

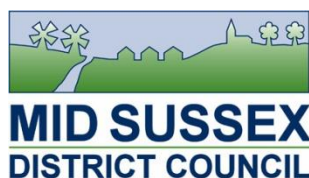


GREATER BRIGHTON ECONOMIC BOARD

**7 NOVEMBER 2017
10.00AM**

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SHOREHAM-BY-SEA BN43 5WU**

AGENDA



Title:	Greater Brighton Economic Board
Date:	7 November 2017
Time:	10.00am
Venue	Queen Elizabeth II Room, Shoreham Centre, Pond Road, Shoreham-by-Sea BN43 5WU
Members:	<p>Councillors: Smith (Chair), Humphreys, Janio, Morgan, Parkin and Wall</p> <p>Business Partners: Trevor Beattie, Prof. Michael Davies, Peter Webb, Prof. Debra Humphris, Nick Juba, Dean Orgill, Steve Allen and Andrew Swayne</p>
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(b) Declarations of Interest:

- (a) Disclosable pecuniary interests not registered on the register of interests;
- (b) Any other interests required to be registered under the local code;
- (c) Any other general interest as a result of which a decision on the matter might reasonably be regarded as affecting you or a partner more than a majority of other people or businesses in the ward/s affected by the decision.

In each case, you need to declare

- (i) the item on the agenda the interest relates to;
- (ii) the nature of the interest; and
- (iii) whether it is a disclosable pecuniary interest or some other interest.

If unsure, Members should seek advice from the committee lawyer or administrator preferably before the meeting.

(c) Exclusion of Press and Public: To consider whether, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, or the nature of the proceedings, the press and public should be excluded from the meeting when any of the following items are under consideration.

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GREATER BRIGHTON ECONOMIC BOARD

10.00am 18 JULY 2017

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL, NORTON ROAD, HOVE, BN3 3BQ

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Smith (Chair), Councillor Humphreys, Councillor Janio and Morgan, Councillor Wall

Business Partners: Steve Allen, Trevor Beattie, Dr Ian Carter, Prof. Humphris, Nick Juba, Dean Orgill, Andrew Swayne, Peter Webb

PART ONE

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

1.1 Robert Cottrill read the following statement:

“At its meeting on 25 April 2017, the Board agreed to a number of recommendations as to its Operating Principles, one being the process by which the Chair of the Board would be nominated for the 2017/18 term. Since the previous meeting, a confidential nomination and voting process was undertaken in accordance with that agreement Councillor Smith was nominated by fellow Board Members to the role of Chair of the Board for the 2017/18 municipal year”

1.2 The Board unanimously agreed to appoint Councillor Smith as Chair of the Greater Brighton Economic Board for the 2017/18 municipal year.

1.3 The Chair thanked Board Members for their support for his appointment and his predecessor Councillor Humphreys for his chairmanship in the 2016/17 year.

2 PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

2a Declarations of substitutes

2.1 Dr Carter was present as substitute for Prof. Davies.

2b Declarations of interests

2.3 There were none.

2c Exclusion of the press and public

2.4 In accordance with Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 (“the Act”), the Board considered whether the public should be excluded from the meeting during

consideration of any item of business on the grounds that it is likely in view of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during it, there would be disclosure to them of confidential information as defined in Section 100A (3) of the Act.

2.5 **RESOLVED-** That the press and public not be excluded.

3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 **RESOLVED-** That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 25 April 2017 be approved and signed as the correct record.

4 CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS

4.1 The Chair provided the following Communications:

On behalf of the Board I would like to welcome Cllr Tony Janio. Cllr Janio is Opposition Leader at Brighton & Hove City Council and joins the Board after Cllr Theobald stepped-down from the role.

This is the first Board meeting since Crawley Borough Council and Gatwick Airport Ltd were formally invited to be Constituent and Partner Members respectively. I am pleased that Councillor Peter Smith, Crawley's Chief Executive, Natalie Brahma-Pearl, and Alison Addy, Head of Community Engagement at Gatwick, are able to join us today. The Board is looking forward to working with Crawley and Gatwick through the ratification process.

Extending the membership to Crawley and Gatwick Airport will present us with tremendous opportunities in relation to economic regeneration and growth. It will allow us to focus on the A23/M23 growth corridor – linking Brighton, Gatwick and London. The corridor has been identified as one of nine in England to have been at the heart of growth over the last decade and likely to maintain a pivotal role in shaping growth in the future. This will strengthen both our voice to Government and our case for continued investment – both public and private.

This is Andy Hill's first meeting as the new Greater Brighton Business Manager for the Board, so welcome Andy. Andy replaces Thalia Liebig who made an invaluable contribution to the work of the Board.

It was agreed at the April Board meeting, that £40,000 would be utilised for the development of a proactive inward investment and export strategy, and that as lead partner, Brighton & Hove City Council would facilitate this process.

Work has now commenced on producing a new Economic and Inward Investment Strategy for Greater Brighton. The tender process to appoint specialists to support this work is well under way and following shortlisting and interview, we are looking to award the contract to the successful bidder next month.

The project will comprise three distinct phases:

- *Produce an evidence report, 'The City Region's Economic Story & Policy Context' - by end September 2017*
- *Consultation period with stakeholders, including consultation events, face-to-face and group interviews – October 2017-January 2018*
- *Development of the Strategy – final Strategy presented for approval to the Project Board by end February 2018.*

The formal invitation-only launch event for the Newhaven Enterprise Zone was held on Monday 26th June at the UTC@harbourside. The event was highly successful, with around 70 local dignitaries, businesses and partners attending, including Maria Caulfield MP. Attendees heard from a range of speakers, including Chris Rasmussen of Brightwell Dispensers (one of Newhaven's largest employers and have recently taken on new space within the Enterprise Zone).

5 GREATER BRIGHTON CITY REGION WORKSHOP

- 5.1 The Committee considered a report of the Chair, Greater Brighton Officer Programme Board that provided an update on discussions with central government about a City Region focused deep dive into the issues, challenges and economic opportunities in the Greater Brighton Region and sought Board support for the planned activities to raise the profile of the Greater Brighton City Region with government.
- 5.2 Councillor Morgan welcomed the update adding that officers from key government departments would be visiting to see the work of the Board and the City Region and he would urge other Board Members and partners to attend.
- 5.3 Councillor Wall stated that whilst he welcomed the extra time provided to prepare, the agenda for the workshop was very focussed upon Brighton and activity from across the Region could be better reflected in the programme.
- 5.4 Nick Juba stated that central government were keen in driving improvement in skills and the issue could have more prominence in the agenda.
- 5.5 Nick Hibberd thanked members for their comments that would be taken into account. The workshop would be limited to two days and it would be difficult to reflect the very broad work of the Board in that timeframe so key aspects had been targeted in the programme. In such a short timescale, it was not desirable not travel too much across the Region but there would be a specific focus on housing delivery in Mid-Sussex and progress on the Newhaven Enterprise Zone encompassing a visit.
- 5.6 **RESOLVED-** That the Board approves the proposals for the Greater Brighton City Region Workshop and the associated work streams.

6 UPDATE ON INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

- 6.1 The Board considered a report of the Chair, Greater Brighton Officer Programme Board that provided a progress update on the Greater Brighton Investment Programme since the previous meeting on 25 April 2017. The report also provided an update on the Local Growth Fund (LGF) in relation to both the allocations made as part of round 3 of the

Growth Deal and the progress of projects financed from unallocated Growth Deal round 1 and 2 funds.

- 6.2 Andrew Swayne praised the standard of the report but felt that future reports could give more details on timings and schedules. Andrew also requested the reintroduction of the traffic light grading for projects and timelines as a method of oversight.
- 6.3 Nick Hibberd replied that good progress was being made on projects and a lot of the work in the City Deal was now being delivered. The reintroduction of a traffic light grading could be considered alongside a closer alignment with the report mechanisms the LEP produced.
- 6.4 Steve Allen confirmed that the LEP used a project dashboard detailing deliverability and he would consult colleagues on the best way to share that.
- 6.5 Councillor Wall stated that the scale and ambition of the projects was clear to see however, it was clear that the regions highway authorities played a crucial role in the delivery of schemes, particularly those outside Brighton and at some point, the Board would have to consider their possible inclusion as active members.
- 6.6 Councillor Morgan stated that there was scope to address the points raised by Councillor Wall both through the LEP and SE7 and also Sub-National Transport Board for the South East (SNTB)
- 6.7 Councillor Wall replied that he did not believe the practicalities of the suggestion would be straightforward or simple.
- 6.8 Geoff Raw stated that it may be useful to the Board to receive a report on the matter both to understand and make clear the Board's role and to develop a narrative about what was intended across the City Region. That in turn could be put into the arena of the SNTB to influence funding and policy decisions.
- 6.9 Andrew Swayne stated that he was minded to agree with the comments made by Geoff Raw but it was essential that key transport partners were present at Board meetings in some capacity.
- 6.10 Prof Humphries stated that a joined up approach was incredibly important and a strategic engagement with partners and stakeholders was very much needed.
- 6.11 **RESOLVED-** That the Board note the report.

7 RAIL SOUTH

- 7.1 The Board considered a report of the Chair, Greater Brighton Officer Programme Board that outlined the options available to the Board in securing greater influence over rail infrastructure investment and rail franchising in the Region by working with and through the emerging Sub-National Transport Body, Transport for the South East.

- 7.2 Andrew Swayne welcomed the report that detailed a long and complex process. Andrew felt that there should be stronger emphasis on east to west transport connections however, the Brighton Mainline was at a critical stage and had to take first priority.
- 7.3 Prof. Humphris stated agreed that more emphasis was needed on east to west connections and stated her concern regarding the consideration by the rail franchise operators that services would stop to some smaller stations.
- 7.4 Councillor Morgan highlighted paragraph 4.2 and specifically that the aim of Rail South was to give customers, commuters and businesses and statutory voice into the awarding and operation of rail franchises.
- 7.5 Steve Allen agreed with previous comments that further conversations were needed on east to west connections and that needed to be in the context of connections to London.
- 7.6 Councillor Humphries stated he did not view the rail franchise issue as an overwhelming priority and that the majority of effort of the SNTB should be spent on making a case to increase rail capacity from London to Brighton as problems would persist until that was resolved.
- 7.7 Councillor Janio agreed that capacity was the most important issue and the Region needed to make a case on the need for improved rail infrastructure.
- 7.8 Steve Allen stated that the recommendations of the report ought to better to reflect a prioritisation of east to west connections.
- 7.9 Nick Hibberd stated that in previous consideration of the issue at GBEB meetings, there was consensus that the first priority would be investment in the Brighton to London mainline. Explicit emphasis on east to west connections could be added to, and reflected in recommendation 2.2 of the report should the Board agree.
- 7.10 Councillor Humphreys noted his concern that too many priorities may dilute the required emphasis on the Brighton to London mainline.
- 7.11 Nick Hibberd suggested that any motion to amend the recommendations could place emphasis on promotion of the east to west connections rather than prioritisation.
- 7.12 Councillor Humphreys agreed that the term promotion would better reflect the STNB and GBEB priorities.
- 7.13 Andrew Swayne moved a motion to amend recommendation 2.2 as shown in bold italics below:
- 2.2 That the Board use their positions on the Shadow Board of SNTB Transport for the South East to ensure;
- The development of a Rail Strategy as part of the SNTB Transport Strategy
 - The prioritisation of Brighton Main Line Upgrade project by Network Rail early in the next Control Period (CP6: 2019-2024)

- The ~~prioritisation~~ ***promotion*** of other rail improvements ***including those east to west*** and regional connections including those centred on Lewes – Uckfield, and connecting the Region to other areas of the South East including Heathrow.

7.14 Prof. Humphris formally seconded the motion.

7.15 The Chair put the motion to the vote which passed.

7.16 The Chair put the recommendations, as amended to the vote which passed.

7.17 RESOLVED-

- 1) That members of the Board support the proposal to develop a “Rail South” model as a workstream under the emerging Sub National Transport Body, Transport for South East
- 2) That the Board use their positions on the Shadow Board of SNTB Transport for the South East to ensure;
 - The development of a Rail Strategy as part of the SNTB Transport Strategy
 - The prioritisation of Brighton Main Line Upgrade project by Network Rail early in the next Control Period (CP6: 2019-2024)
 - The promotion of other rail improvements including those east to west and regional connections including those centred on Lewes – Uckfield, and connecting the Region to other areas of the South East including Heathrow.

8 ONE PUBLIC ESTATE

- 8.1 The Board considered a report of the Chair, Greater Brighton Officer Programme Board that provided an update on progress in relation to the City Region’s One Public Estate programme.
- 8.2 The Assistant Director, Property & Design noted that the recommendations requested the nomination of a business representative to join the Greater Brighton Strategic Property Board. With the Board’s consent, that could be discussed with the business sector and brought back to the Board for approval.
- 8.3 Andrew Swayne noted that the One Public Estate programme was a key deliverable in the City Deal as part of public sector transformation. Andrew Swayne requested that more data be provided for future reports covering sites and details of housing projection on a site by site basis with delivery timescale. Andrew added that West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service was missing from the appendices and should be added in for future reports and the terminology for Greater Brighton Metropolitan College needed to be updated.
- 8.4 Dean Orgill stated that the potential ratification of Crawley Borough Council to join the Board would see an increase in potential project scale and asked how the current programme would dovetail.

