



Cabinet Office



Mr Geoff Raw
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14 June 2016

Dear Mr Raw

ONE PUBLIC ESTATE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: GREATER BRIGHTON PARTNERSHIP

Thank you for your Expression of Interest to join the One Public Estate (OPE) programme. We received applications from over 30 partnerships involving over 100 councils, with many promising proposals showing clear project ideas and the potential to deliver significant benefits.

The OPE Programme Board welcomed your outline proposals and, subject to HM Treasury approval, has agreed to award you £50,000 to develop a final Services and Assets Delivery Plan by 29 July 2016.

Please note that this funding does not guarantee you a place on the OPE programme at this point in time. A decision on your participation and the level of further funding will be based on your final Services and Assets Delivery Plan.

Feedback on your Expression of Interest

The OPE Programme Board would like to provide the following feedback on your Expression of Interest which we hope you will find helpful and take into consideration when developing your final Services and Assets Delivery Plan.

- The Board was pleased to see a mix of projects in your Expression of Interest and felt that overall, the application put forward was strong, concise and clear in your ambition.
- You confirmed your partnership's intentions to meet the programme pre-selection criteria. Whilst the Board is aware that Brighton has already recorded assets onto e-PIMS, your application should provide a timeline for your wider partnership to do the same, as well as specify how the other pre-selection criteria will be met by the end of December 2016.
- You outlined how your programme will help to bring partners together on a wide scale across the City Region and the Board felt your application showed

significant potential to deliver through One Public Estate. The Board would however, like to further understand how well established each of the proposed projects is across the partnership. For example, whether they are early ideas discussed with partners, or joint propositions with early work already underway.

- The Board welcomed your intention to establish good governance arrangements in your Expression of Interest. It will be important for you to confirm the membership of your Greater Brighton Property Board in your final application.
- You mention a number of organisations involved in another OPE partnership - East Sussex and Surrey. You will need to show how your programme will operate to ensure there is no duplication of effort and outputs are correctly apportioned to reflect the separate programmes.
- A separate bid from Worthing Borough Council was also submitted to the programme. As this is already an existing partner of your programme, and you work together under the Greater Brighton City Deal, the Board would strongly encourage you to look at how you can integrate Worthing Borough Council's activity within your existing programme.
- The Board recognised that your work to identify outputs was at an early stage. You will need to develop this further for your final application and include more detail on the outputs for every year of delivery, including:
 - Capital receipts
 - Reduced running costs
 - New homes
 - Jobs created
 - Inward investment generated
- The Board would also like to see which partners/organisations will be responsible for delivering each individual project, as well as the wider programme. This is particularly helpful to show the responsibilities across your broad programme.

Next Steps

We hope the feedback in this letter is useful to continue to develop your programme and would encourage you to get in touch with the OPE Regional Property Advisors in your area to discuss your support requirements:

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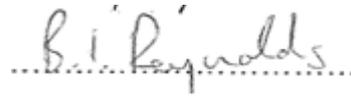
To enable the release of £50,000 grant funding, please send a signed copy of the enclosed pre-populated MoU to Amy.Nothay@local.gov.uk along with the lead council's bank details by 17 June 2016.

We would like to thank you for taking the time to apply to join One Public Estate and we look forward to working with you more closely in the coming months.

Yours sincerely,



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