

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL
GREATER BRIGHTON ECONOMIC BOARD

10.00am 2 APRIL 2025

DECISION LIST

Part One

36 SUSSEX ENERGY UPDATE

Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED:

- 2.1 That the Board notes the progress on Sussex Energy and notes the positive communication and engagement between officers from Local Authorities including East Sussex County Council, West Sussex County Council and Brighton & Hove City Council.
- 2.2 That the Board supports the next steps needed to take Sussex Energy forward as set out in the workstreams identified in section 3.5.
- 2.3 That the Board agrees to receive a further update on Sussex Energy at the next Board meeting.

37 GREATER BRIGHTON OPERATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS 2025/26

RESOLVED:

That the Board:

- 2.1 Notes that it has around £300,000 of budget based on carry-forward from 2024/25 and therefore agrees that much reduced budgetary contributions be sought from partners to fund the cost of running the Board and delivering its workplan in 2025/26.
- 2.2 Agrees the proposed expenditure in paragraph 3.4.
- 2.3 Agrees that in the context of devolution the Board will need to be agile and may need to consider requesting further funds from members if suitable project opportunities arise.

- 2.4 Agrees that Brighton & Hove City Council shall continue to act as Lead Authority for the Board in 2025/26.
- 2.5 Agree the process set out at sections 3.12 to 3.18 by which the Chair of the Board shall be nominated for 2025/26.

38 STRATEGIC WORKPLAN 2025/26

Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED:

- 2.1 That the Board commissions an independent study to review the economic opportunities for the region, in cooperation with the respective growth boards of the three upper tiers, fully considering the enhanced strategic powers, capability and perspective of the MCCA.
- 2.2 That the Board supports the proposed 2025/26 work programme priorities outlined in 3.19-3.40 to focus on three areas of competence with a devolved region lens: Environment and climate change, Economic development and regeneration, and Transport and infrastructure.
- 2.3 That the Board acknowledges that we are entering a transition period, with significant changes expected within a short timeframe, meaning that there needs to be some fluidity and adaptability within the work plan.

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