- 8.5 Angela Dymott stated that the issue has not yet been discussed in a high level of detail but certainly would be in due course.
- 8.6 Prof Humphris stated that the University of Brighton (UoB) were delighted to be connected to many of the developments particularly the potential Healthcare Hub at Preston Barracks that would bring in the UoB's medical health science and social work school, linking academic activity with health and wellbeing services for local people.

8.7 RESOLVED-

- 1) That the Board notes the report.
- 2) That the Board nominates a business representative to join the Greater Brighton Strategic Property Board.

9 UPDATE ON SCIENCE FESTIVAL

- 9.1 The Board considered a presentation from Andrew Swayne that provided an overview of the upcoming Science Festival to be held in September 2017 across a number of locations in Brighton & Hove.
- 9.2 Prof Humphris stated that there were an extensive number of public lectures including some by those who would go on to become experts in their fields and urged people to attend.
- 9.3 Councillor Janio asked if there was anything the Board could do to encourage engagement and participation.
- 9.4 Andrew Swayne answered that the Board Members could promote the event in their varying capacities and roles and attend the events themselves.

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 10.1 Andrew Swayne noted the A27 Worthing to Lancing scheme consultation opened the next day. Andrew stated that the consultation period was too short and the documentation was very complex so a request had been made to Highways England to extend the consultation as it was a major decision for the city region. Andrew requested that Board Members attend the events and engage with the consultation.

The meeting concluded at 11.30am

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

Subject:	Towards a Greater Brighton Local Industrial Strategy - Greater Brighton City Region Workshop		
Date of Meeting:	7 November 2017		
Report of:	Chair, Greater Brighton Officer Programme Board		
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LA(s) affected:	All		

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

- 1.1 On the 25th April 2017 the Greater Brighton Economic Board gave approval to the Greater Brighton response to the Government's Industrial Strategy. Following this submission, officers from Brighton & Hove City Council (BHCC) engaged with Central Government officials from the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) about a City Region focused workshop into the issues, challenges and economic opportunities in the Greater Brighton City Region.
- 1.2 These and subsequent discussions resulted in a two day Greater Brighton City Region Workshop "Charrette" which was held on Thursday 28 September – Friday 29 September. This report and Outcomes Report (to follow as Appendix 1), provide a review of the two day Charrette, and recommended next steps.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Board note the report and approves the recommended next steps in terms of future working with Central Government.

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 On the 23 January 2017, Government published its Building Our Industrial Strategy Green Paper and invited comments. On the 13th April 2017 the Greater Brighton response to the Green Paper was submitted to Government.
- 3.2 The Greater Brighton submission highlighted the need for ongoing investment in the South East region due to its strategically important role in the UK both in terms of its fiscal contribution to the exchequer and in the opportunities that it creates for increased economic activity. The term Southern Accelerator was coined within the document as an overarching vision for the region within which other structures, strategies and bids would sit. The Southern Accelerator is

similar to that of the Northern Powerhouse and the Midlands engine in helping to frame future investment for growth.

- 3.3 Greater Brighton's response to the Green Paper also highlighted the importance of place. If the government's Industrial Strategy is to succeed in supporting growth up and down the country, then place should be the over-arching framework on which the strategy is based – and city regions like Greater Brighton are where the pillars of the strategy will come together.
- 3.4 In April 2017 the Executive Director for Economy Environment & Culture at BHCC met with officials from BEIS and the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) Cities and Local Growth Unit (CLoG) to explore opportunities for joint working as part of their work on the Industrial Strategy and with a particular focus on economic growth in the context of place.
- 3.5 The initial areas of focus that Government wanted to consider were:-
- City Ambassadors & City Halls for Business (see previous report to the Board)
 - Housing Growth Corridor
 - Digital Growth
 - University Driven Growth
 - Creative Digital Growth
 - Skills
- 3.6 BEIS and DCLG were keen to take forward this work through a series of intensive workshop sessions to explore these themes drawing on the knowledge and expertise of senior leaders, government officials and businesses. The aim was to agree areas of focus that would be of interest to government in taking forward the Industrial Strategy and which may lead to shared investment.
- 3.7 Sam Beckett, Director General of International, Growth and Analysis at BEIS, and Simon Ridley, Director General of Decentralisation and Growth at DCLG both wanted to attend the first of these interactions, and it was decided that this would take the form of a 2-day workshop (Charrette) over 28-29 September.
- 3.8 Working closely with colleagues from BEIS, officers from BHCC developed a programme that was aligned to the areas of interest and responsibility of Sam Beckett and Simon Ridley, the two most senior Central Government officials attending the Charrette.
- 3.9 From the original list in 3.5, the decision was to focus on two main themes; *Housing Delivery & Infrastructure* (28 September) and *Knowledge Intensive & Creative Digital Growth* (29 September).

- 3.10 Workshop 1 focused upon Housing Delivery and Infrastructure and explored the potential components of a Housing Deal for Greater Brighton. The workshop was held at the Ricardo Centenary Innovation Centre. Infrastructure indisputably has a role to play in supporting economic growth. To support the ongoing success of Greater Brighton, policy needs to facilitate investment in housing and commercial space in conjunction with improvements to infrastructure. The workshop provided an overview of the housing initiatives taking place across the City Region to accelerate housing delivery and tackle the housing affordability crisis.
- 3.11 Workshop 2 focused upon Local Industrial Strategies and how Greater Brighton can grow the knowledge intensive economy and creative digital cluster. This included a visit to the University of Brighton's new Advanced Engineering Building and demonstrations from start-up digital businesses in Brighton's Digital Catapult. The workshop provided an overview of the growth of the digital cluster in Brighton, the challenges and opportunities for the cluster and explored how digital technologies can support further growth.
- 3.12 On each day of the Charrette, the first part of the day was used for setting the scene, including presentations and tours of places in Greater Brighton relevant to that theme. The second part of each day was set aside for facilitated and interactive workshop sessions. The final programme is contained within the Charrette Brochure (Appendix 2)
- 3.13 During the planning phase thought was given to the possible components of Housing and Creative Digital & IT (CDIT) Cluster deals and these have formed the basis of opening the dialogue with Central Government on how they can help the Greater Brighton City Region accelerate housing delivery and support the rapidly growing CDIT sector. Five components for each were identified, and these are outlined on page 2 of the infographic handout (Appendix 3).

Next Steps

- 3.14 The Charrette Outcomes Report brings together the main themes from several key pieces of work; the feedback from the Charrette workshop sessions, the Greater Brighton Devolution Prospectus and the Greater Brighton response to the Industrial Strategy Green Paper. The result is that we have been able to frame the possible components of a Housing & Infrastructure Deal, a CDIT Cluster Deal, and more widely a Greater Brighton Local Industrial Strategy, which also brings in elements on skills and trade & export.
- 3.15 Following approval from the Board on the key asks there will be discussions with Board Partners around formulating the main offers. Parallel conversations with Central Government will help to refine both the asks and offers, and we will work with Central Government and the Coast-to-Capital LEP towards developing a Local Industrial Strategy for Greater Brighton.
- 3.16 Progress on these negotiations will be regularly reported back to this Board. Any final outcome/deal or other decisions would be presented to this Board for approval.

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 On 31 January 2017 the Greater Board received a report on the work undertaken to update the Greater Brighton Devolution Bid. However, the pace at which new devolution deals are agreed has slowed dramatically since the initial agreements were made and it is evident from the emerging Industrial Strategy that government is considering new ways to engage with local government in delivering economic growth.
- 4.2 The Charrette forms part of the refocused engagement between central and local government which aims to identify particular areas of need where Government intervention will have the greatest impact.
- 4.3 The aim of the Charrette was to reach a shared understanding of the opportunities and issues for delivering a Greater Brighton Local Industrial Strategy, and to help identify the priority areas for future collaborative working, including identifying the components for a Housing Deal for Greater Brighton and a deal reflecting the City Region's sector strengths and Creative Digital Cluster.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The Charrette programme was developed through a process of consultation with key agencies and businesses across the City Region, and this will also be the same for any subsequent events. Delivering the two-day programme required the support and active involvement of many of the Greater Brighton Economic Board Partners and the local business community.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 The Board is asked to note the report and approves the recommended next steps in terms of future working with Central Government.

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 7.1 Funding was set aside from the Greater Brighton Operational Budget and contributions from members to support the City Region Workshop. The 2017/18 Greater Brighton operational Budget and contributions from members were reported to this Board on 25 April 2017.

Finance Officer Consulted: Rob Allen, Principal Accountant *Date: 17/10/17*

Legal Implications:

- 7.2 There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

Lawyer Consulted: Alice Rowland, Head of Commercial Law *Date: 18/10/17*

Equalities Implications:

7.3 None

Sustainability Implications:

7.4 None

Any Other Significant Implications:

7.5 None

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Charrette Outcomes Report (copy to follow)
2. Charrette Brochure
3. Charrette Infographic Handout

Background Documents

1. None



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Charrette

28-29 September 2017

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A welcome from the Chairman

Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the Greater Brighton Economic Board, I warmly welcome you to the Greater Brighton City Region Charrette.

The Greater Brighton Economic Board was established in March 2014, bringing together, as a formally constituted partnership, the Leaders and Chief Officers from the public sector, education and business sectors to work collectively on 'larger than local' issues. The purpose of the Board is to protect and grow the Greater Brighton economy, by formulating economic policy and co-ordinating economic activities and investments at the City Region level. So far the partnership has secured over £150m of Growth Deal funding held by the Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership, which will unlock around £2bn of private investment.

Over the last three years we have built some real momentum, and the focus of the Charrette is to consider how we can deliver the Industrial Strategy in the context of place, build on the City Deal and further drive economic growth in the Greater Brighton City Region.

The workshop will bring together the City Region's diverse, expert business community, senior officers and leadership from the local authorities that form the Greater Brighton City Region. The Charrette will feature two themed sessions that will focus on specific areas of challenge and opportunity for the City Region; implementing suitable infrastructure to unlock housing delivery, and knowledge intensive and creative digital growth.

The Charrette will provide an invaluable opportunity to learn more about what the City Region has to offer, and an excellent chance to share ideas with colleagues across a number of agencies. We hope you find the workshop interesting and insightful.



Councillor Andy Smith
Leader of Lewes District Council
Chairman of the Greater Brighton Economic Board

Greater Brighton City Region

The Greater Brighton Economic Board was established as part of the Greater Brighton City Region's City Deal with Government in 2014. It brings together, in a formally constituted partnership, the City Region's key stakeholders:

- 6 Local authorities
- 3 Business Partnerships
- 2 Universities
- Further Education Colleges
- Coast to Capital LEP
- South Downs National Park Authority
- Gatwick Airport Ltd

Map of the Greater Brighton City Region



Key facts and figures



Greater Brighton
Population – 820,000,
97,000 higher
by 2030



Greater Brighton
Jobs – 360,145,
48,000 higher
by 2030

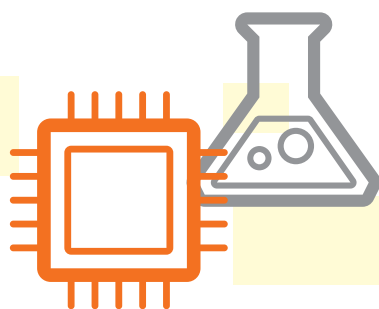


Active
businesses –
35,565

Key opportunities



UK Leading sectors
include the rapidly
growing £1bn Creative
Digital & IT sector; and
is expected to be a
£2bn sector
by 2022.



Research and Innovation
contributes £832m GVA
to UK economy and
expected to
rise by 50%
over next two years.



In the
Top 10
of cities for
qualified
workforce.

Key challenges

Housing – Affordability ratios across the region 50% higher than national average, and Brighton 4th least affordable city in the UK. Only around 2% of properties are affordable to first time buyers.

Inequality – Brighton 4th least equal city in the UK.

Transport – Congested road and rail networks lead to slow journey times to key destinations within Greater Brighton and the wider South East Region; it takes over 2 hours to get to Heathrow Airport by train and over 80 minutes to travel 34 miles to Guildford.

Productivity – Greater Brighton is being outperformed locally; Greater Brighton GVA/head was £51,479 in 2014, compared to £56,665 in West Sussex as a whole and £63,177 in the Gatwick Diamond.

The future

Quality homes that people can afford to rent or buy – in the next 5 years Greater Brighton will deliver 1,000 new living wage rent or ownership homes; a further 7,500 homes will be complete or under development, of which 2,000 will be first time homes and starter homes.

Inclusive Growth – delivering sustainable economic growth from which all of our residents can benefit from, whether that be from the creation of rewarding jobs at all levels or increased skills.

