GBEB runs as a concurrent meeting of the GBEJC and the GBBP and has an over-arching purpose to bring about sustainable economic development and growth across Greater Brighton ('the City Region'). To achieve this, the principal role of the Board is to co-ordinate economic development activities and investment at the regional level.
- 3.2 At its meeting on 21 April 2015, the Board agreed to a number of recommendations as to its Operating Principles as outlined below:
 - The process by which the Chair of the Board shall be nominated for 2015/16;
 - That the Heads of Terms be revised to include the South Downs National Park Authority as a formal member of the Board
- 3.3 Following a confidential nomination and voting process undertaken by Brighton & Hove City Council Democratic Services, Councillor Parkin was nominated by fellow Board Members to the role of Chair of the Board for the 2015/16 municipal year. The Board is asked to ratify that nomination at the meeting.

- 3.4 The above process also requested nomination for nomination to the Greater Brighton Call-In Panel.
- 3.5 Meetings of the Greater Brighton Economic Board are scheduled to take place on the following dates during 2015/16:

Tuesday 14 July 2015
Tuesday 13 October 2015
Tuesday 26 January 2016
Tuesday 19 April 2016

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 The GBEB has been established following the successful City Deal bid to government and no other mechanism was considered appropriate to enable joint collaboration and delivery of economic growth at a regional level.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The various local authorities and business organisations were consulted on its operating principles in a report to its meeting on 21 April 2015. The report recommendations were agreed at that meeting.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 The Board is seen as an important element in enabling partnership working and building relations both across the local authorities and with the local business organisations to facilitate economic development activities and investment at a regional level.

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 7.1 The Greater Brighton Economic Board will assist with delivering economic development and growth across the region. The Board will seek to securing government and private funding and investment in order to deliver this economic development. An annual budget is agreed for the Accountable Body to provide legal, financial and administrative support for the Board to operate. Annual contributions are made from member authorities to the Accountable Body toward this budget. These contributions are detailed in Schedule 2 of the Memorandum of Understanding at Appendix 3. The Board's budget and Accountable Body Role are also detailed within Appendix 3 of this report as is the method of indemnifying the Accountable Body against any over spends.

Finance Officer Consulted: Rob Allen

Date: 02.07.15

Legal Implications:

- 7.2 The operating principles are drafted to ensure compliance with local government governance rules and at the same time ensure joint decision making with private sector partners. There are no additional legal issues arising.

Lawyer consulted: Bob Bruce

Date: 03.06.15

Equalities Implications:

- 7.3 The agreement to rotate the role of Chair and support functions to the Board provides for all partner bodies to have an opportunity to take responsibility for the co-ordination of the Board.

Sustainability Implications:

- 7.4 There are no sustainability implications arising from the establishment of the Board and it will endeavour to account for sustainability considerations in seeking to achieve economic development and growth across the region.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 7.5 The Board provides opportunity to work with neighbouring authorities and business organisations to ensure a voice is heard at both regional and national level in regard to the co-ordination of economic development activities and investment at the regional level.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Board Members
2. Head of Terms
3. Memorandum of Understanding
4. Procedural Rules
5. Call-in Procedure

Background Documents:

1. Report to the Greater Brighton Economic Board 21 April- *Greater Brighton Economic Board Operational Arrangements for 2015/16*

BOARD MEMBERS

Appendix 1

Organisation	Representative
Adur & Worthing Business Partnership	Andrew Swayne
Brighton & Hove Business Partnership	Dean Orgill
Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership	John A. Peel
Coastal West Sussex Partnership	Peter Davies
South Downs National Park Authority	Trevor Beattie
University of Sussex	Prof. Crampton
University of Brighton	Prof. Davies
City College Brighton & Hove	Monica Box
Adur District Council	Councillor Parkin
Brighton & Hove City Council	Councillor Morgan Councillor Theobald
Worthing Borough Council	Councillor Humphreys
Lewes District Council	Councillor Blackman
Mid Sussex District Council	Councillor Wall