Space for businesses to grow – more commercial space is needed across the region. The Newhaven Enterprise Zone launched in June will provide 55,000sqm of new floor space and 15,000sqm refurbished space, creating and protecting 2,000 jobs. Mid Sussex District Council is bringing forward 25-30 hectares of employment space as part of the Burgess Hill Growth Programme, which will equate to circa 100,000sqm new floor space and 2,500 jobs.

Smart connectivity and better air quality – Greater Brighton is already at the forefront of active travel. According to a Centre for Cities Blog in July 2017, Brighton City has the lowest proportion of workers driving to work outside of London, and the 3rd highest proportion of commuters cycling to work after Cambridge and Oxford. Future plans include a network of cycle routes across the City Region with supporting infrastructure and the introduction of smart ticketing across all modes of transport.

Greater Brighton – the importance of place



18 If the government's industrial strategy is to succeed in supporting growth up and down the country, then place should be the over-arching framework on which the strategy is based – and city regions like Greater Brighton are where the pillars of the strategy will come together. Economic activity in the UK is not evenly or randomly distributed across the country – it is clustered in cities and city regions. National Industrial policy should tackle the issues making places like Greater Brighton less productive, as well as supporting those sectors that can deliver growth. Different cities face different opportunities and challenges, and so for industrial policy to be effective cities must be able to develop and implement their own tailored approach to supporting their economy.

Greater Brighton can support the agglomeration of firms from a range of different sectors – and through working with our two universities can make the most of the knowledge spill-overs and

innovation that this enables – through acting on the strengths and weaknesses of our economy.

Places matter to people. They shape the way we live our lives, feel about ourselves and the relationships we have with others. The history, character and physical form of a place, contributes significantly to personal and societal wellbeing.

Our city region leadership through the Greater Brighton Economic Board has proven its strength and skill in weathering some steep challenges. We are delivering a £2bn Investment Programme, delivering high quality public services despite austerity and are working on a one public estate approach to managing our land and assets. Despite these successes, some of our biggest challenges are still to be tackled. Greater Brighton's productivity remains low compared to the national average, housing costs are over 12 times average income, congestion contributes to pockets of poor air quality, and as the UK starts

its journey out of the EU, our city region needs to remain open to trade, skills and ideas.

Places are also where innovation happens. Places are where innovation eco-systems exist, and where institutions can be established to bring together people and ideas with science and R&D.

An industrial strategy that recognises place will require decisions to be taken locally and tailored to address the specific challenges and opportunities present in different cities. Through effective governance and development of the right local institutions, Greater Brighton can create the framework on which the various pillars of the Industrial Strategy are developed and delivered, helping to foster the emergence of new businesses and supporting the growth of those already existing. Investment in skills and infrastructure will be critical components of ensuring wider benefits of economic growth across the City Region. Government needs to

genuinely empower Greater Brighton partners in the public, private and third sectors to take a lead, working with employers, universities, local authorities and other business organisations to support innovation and skills across all sectors current and future.

Placed-based policy-making is critical to creating inclusive growth because it relies on aligning social and economic policy to match local needs. It is the only way of joining up public services and investment. As Government focuses leaving the EU, Greater Brighton will get on with the detailed task of building a successful and inclusive post-Brexit economy as part of a truly place-based Industrial Strategy. Greater Brighton is ambitious but our common sense proposals for growth are pragmatic and don't require full devolution to succeed. We don't need to wait for a full devolution deal, but with government support we're ready to get on with the task now.

Agenda – Day 1

Thursday 28 September

Housing Delivery & Infrastructure

09:45-10:15	Introduction to the programme (Ricardo Centenary Innovation Centre) Outlining the specific aims and objectives of the day
10:15-10:50	Overview of the Greater Brighton City Region Economy Presentation – to gain a sense of place <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to the City Region; the work of the Greater Brighton Economic Board; and current investment programme• Outline of the opportunities and challenges facing the City Region
10:50-12:30	Housing Delivery & Infrastructure Development Projects Tour A bus tour taking in some current development projects
12:30-13:15	Lunch and optional tour of the Ricardo facility
13:15-16:15	Themed Workshop 1: Housing Delivery & Infrastructure: What are the potential components of a Housing Deal for Greater Brighton? An interactive discussion to cover; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learning from the site visit• Sites and enabling infrastructure – identifying potential sites where delivery could be accelerated or offer additional housing• Freedoms and flexibilities - explore new models for unlocking housing delivery in Greater Brighton• Summarise conclusions and next steps
16:15	Close

Agenda – Day 2

Friday 29 September

Knowledge Intensive & Creative Digital Growth

10:00-10:10	Arrival, Introductions and welcome to Day Two British Airways i360
10:10-10:40	Overview of the Greater Brighton City Region Economy – The Southern Accelerator <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to the City Region; the work of the Greater Brighton Economic Board; and current investment programme• Delivering the Industrial Strategy in the context of place• How Government can support the City Region economy
10:40-11:15	Greater Brighton City Region from above <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A flight on the British Airways, i360: A view of the City Region from above, showing some of the key features of the area
11:15-11:45	Bus ride to the University of Brighton Advanced Engineering Centre
11:45-12:45	Refreshments and a tour of the recently completed Advanced Engineering Centre
12:45-13:00	Bus Ride to the Digital Catapult, Brighton (New England House)
13:00-14:00	Welcome to New England House Digital Hub <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lunch and demonstration of Virtual Reality and Immersive Technologies• Overview of New England House and tour including the Digital Catapult and 5G Test Bed
14:00-16:00	Themed Workshop 2: Local Industrial Strategies: How could we grow the Brighton creative digital cluster, and what are the potential components of a Cluster Deal? An interactive discussion to cover; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learning from the tour• Challenges and opportunities for the cluster• How digital technologies can help to drive innovation across the region• How further growth could be supported• Summarise conclusions and next steps
16:00-16:30	Reflections, Next Steps & Close

Workshop sessions

Thursday 28 September

Ricardo Centenary Innovation Centre (13:15-16:15)

Housing Delivery & Infrastructure

Workshop 1: Housing Delivery & Infrastructure: What are the potential components of a Housing Deal for Greater Brighton?

Session Chair: Geoff Raw, Chief Executive Officer, Brighton & Hove City Council

Infrastructure indisputably has a role to play in supporting economic growth. To support the on-going success of Greater Brighton, policy needs to facilitate investment in housing and commercial space in conjunction with improvements to infrastructure.

This workshop will provide an overview of the initiatives taking place across the City Region to accelerate housing delivery and tackle the housing affordability crisis. This will include an overview of the Living Wage Joint Venture that will deliver 1,000 homes affordable to working households on low incomes, and work with the Homes and Community Agency (HCA) to unlock large strategic sites, including the plans to deliver around 6,000 homes in Mid Sussex. It will be an opportunity to discuss the housing need; our Local Plan targets and our track record of delivery.

Across the Greater Brighton Region there are a number of sites unlocked and projects in the pipeline to deliver through the Housing Infrastructure Fund. A Greater Brighton Housing City Deal, including a grant-based land development fund to unlock delivery where stymied, will empower Greater Brighton to deliver the affordable homes critical to the on-going success of the City Region.

Possible areas for further exploration at the workshop include:

- Would a Greater Brighton Housing Development Zone approach provide the powers and impetus to unlock housing delivery on key strategic sites?
- What are the challenges of how to unlock and accelerate delivery on existing sites?
- Exploring how we can get certainty of funding availability from the HCA to unlock schemes.
- Exploring the potential for delivering more affordable housing through raising the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) cap, local flexibility around Right-to-Buy and relaxing the rules/relationships between councils and subsidiaries.
- How further development of Coastal West Sussex and the Greater Brighton Strategic Planning Board's spatial framework can be supported, linking with long term strategic infrastructure and other transport plans.

Friday 29 September

New England House (The Digital Catapult) (14:00-16:00)

Knowledge Intensive & Creative Digital Growth

Workshop 2: Local Industrial Strategies: How could we grow the Brighton creative digital cluster, and what are the potential components of a Cluster Deal?

Session Chair: Tara Solesbury, Programme Manager, AHRC Creative Economy Programme

The workshop will provide an overview of the growth of the digital cluster in Greater Brighton, the challenges and opportunities for the cluster, how digital technologies can help to drive innovation across the economy and consider how Government can support further growth.

The digital economy in Brighton is the fastest growing sector generating over £1 billion to the city each year making it equal to tourism in value. The sector benefitted from investment through the City Deal to upgrade and expand New England House as the focal point for the city's digital cluster.

The strategy supported through the signing of the Greater Brighton City Deal has enabled the co-location of a number of opportunities in the same city and the same building; the Brighton Digital Catapult, the Brighton Digital Exchange and 5G Test bed.

With support from Government, the City Region is ready to deliver full-fibre ultrafast broadband. The Greater Brighton City Region is working with West Sussex County Council on an investment solution to deliver ultrafast broadband fibre infrastructure as part of the 'Gigabit Greater Brighton City Region' strategy. This will drive future economic growth by working with SMEs in the delivery of new products and services, and through developing 5G technologies.

Possible areas for further exploration at the workshop include:

- Support from 5G fund and Broadband Infrastructure Investment Fund to exploit new challenges and opportunities in the digital sector.
- Develop a local Digital Connectivity Delivery Plan for both broadband and mobile connectivity. This will include rolling out ultrafast broadband to all businesses and urban areas and superfast broadband to rural and hard to reach areas.
- Exploring the possibility of a sub-national digital body to create a UK Silicon Valley stretching from Oxford/Cambridge to Greater Brighton.
- How to establish support mechanisms to help innovators to scale-up from prototype to market ready products and realise scale

Greater Brighton's offer to government – Enabling the industrial strategy



1. Southern Accelerator – Driving growth across the whole country

The Greater Brighton Economic Board believes that the creation of the *Southern Accelerator*, similar to the Northern Powerhouse and the Midlands Engine, would provide an overarching vision for the region within which other structures, strategies and bids would sit. With relatively modest interventions in the City Region's road, rail and digital infrastructure and with the tools to unlock the essential housing and employment floorspace, Greater Brighton can deliver improved productivity and growth.

2. Empowering City Regions to respond to the challenge – upgrading infrastructure

The Board welcomes Government's desire to better align the planning of infrastructure more effectively with local growth priorities. It seeks a decentralised and consolidated transport fund with a multi-year settlement from Government. The Board has ambitious plans to deliver the affordable housing that the region requires, and seeks to accelerate delivery through a Housing Deal with Government.

3. City Halls for Business – Creating the right institutions to bring together sector and places

The Board is ready to pilot a 'City Halls for Business' model, using Brighton's Town Hall as a multi-agency hub to support business growth, attract inward investment and promote trade.

4. Business Ambassadors – Encouraging Trade and Inward Investment

A Business Ambassador role is being piloted as an example of a modern sector 'Alderman' type role within local government. The role aims to help attract inward investment, support trade delegations and missions, voice the needs of their sector and influence the City Region's strategic development.

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6. Greater Brighton Smart Growth – Cultivating World Leading Sectors

The Board is currently taking steps to better understand the City Region's sectors and sub-sectors and is developing a Smart Growth Strategy for Greater Brighton. Our two universities are driving growth in our industry leading sectors:

- Creative Digital & Information Technology (CDIT)
- Advanced Engineering
- Life Sciences
- Quantum Technology

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The Board would like to pilot a new approach to utility companies working more closely together on place based infrastructure, energy security and smart grid solutions to support growth and respond to challenges, such as the roll out of electric vehicles.

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9. Skills for the future – developing skills

The Board asks Government to work with the City Region to support the newly created Greater Brighton Metropolitan College (GB Met) and the University Technical College (UTC) in Newhaven to secure investment via the proposed £170m of capital funds proposed in the Industrial Strategy.

There is potential for higher level and degree apprenticeships to serve as a route for people from under-represented groups to upskill, progress and reskill whilst in paid employment. Partnership arrangements between universities and local employers subject to the apprenticeship levy can enable these 'levies' to be re-invested back into their own workforces and the local economy.

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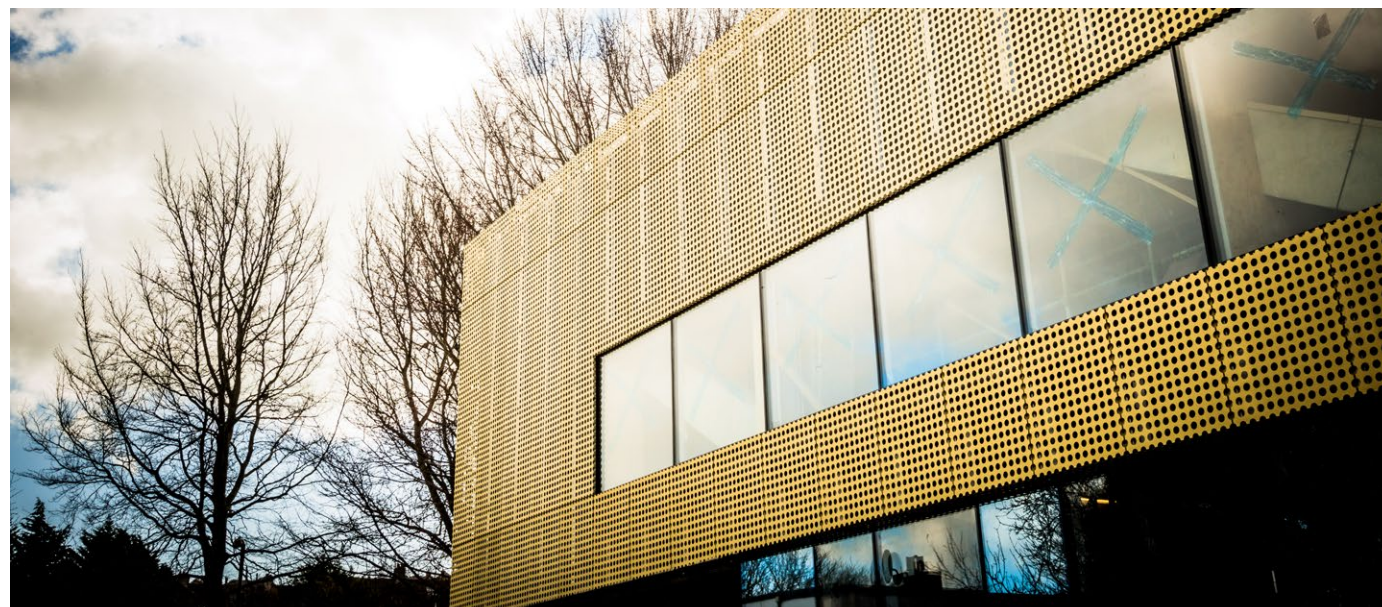
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Lower Kings Road
Brighton
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Digital Catapult

New England House
New England Street
Brighton
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Advanced Engineering Centre

University of Brighton
Moulsecoomb Campus
Cockcroft Building
BN2 4GJ



Ricardo Centenary
Innovation Centre

Old Shoreham Road
Shoreham by Sea
BN43 5FG



HOUSING & INFRASTRUCTURE

5 POTENTIAL COMPONENTS OF A HOUSING DEAL FOR GREATER BRIGHTON

- 1 A Greater Brighton/HCA partnership to align policy and resources
- 2 A Housing Development Zone model, including a Land Value Capture mechanism and simplified CPO powers
- 3 A grant-based land development fund to unlock delivery
- 4 VAT exemption on empty property refurbishment, bringing it in line with new developments
- 5 Supporting Councils in their direct and indirect delivery of affordable homes – through lifting the HRA cap, local flexibility around Right-to-Buy and relaxing the rules/relationships between councils and subsidiaries

DIGITAL GROWTH

5 POTENTIAL COMPONENTS OF A CDIT CLUSTER DEAL

- 1 Investment in ultrafast (full-fibre) broadband infrastructure
- 2 Exploring the possibility of sub-national digital body to create a UK Silicon Valley
- 3 Support the Brighton Digital Catapult to pilot 5G technologies across the Greater Brighton Economy
- 4 A local Digital Connectivity Plan for broadband and mobile connectivity
- 5 Establish support mechanisms to help innovators to scale-up from prototype to market ready products and realise scale

Subject:	Greater Brighton Economic Board 2016/17 Annual Report		
Date of Meeting:	07 November 2017		
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LA(s) affected:	All		

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

- 1.1 The reporting and accountability arrangements for the Greater Brighton Economic Board ('the Board') are set out within its [Heads of Terms](#). These arrangements require the Board to submit an annual report to each of its representative bodies.
- 1.2 In previous years the Annual Report has been presented to the Board for approval at the first Board meeting in the municipal year. At the 25 April 2017 Board meeting, the Board agreed that the Annual Report for 2016/17 should be presented at the meeting on 7 November 2017 (this meeting). This report contains the Board's 2016/17 Annual Report, which is attached as Appendix 1.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Board approves the 2016/17 Annual Report.
- 2.2 That the Board agrees to submit the 2016/17 Annual Report to each of the bodies represented on the Board.

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The 2016/17 Annual Report is attached as Appendix 1.
- 3.2 The Report outlines the role of the Board and its strategy for growing the City Region economy. It summarises the key areas of work that the Board undertook in 2016/17 to deliver its medium to long-term strategy, including:
 - a) The Greater Brighton Investment Programme; a co-ordinated programme of regeneration and infrastructure projects that support the creation of a network of high-value growth centres in key locations across the City Region. In

2016/17, several projects moved from delivery phase to completion, and the report demonstrates the excellent progress that has been made.

- b) The Greater Brighton One Public Estate Programme; an initiative funded by the Cabinet Office Government Property Unit (GPU) and delivered in partnership with the Local Government Association (LGA). The Programme is designed to facilitate and enable local authorities to work successfully with Government and local agencies on public property and land issues through sharing and collaboration. Greater Brighton joined the National Programme in November 2016.
- c) Greater Brighton's response to the Government's Industrial Strategy Green Paper; The Board welcomed the renewed emphasis on improving productivity and achieving an economy that works for everyone. In April 2017 the Board submitted its response, which is consistent with Greater Brighton's devolution proposal.
- d) The Greater Brighton City Region Workshop; In September 2017 representatives from across Greater Brighton hosted a two-day workshop, attended by a number of senior civil servants from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), and the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG). The aim was to reach a shared understanding of the opportunities and issues for delivering a Greater Brighton Local Industrial Strategy, and to help identify the priority areas for future collaborative working, including identifying the components for a Housing Deal for Greater Brighton and a deal to support the City Region's Creative Digital & IT Cluster.

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 Reporting and accountability arrangements are set out in the Board Heads of Terms (see 1.1).

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Not required.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 In line with the Board's reporting and accountability arrangements, Members of the Board are asked to agree the 2016/17 Annual Report and to submit this to their respective organisations.

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 7.1 There are no direct financial implications as a result of this report and the Greater Brighton Economic Board 2016/17 Annual Report in Appendix 1 details the activities of the Board and summarises key areas of work that the Board

undertook in 2016/17 to deliver its medium to long term strategy including specific projects relating to the Greater Brighton City Workshop, the Greater Brighton Investment Programme and the National One Public Estate Programme. All of these projects were able to assist with securing grants and funding for key projects across the City Region. The key areas of work and the financial benefits are detailed on paragraph 3.2 above.

Finance Officer Consulted: Rob Allen, Principal Accountant Date: 17/10/17

Legal Implications:

- 7.2 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report. The legal implications of decisions made by the Board, including those relating to the key areas of work referred to in section 3 of this report, were addressed at the time decisions were made and are reviewed on an ongoing basis.

Lawyer Consulted: Oliver Asha, Commercial Projects Solicitor Date: 25/10/2017

Equalities Implications:

- 7.3 None.

Sustainability Implications:

- 7.4 None.

Any Other Significant Implications:

- 7.5 None

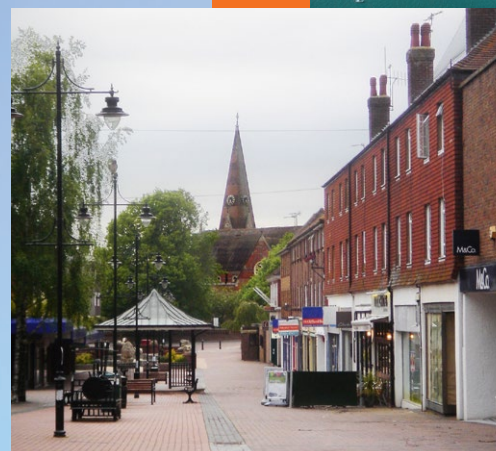
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Greater Brighton Economic Board 2016/17 Annual Report

Background Documents

1. [Greater Brighton Economic Board Operational Arrangements for 2017/18](#), 25 April 2017



Greater Brighton Economic Board Annual Report 2016/17

CITY REGION HIGHLIGHTS



OUR SUCCESSES SO FAR



**Building
Flood
defences**

**Delivering
750,000m²
employment
floor space**



**Making
better use
of our assets**



**Unlocking
£2bn
in private
sector
investment**

£150m
secured in Local
Growth Funding
(LGF)

**Improving
our road
network**

**Creating
24,000
jobs**

**Building
18,000
homes**

OUR FUTURE

Our Barriers to Growth



Housing



Transport



Digital Infrastructure



Inequality

Our Opportunities for Growth

**Creative Digital
& IT £1bn** &
expected to
double
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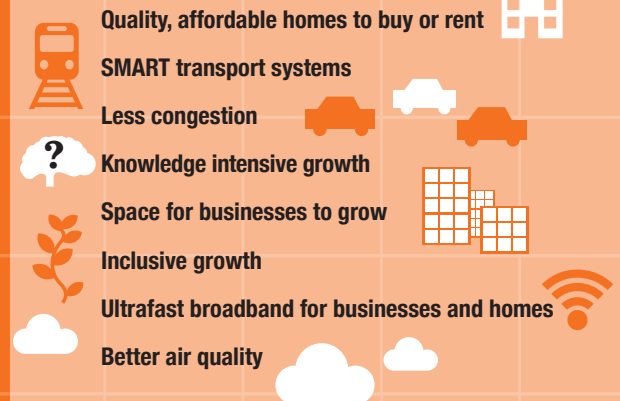
**5
years**

**Advanced Engineering
& Quantum Technology**

**Health &
Life Sciences**

**Low Carbon Environmental
Goods & Services**

Our Future City Region



The Greater Brighton Economic Board ('the Board') was formed as part of the City Region's 2014 City Deal with Government. This year marked the Board's third year of operation and, under the Leadership of Councillor Daniel Humphreys and Councillor Andy Smith, the partnership has continued to develop and mature.

The aim of the Board is to protect and grow the Greater Brighton economy. By bringing together all of the City Region's key stakeholders as a formally constituted partnership, the Board is able to co-ordinate economic development and investment activities across the City Region. Only by working collaboratively to maximise the opportunities and remove the blockers for growth will the City Region fulfil its full economic potential.

The Board believes that the creation of the Southern Accelerator, similar to the Northern Powerhouse and the Midlands Engine, would provide an overarching vision for the region within which other structures, strategies and bids would sit. With relatively modest interventions in the City Region's road, rail and digital infrastructure and with the tools to unlock the essential housing and employment floorspace, Greater Brighton can deliver improved productivity and growth.

The focus of the Board is to create the right balance in the City Region economy, between traditional and coastal industries such as tourism, retail and the public sector (which currently provide over 50% of all jobs in Greater Brighton) and modern, high-tech and high-value industries in key growth sectors. For Greater Brighton, these sectors are: Creative Digital and IT; Low Carbon and Environmental Goods and Services; Advanced Engineering in marine, aviation, automotive, defence and electronics, and; Health and Life Sciences.

6 Local Authorities

Adur District Council
Brighton & Hove City Council
Crawley Borough Council
Lewes District Council
Mid Sussex District Council
Worthing Borough Council

3 Business Partnerships

Adur & Worthing Business Partnership
Brighton & Hove Economic Partnership
Coastal West Sussex Partnership

2 Universities

University of Brighton
University of Sussex

3 Further Education Colleges

Greater Brighton Metropolitan College
Plumpton College
Sussex Downs College

Local Enterprise Partnership

Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership

National Park Authority

South Downs National Park Authority

Gatwick Airport Ltd

To support the City Region reaching its economic potential, the Board works collectively to build on its economic assets and unblock its barriers to growth by;

- Shaping and delivering the Greater Brighton Investment Programme; a co-ordinated programme of regeneration and infrastructure that supports the creating of a network in high-value growth centres in key locations across the City Region that deliver new jobs, investment, employment floorspace and homes
- Continually developing a programme of future delivery through the Greater Brighton Project pipeline and securing the necessary funding and investment to unlock these projects, primarily via the Local Growth Fund (LGF)
- Developing and implementing City Region policy and initiatives and securing new local flexibilities, freedoms and funding in the key areas needed to drive growth and increase productivity: strategic transport; local transport infrastructure; housing and growth sites; skills for employment; enterprise and smart specialisation, and; digital.

The role of the Board is to develop a complementary growth offer across all parts of the City Region and to support this by:

- Enabling delivery of the City Region's ambitious housing plans, broadening the choice and affordability of housing types across Greater Brighton to meet the needs of different groups and varying life stages and thereby retain its highly skilled workforce;

- Targeting and directing investment into infrastructure to unlock the City Region's key growth centres, to build new homes and regenerate communities and to create much needed employment floorspace so that businesses can locate and grow within Greater Brighton, spreading the benefits of high growth clusters and innovation across the City Region;
- Creating skills for employment, to meet the growth needs of the City Region's businesses and to give all residents equal access to education, training and employment opportunities;
- Developing a coherent package of enterprise support for all businesses across the City Region, providing the right tools and support – from digital connectivity to business finance – for them to survive and thrive.
- Putting in place specialist support for the City Region's high growth sectors – Creative Digital and IT; Low Carbon and Environmental Good and Services; Advanced Engineering, and; Health and Life Sciences, to raise productivity and output and create more graduate and high-value jobs and thereby reduce levels of under-employment and out-commuting, and;
- Improving transport infrastructure and developing effective transport networks, to reduce congestion and increase access to employment, learning and products and services whilst also improving air quality.

Throughout this year, the Board has continued to tackle these medium to long-term objectives by progressing five key areas of work:

1 Greater Brighton's offer to Government – Enabling the Industrial Strategy

2 The Greater Brighton One Public Estate Programme

3 The Greater Brighton Investment Programme LGF Growth Deal Rounds 1 & 2

4 The Greater Brighton Investment Programme LGF Growth Deal Round 3 Funding

5 The Greater Brighton Project Pipeline and Growth Deal Projects from Unallocated Funds Rounds 1 & 2

In 2015, Greater Brighton started a dialogue with the Government about how we could deliver more if the Government devolved further powers and funds to the City Region. This led to the development of the Greater Brighton Devolution Prospectus, published in September 2015, which was followed by Ministerial and Government official challenge sessions in January 2016.

Towards the end of 2016 we reviewed the Devolution Prospectus, and in January 2017 we published the **Greater Brighton City Region Revised Devolution Proposal**, which restated what the City Region is offering to do, and the help that is needed from Government to deliver our ambitious programme.

Welcome to Crawley and Gatwick

For the first time since the Board was established, the membership will soon be extended, with Crawley Borough Council and Gatwick Airport Ltd being invited to join during the summer.

Crawley is home to around 111,000 people and to over 3,000 active businesses. Gatwick Airport is one of the South East's most high profile and important anchor businesses, with 24,000 direct employees and 13,000 indirect employees from across the region. It is a major investor in growth – having invested £1.3bn since 2009 with plans to invest a further £1.2bn before 2021.

Extending the membership to Crawley and Gatwick Airport presents Greater Brighton with tremendous opportunities in relation to economic regeneration, growth and strategic presence. It will allow the Board to focus on the A23/M23 growth corridor – linking Brighton, Gatwick and London. The corridor has been identified as one of nine in England to have been at the heart of growth over the last decade and likely to maintain a pivotal role in shaping growth in the future. This will strengthen the Greater Brighton voice to Government and the case for continued investment – both public and private.



Greater Brighton's offer to Government – Enabling the Industrial Strategy

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The Greater Brighton Economic Board will be continuing discussions with Government, with a view to developing a Greater Brighton Local Industrial Strategy in 2018.



Greater Brighton City Region Workshop



On 28-29 September, representatives from across Greater Brighton hosted a 2-day workshop, attended by a number of senior civil servants including Sam Beckett, Director General, International Growth and Analysis at the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), and Simon Ridley, Director General, Decentralisation and Growth at the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG).

The workshop was an opportunity for the BEIS and DCLG officials to meet with the Greater Brighton Economic Board and other key city region stakeholders, to discuss the areas of opportunity and challenge for the Greater Brighton City Region. The key objectives were to understand how to implement Government's Industrial Strategy in the context of place, and to develop strategies to drive local growth across Greater Brighton by:

- Building relationships between central government officials and Greater Brighton key stakeholders

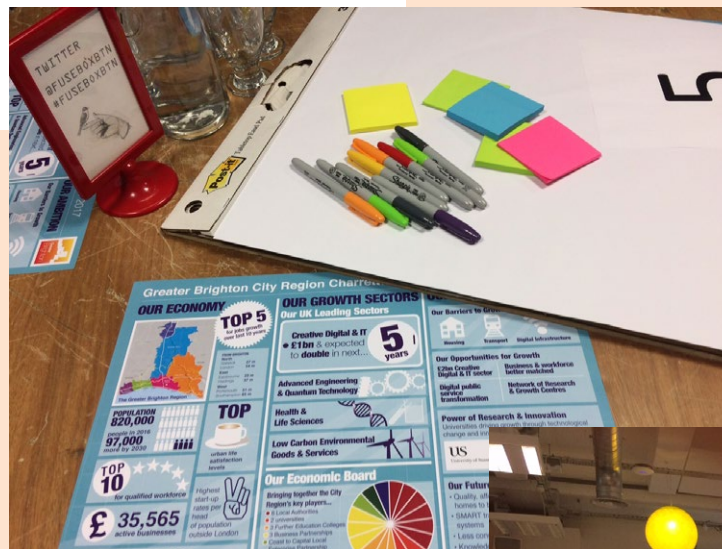
- Increasing civil servants' understanding of the local growth opportunities and challenges in Greater Brighton, particularly aligned to housing and the industrial strategy
- Identifying priority areas for future joint working – quick wins and longer term projects

The aim was to reach a shared understanding of the opportunities and issues for delivering a Greater Brighton local Industrial Strategy, and to help identify the priority areas for future collaborative working, including identifying the components for a Housing Deal for Greater

Brighton and a deal reflecting the city region's sector strengths and Creative Digital Cluster.

As well as looking to the future, the workshop also provided an opportunity to showcase and reflect on great work that the Greater Brighton Economic Board has been involved with since its inception. The Central Government officials were taken on tours of the City Region's key projects including the Western Harbour Arm Flood Defences and Adur Tidal Walls in in Shoreham, The University of Brighton's new Advanced Engineering Centre and the Digital Catapult and 5G Testbed.

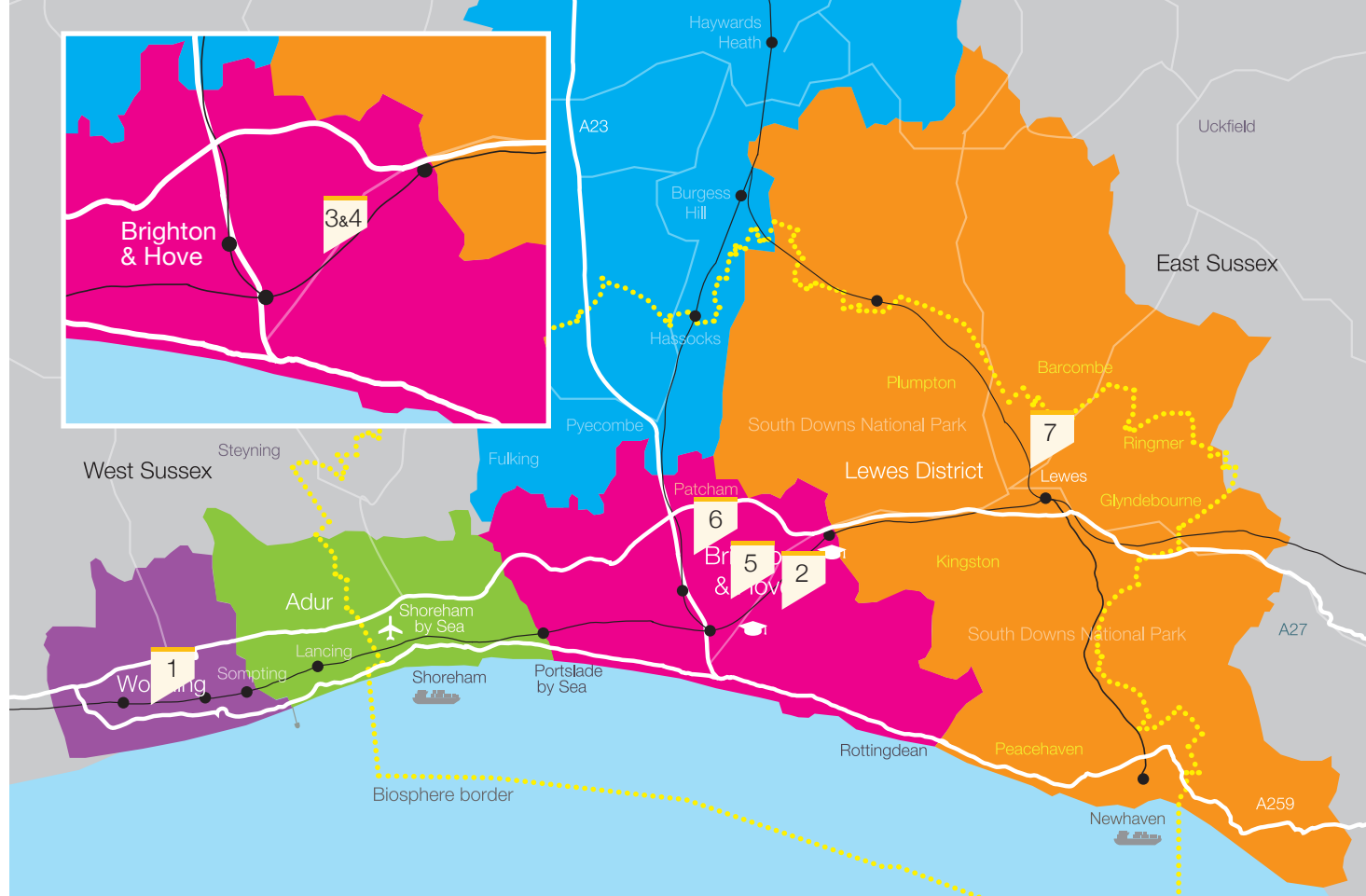
The Workshop was a great success, and will lead to ongoing dialogue with Government to progress towards a Local Industrial Strategy for Greater Brighton.



The Greater Brighton One Public Estate Programme

The One Public Estate Programme is an initiative funded by the Cabinet Office Government Property Unit (GPU) and delivered in partnership with the Local Government Association (LGA). The Programme is designed to facilitate and enable local authorities to work successfully with Government and local agencies on public property and land issues through sharing and collaboration. It has four main objectives, to:

- 1 Create economic growth (new homes, employment floorspace and jobs);
- 2 Enable more integrated customer-focused services;
- 3 Generate capital receipts, and;
- 4 Reduce running costs.



There are a number of projects within the Greater Brighton Programme. These are still in their infancy, but steady progress is being made:

- 1 IMPaCT Hub at Worthing Civic Centre
- 2 Moulsecoomb Neighbourhood Hub, Brighton
- 3 Quebec Barracks, Brighton
- 4 Preston Barracks Healthcare Hub, Brighton
- 5 Brighton General Hospital
- 6 Preston Circus Fire Station, Brighton
- 7 Springman House, Lewes

Local authorities that gain membership to the National Programme receive wide-ranging support to develop and deliver property initiatives with Government and public sector partners that meet these objectives. This includes;

- revenue grant funding of up to £500,000 (per funding round)
- access to a pool of experts to provide additional support and capacity in a number of areas, from master-planning to business case development and cost evaluation
- practical support from the GPU and LGA
- routes to senior central and local government experts.

Greater Brighton applied to join the National Programme, and in early November 2016 the City Region received formal confirmation that its application had been successful. The Greater Brighton One Public Estate Programme (the Local Programme) received a 2016/17 funding allocation of £280,500 and a further £316,500 was earmarked for 2017/18.

The funding will enable the provision of robust evidence to support asset management decisions, in the form of detailed locality reviews and feasibility, viability and master-planning studies. It will also support the development of joint property ventures and fund a dedicated programme management resource to support the delivery of the Local Programme.

The One Public Estate Programme will be publishing its Annual Report in February 2017, and this will contain more detail on the projects listed above.



The Greater Brighton Investment Programme LGF Growth Deal Rounds

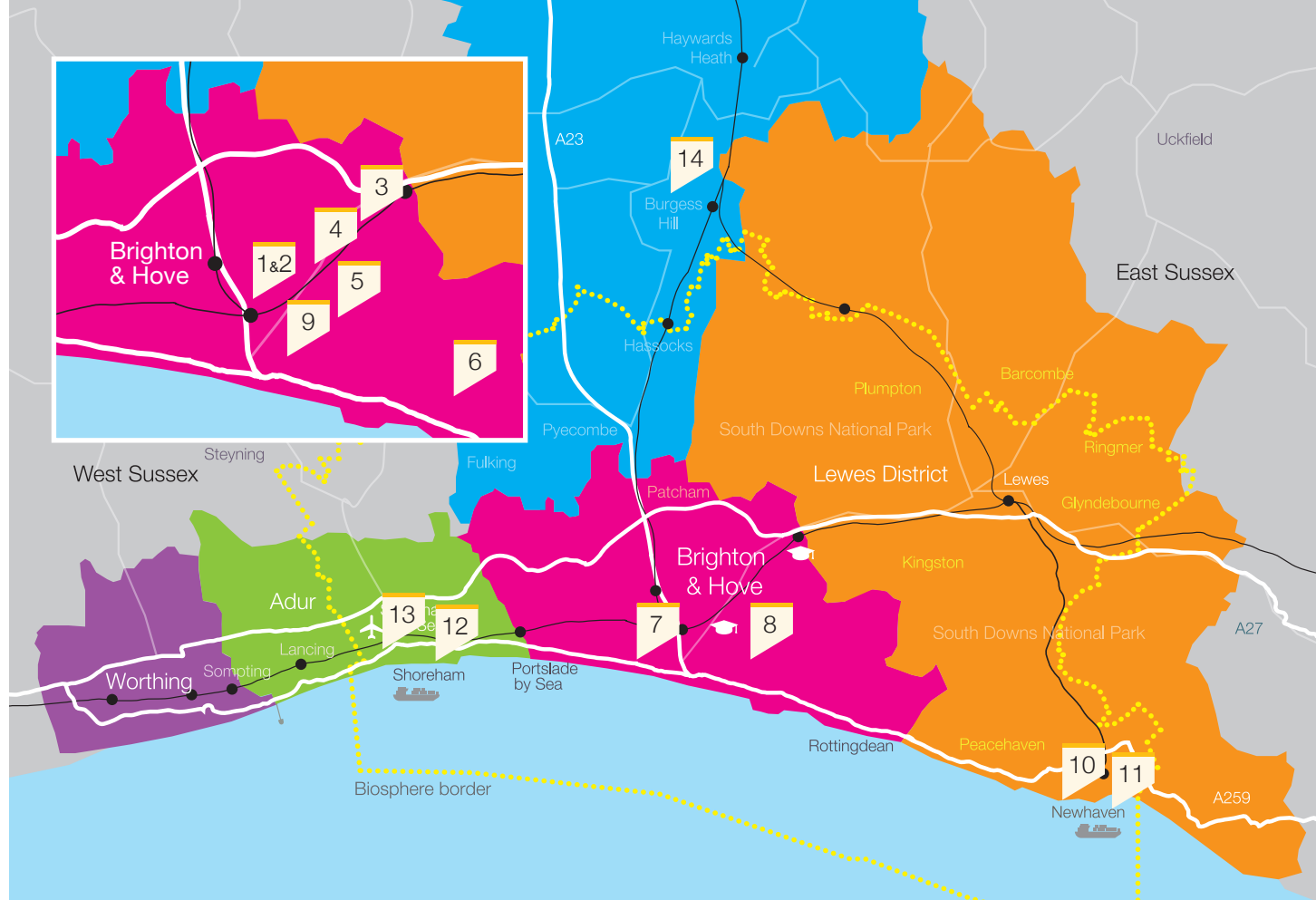
1 & 2 - overseeing the delivery of a co-ordinated programme of regeneration and infrastructure projects that support the creation of a network of high-value growth centres in key locations across the City Region

The Board has been enormously successful in obtaining Government funding – through both the **Greater Brighton City Deal** and the **Coast to Capital Growth Deal** – for projects within the Investment Programme. A total of approximately £90m has been allocated to projects across the City Region from rounds 1 & 2.

These projects will deliver a total investment of approximately £376m into the City Region, unlocking an estimated 14,000 jobs, 8,200 homes and 450,000sqm of employment floorspace.

An overview of all of these projects is contained in the Board's 2014/15 Annual Report

The above figures vary from initial estimates; changing as project business cases have been further developed and refined and funding agreements signed.



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| 1 New England House Creative Tech Growth Centre | 8 Brighton & Hove Intelligent Transport Systems Package |
| 2 Digital Catapult Centre Brighton and 5G testbed | 9 Brighton Valley Gardens |
| 3 Advanced Engineering Centre | 10 Newhaven Flood Alleviation Scheme |
| 4 Preston Barracks Central Research Laboratory | 11 Newhaven Port Access Road |
| 5 Circus Street Innovation Hub and Regeneration | 12 Western Harbour Arm Flood Alleviation Scheme |
| 6 City College Construction Trades Centre | 13 Adur Tidal Walls Flood Defence Scheme |
| 7 Brighton & Hove Bike Share Scheme | 14 Burgess Hill A2300 Corridor Improvements |



In the last 12 months several key projects or project phases have been delivered and are now complete. Some of the highlights are detailed below:

The creation of the **Newhaven Enterprise Zone** was confirmed as part of the 2015 Spending Review. The Enterprise Zone opened in April 2017 and was formally launched on Monday 26th June 2017 at the UTC@harbourside. The event was highly successful, with around 70 local dignitaries, businesses and partners attending, including Maria Caulfield MP. Attendees heard from a range of speakers, including Steve Allen (Vice Chair of Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership), Cllr Andy Smith (Leader of Lewes District Council) and Chris Rasmussen of Brightwell Dispensers (one of Newhaven's largest employers and have recently taken on new space within the Enterprise Zone).

The Newhaven Enterprise Zone will;

- create and sustain at least 2,000 new full time jobs
- deliver up to 55,000sqm of employment floor-space.

Construction of the **University of Brighton Advanced Engineering Centre** was completed in the spring of 2017. Work continued during the summer of 2017 on the internal fit-out of the workshops and installation of specialist equipment in the research areas. The new Centre was used during the 2017 British Science Festival, which the University of Brighton co-hosted with the University of Sussex.

The centre will provide specialist science-led teaching and research facilities for advanced automotive engineering. Key features of the centre will be;

- laboratories, tutorial rooms, meeting rooms and exhibition spaces.
- the base for 300 students, 15 academic staff and 35 research posts,
- delivering around 60 engineering graduates each year.

The building itself reflects Greater Brighton's drive towards a low-carbon and sustainable City Region. The innovative design and use of materials will minimise heat loss and energy use, and the centre features a solar array on the roof.

Work on the Greater Brighton Metropolitan (GBMet) Colleges' £9m **Construction Trades Centre** was completed in early spring and the building handed over to the College at the end of March. Through the summer the College undertook the internal fit-out and decanting of the current provision from the Pelham site to

allow the new facilities to be fully operational for the 2017/18 academic year.

The Construction Trades Centre, situated on the East Brighton Campus of the College, will train the next generation of electricians, plumbers, carpenters, painters, bricklayers and plasterers. Employers in construction and catering already face significant problems in recruiting skilled workers, and earlier this year GBMet published a report entitled “Have you Met your future”, which suggested that jobs in construction will be amongst the top 10 growth occupations in Sussex and the UK over the next 5 years. With the government in the process of negotiating Great Britain out of the EU, it remains unclear what the impact might be for the supply of labour to key industries including construction, health and tourism, so the new educational facility is going to be vital for the post-Brexit economy.

Construction of the new **Sussex Innovation Centre** Brighton, on Block J (which received a Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership investment of £3.8m) at Brighton Station began in 2016. The new development will form part of a network, including a Centre in Croydon that opened in October 2015 and the planned Bio-Innovation Centre on the University of Sussex’s Falmer campus.

The Block J development at Brighton Station will be an exciting extension of the Sussex Innovation Centre’s internationally recognised

technology incubation facilities and will make access to the specialist support even easier within the city. Block J also provides a new base for the University of Sussex in the heart of the city.

The new Innovation Centre at the Brighton Station site will provide;

- 20,000 square feet of new high quality office accommodation over 6 floors
- collaborative workspace, hot-desking and meeting spaces
- a new cafe opening onto New England Square
- new Indigo hotel

A substantial section of the **Newhaven Flood Alleviation scheme** on the west bank of the Ouse has been completed including more than 300m of new earth embankment, a flood wall and a flood gate in a public park.

The building of the flood wall on the east bank of the Ouse north of the swing bridge, and work on sections of the wall south of the swing bridge into the Port area of Newhaven have commenced. Preparatory work has started on flanking embankments between the A26 and the Energy Recovery Facility that will protect Newhaven from ‘back door’ flooding.

The planning application for the **Adur Tidal Walls Flood Defence Scheme** in Shoreham was





approved in March 2016, and the construction of two new flood defence embankments commenced in Shoreham. Works are substantially complete at two of the project's ten reaches.

The Brighton & Hove **Bike Share Scheme** was officially launched on 1 September 2017. Public bike share is part of a wider strategy to enhance public transport infrastructure, walking and cycling across Brighton & Hove and the wider region to improve connectivity between existing employers and developments, the city centre and more local/district centres.

The network involves 50 docking stations and around 450 bikes, and the contract for the operation, management and maintenance of the Scheme was awarded to HourBike. The scheme could be expanded to cover parts of the City Region and provide cycle access to the South Downs National Park.

The benefits of the scheme include:

- The provision of affordable access to employment and study
- Reduced road congestion, traffic accidents, parking demands and carbon
- Improved health and wellbeing, increasing productivity
- Help to bolster tourism economy. By providing easier and quicker access to/from railway stations, tourists will be encouraged to visit more places and attractions, such as the Brighton Marina.

The **Digital Catapult Centre Brighton** celebrated its first anniversary in March 2016. In that time, the Centre worked with 250 small businesses, as well as large corporates including American Express and Gatwick Airport and a range of university partners.

Through 2016/17 building work continued on the catapult centre and 5G testbed in New England House and the satellite hub at the University of Brighton. The beta version of the 5G testbed is due to launch this autumn.

The current catapult residency programme, which focussed on Immersive Technologies (virtual and augmented realities), is coming to its final phase and has enabled a number of innovators to develop and grow commercially, including;

- Fracture
- Circa69
- Gorilla in the Room
- Big Man
- Ram Jam
- Chromaspace
- Ionasphere.

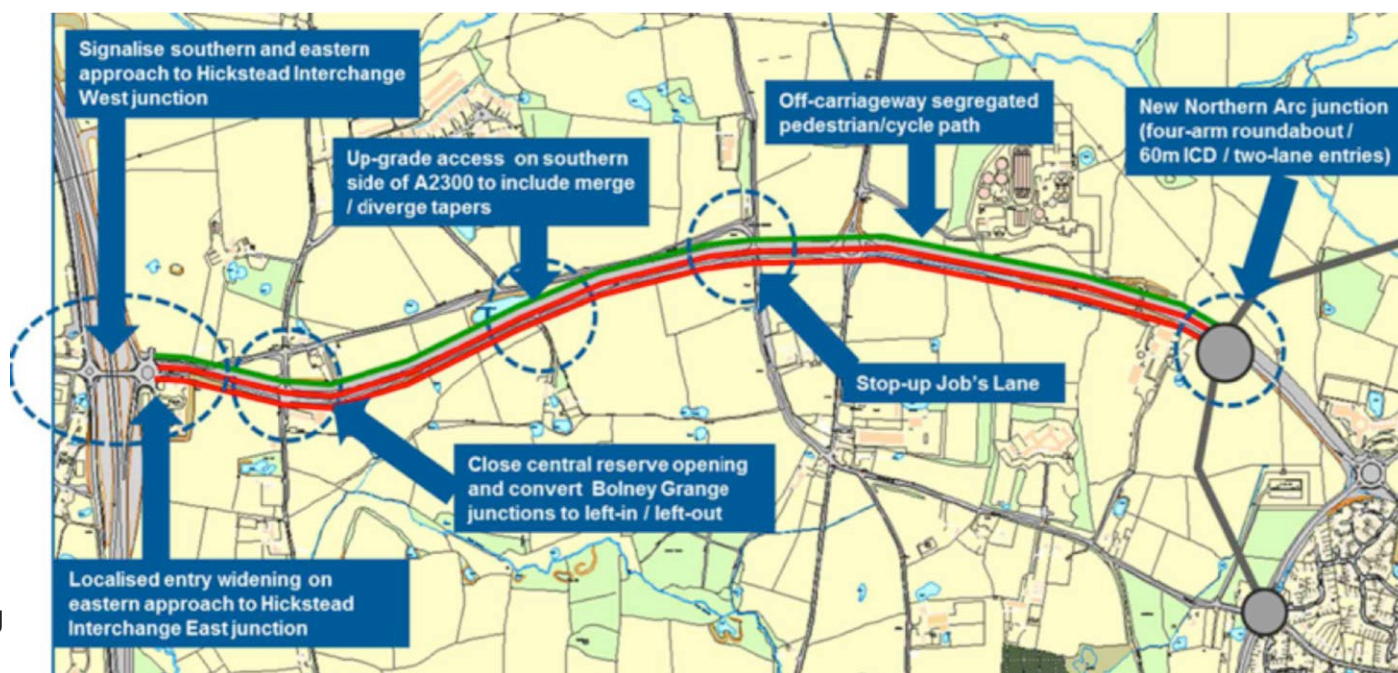
An agreement to extend the digital catapult centre contract to 2020 to cover the 5G work has been approved and discussions are also underway to extend the main contract beyond March 2018 to support further activity, including the Hannington Lane retail tech project.

West Sussex County Council and Mid Sussex District Council continued to work together to develop the business case for the Burgess Hill **A2300 Corridor Improvements Scheme**. The Scheme will support the economic growth of Burgess Hill – the single largest growth location within the City Region – by enabling the delivery of strategic housing and employment developments and improving the town's link to the strategic road network.

Preliminary design is expected to be completed in autumn 2017, followed by preparation of the outline transport business case, expected to be completed by spring 2018. The current programme indicates a start of construction in winter 2020, with completion in spring 2022.



Further details of the Burgess Hill Growth Location can be found on page 17.



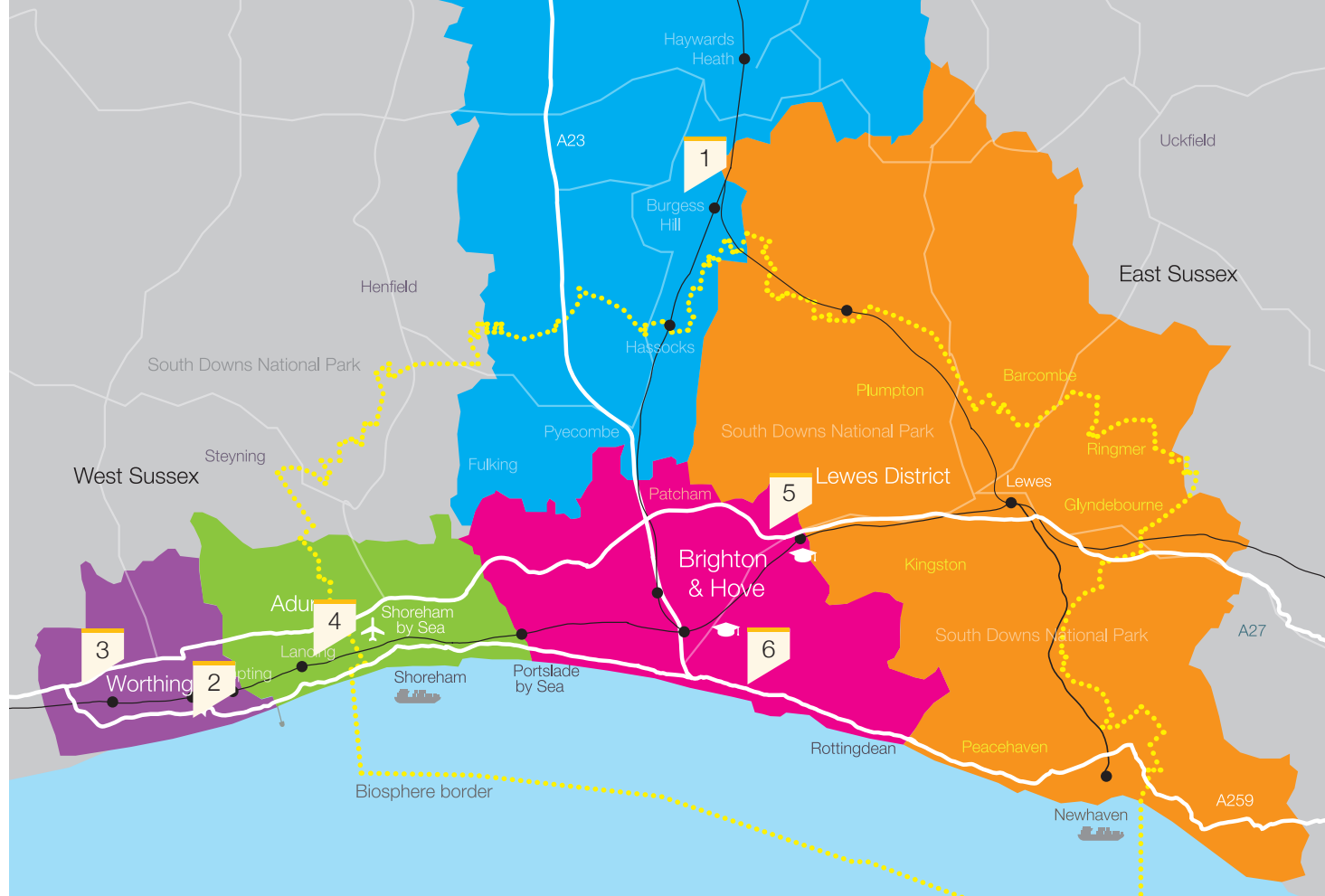
The Greater Brighton Investment Programme

LFG Growth Deal Round 3 Funding – securing capital grant funding to unlock strategically important projects across the City Region

Coast to Capital's Round 3 Call for Growth Projects was launched on 22 December 2015. In response, the Board reviewed the Greater Brighton Project Pipeline and prioritised projects for this highly competitive round of the Growth Deal. Six Greater Brighton projects were allocated funding, totalling £48.77m

These projects are aligned to and will directly deliver the Board's strategy for growth, as articulated in the Greater Brighton City Deal and the response to the Industrial Strategy Green Paper, as well as the emerging Coast to Capital Strategic Economic Plan.

It should be noted that the above outputs may include an element of duplication with some projects already within the Greater Brighton Investment Programme; those forming part of a larger strategy or programme to unlock key growth sites.



- 1 Burgess Hill Growth Area Infrastructure Package
- 2 Worthing Central Phase 1 (Teville Gate House and Union Place)
- 3 Decoy Farm, Worthing
- 4 New Monks Farm and Airport Business Estate, Shoreham
- 5 Sussex Bio-Innovation Centre, Brighton & Hove
- 6 Black Rock Site Development, Brighton & Hove

Burgess Hill Growth Area Infrastructure Package (£14.9M)

Burgess Hill is the largest single growth location in Greater Brighton and much activity and investment is already underway to transform this town into a modern and thriving place that can act as a growth engine for the City Region.

This project will put in place a package of local infrastructure improvements – ranging from junction upgrades and road enhancements to public transport improvements and walking and cycling initiatives – that will support the delivery of the £1bn Burgess Hill growth programme. It will ensure that infrastructure is planned holistically and delivered at the appropriate phases, thereby bringing pace and certainty to the programme. In so doing, this project will support the creation of:

- 5,000 new homes, including at the Northern Arc (3,500 homes), Kings Way, the Keymer Tile Works, Fairbridge Way and Burgess Hill Railway Station
- 200,000sqm of employment floor-space, at the Northern Arc, The Hub and the Science & Technology Park on a new site to the west of Burgess Hill that will spark the creation of a cluster

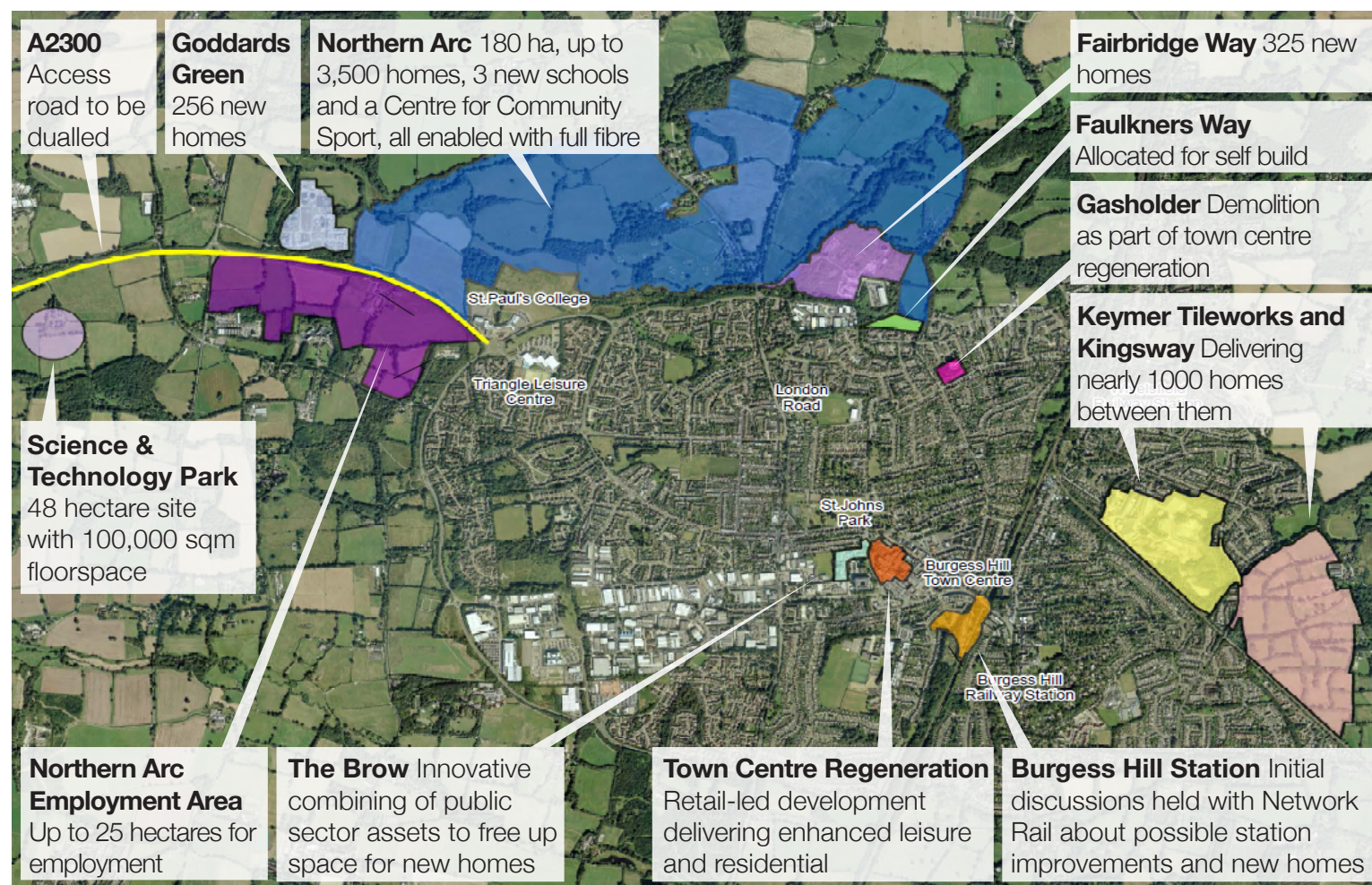
and draw more high-value businesses into the City Region

- A regenerated town centre, providing a modern shopping offer, a multiplex cinema, a hotel, restaurants, car parking spaces, a new library and new homes
- Conversion of a number of public sector buildings into a modern purpose-built public

service facility housing a GP surgery and the police and fire services

- 5,500 direct jobs and 9,500 indirect jobs

This project will complement the delivery of enhancements along the A2300 corridor, which are essential for improving the town's link to the strategic road network.



Worthing Central Phase One (5.6M)

This project is the first phase of a comprehensive and co-ordinated transformation programme of Worthing's Town Centre, stretching from Worthing Central Railway Station to the Seafront. This project will deliver an exciting mix of leisure, commercial and residential uses on two key redevelopment sites, both of which are currently vacant and damaging the overall appearance and economic performance of the town.



Teville Gate House

A redundant and derelict office block and surface car park located opposite Worthing Central Railway Station. This project will redevelop the site deliver;

- a new building Innovation Centre
- 3* hotel with up to 180 bedrooms or serviced apartments.

The award of Growth Deal funding has helped to facilitate negotiations between the main site owner (of Teville Gate) and the owner of Teville Gate House. Recent meetings have explored the option of a development agreement to secure implementation of a phased development for both sites. Work is ongoing on the main site to bring forward a planning application in the autumn of 2017.

Union Place

Currently home to the former Police Station (demolished in 2009) and the council-owned surface car park to the east. This project will create;

- mixed use residential scheme
- multiplex cinema
- restaurants

Together these two sites will significantly enhance the town centre economy and act as a catalyst for further regeneration and improvements to the public realm.

Overall, the redevelopment of Teville Gate House and Union Place is expected to deliver;

- 128 new homes
- 13,222sqm commercial floor-space
- 189 new jobs.

Decoy Farm, Worthing (£4.8M)

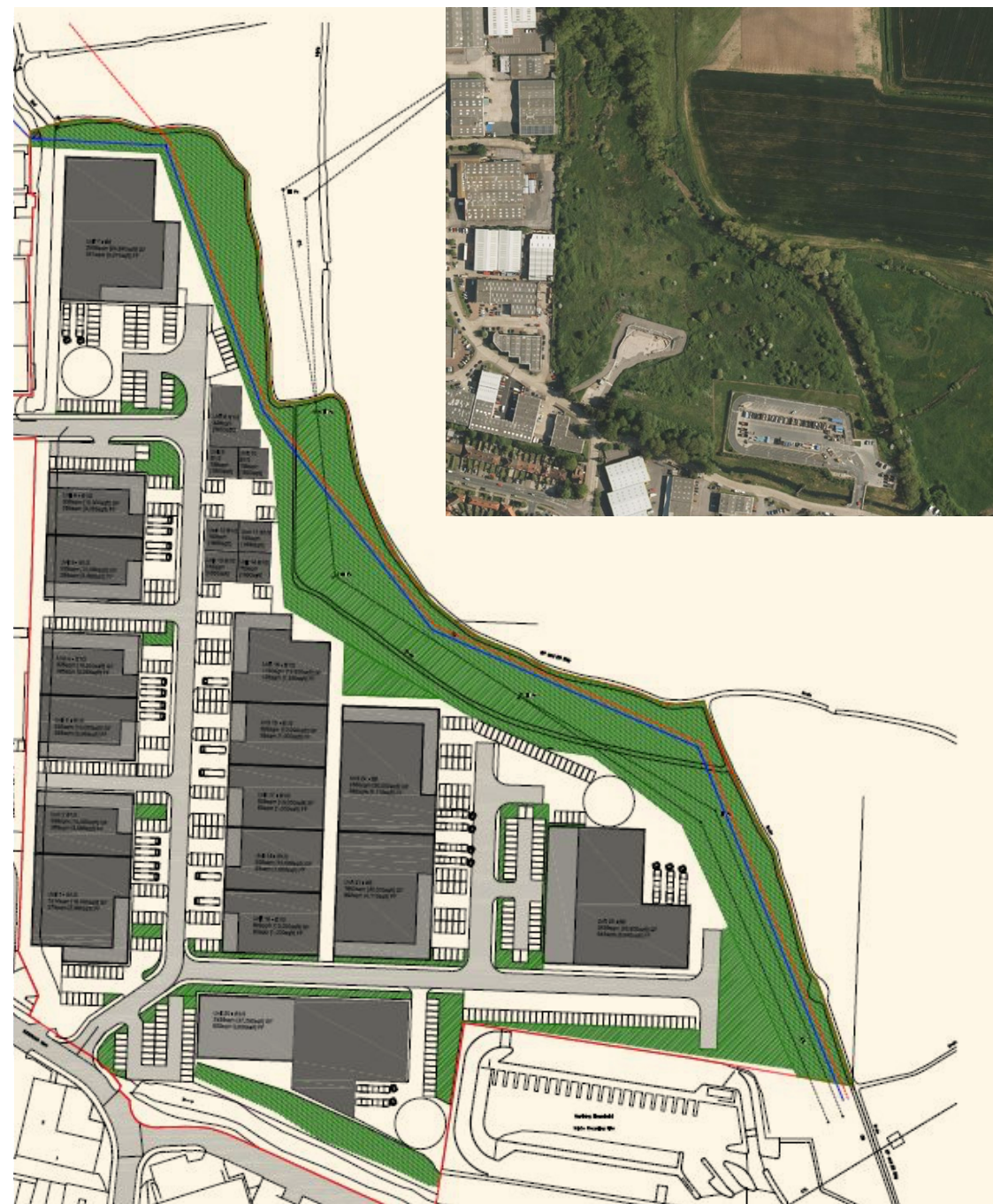
Decoy Farm is a 7.7 hectare former landfill site located in close proximity to East Worthing Railway Station. It is one of only two strategic employment sites in Worthing. This project will transform the site – which has stood unused for over three decades – into one of the most spacious commercial employment centres on the South Coast, providing openings for existing businesses (for example GlaxoSmithKline, Allergy Therapeutics and Rayner Intraocular Lenses) to expand and attracting wider enterprise and investment from the South East and London.

This project also provides an opportunity to deliver economic development that stretches into other parts of Greater Brighton. The new employment centre could enable the relocation of existing businesses from prime town centre sites – including Shoreham Harbour and Worthing Town Centre – freeing up space for housing and other more appropriate town centre business uses.

Key project milestones and deliverables;

- decontaminate and remediate Decoy Farm
- deliver substantial access and traffic calming road improvements
- provide the potential for 40,000sqm of new commercial floor-space
- generate 2,300 new jobs
- deliver £220m of economic output to the economy over a 20 year period.

Engagement with potential occupiers/developers is helping to inform the most appropriate remediation strategy for the site. West Sussex County Council has been assisting with the preparation of a Transport Assessment. This will help inform further studies and support a planning application for the site.





New Monks Farm and Airport Business Estate, Shoreham (£5.7M)

This project will put in place the essential road infrastructure needed to unblock the development of both New Monks Farm and the Airport Business Estate into a strategic employment and housing growth centre. It will complement the Adur Tidal Walls Flood Defence Scheme, which is already putting in place some of the major infrastructure required to secure future development.

This project will help to enable the delivery of;

- 600 new homes
- 10,000sqm of employment floor-space at New Monks Farm
- 708 new full-time jobs
- a further 15,000sqm of employment floor-space and improved access to businesses already located around Shoreham Airport.
- an Environmental Technologies Growth Centre, adjacent to Ricardo UK Ltd's £10m Vehicle Emissions Research Centre
- A 35,000sqm IKEA store

A detailed business case is being developed for submission to the Coast to Capital LEP later this year.



This project will improve access to and from the proposed growth centre, by creating a new signalised 6-arm junction on the A27 that will serve both New Monks Farm and Shoreham Airport. It will also close the existing Sussex Pad Junction, which would be unable to cater for the additional traffic movements created by the proposed growth centre.

Sussex Bio-Innovation Centre, Brighton (£5.5M)

The Sussex Bio-Innovation Centre will be a much-needed new facility for entrepreneurs and businesses from the City Region's developing Life Sciences sector. It will provide a research and development interface between academia and business, to foster Greater Brighton's next generation of pharma and biotech companies. The Centre's links to the rapidly expanding research and teaching facility at the School of Life Sciences will also enable these companies to take advantage of the skilled workforce grown within the City Region.

The Bio-Innovation centre will be located in a new £99m Life Sciences building at the University of Sussex's Falmer campus. This building will provide;

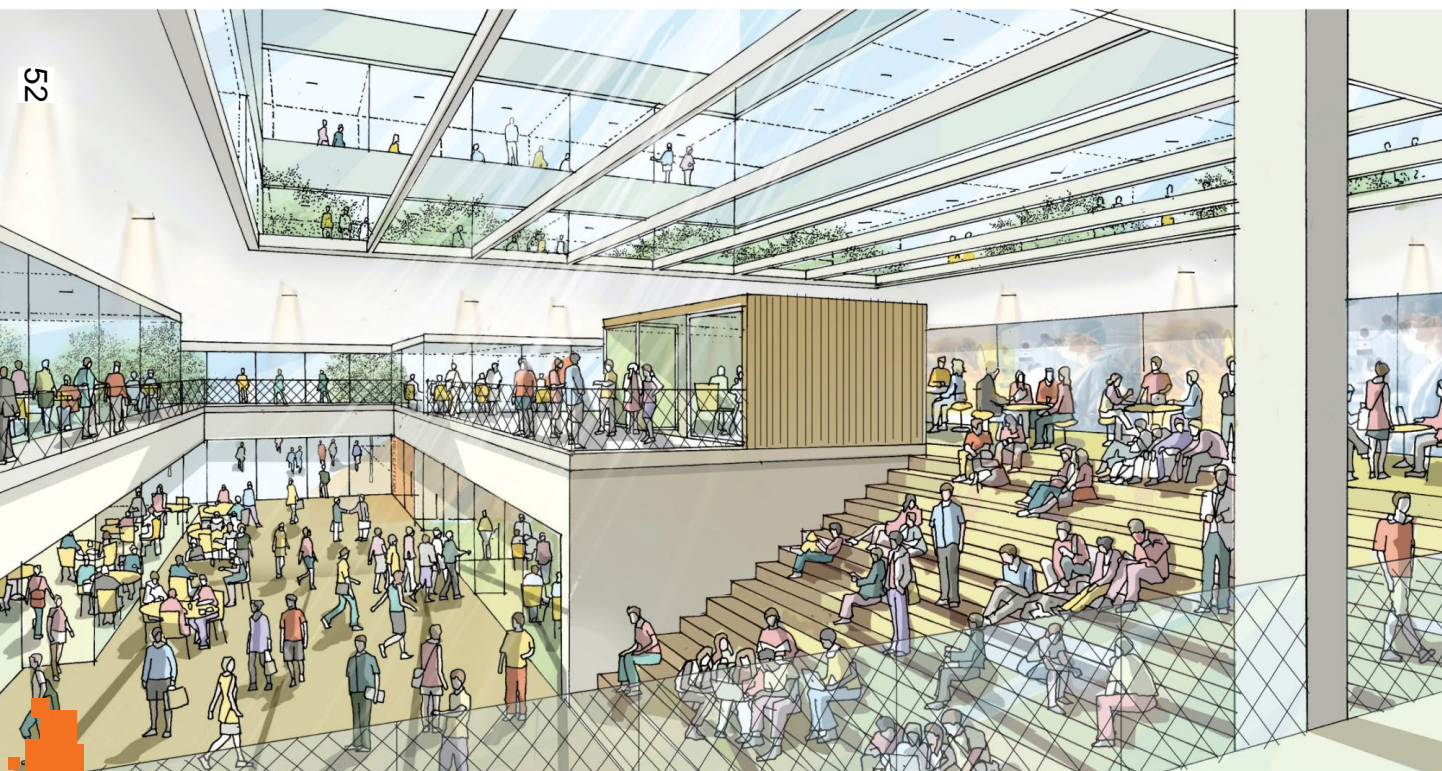
- dedicated teaching space and modern laboratory equipment
- technical support
- inspiring collaboration spaces for academics, researchers and clinicians from different disciplines to share knowledge and create innovative partnerships.

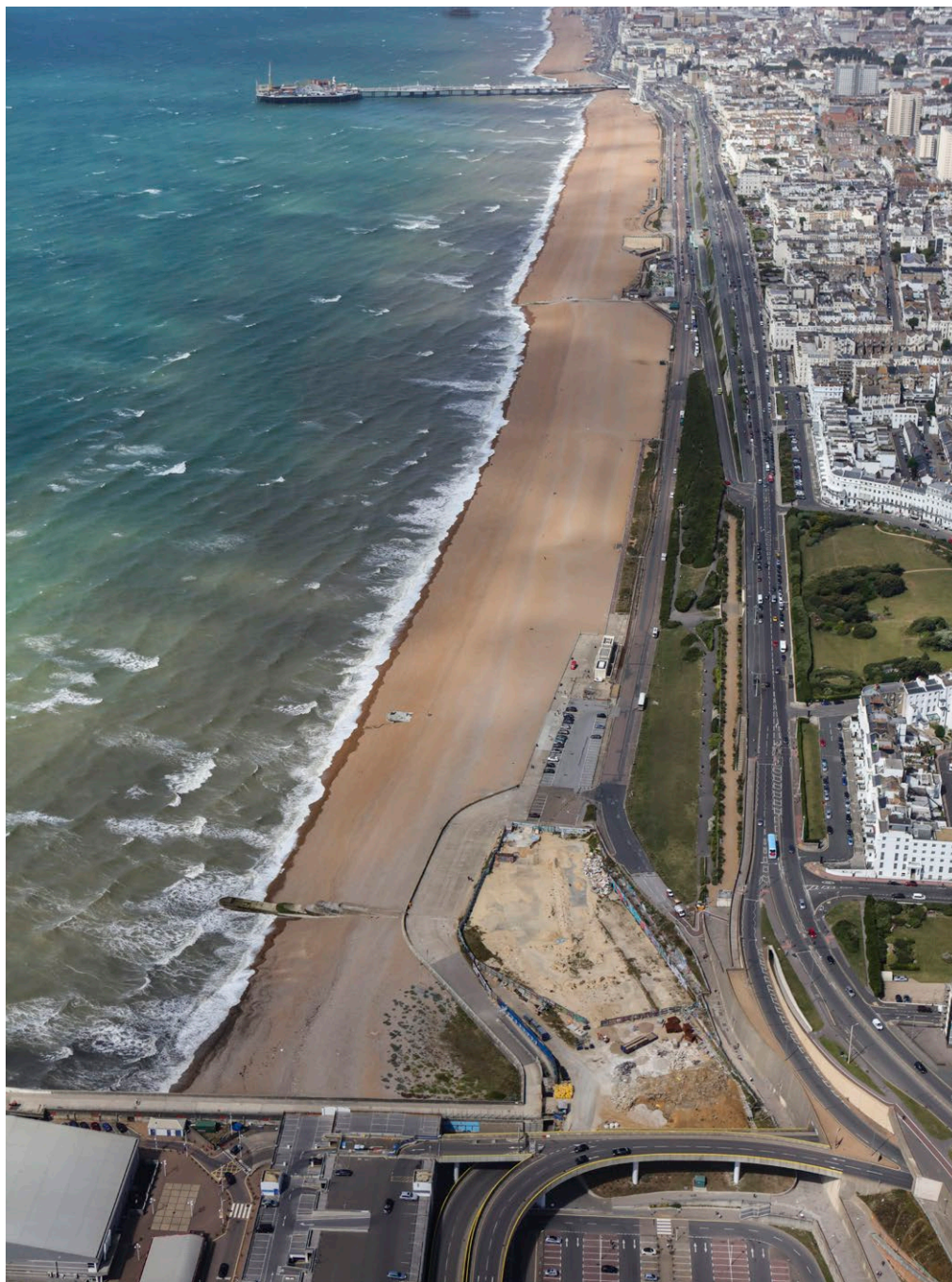
The Centre will be able to support up to 20 new business teams at a time. This will create;

- over 60 specialist bio-science graduate-level jobs
- a further 20 specialist technician, business support and management positions
- 147 new indirect academic and teaching jobs

As an 'incubator' the Centre will support the start-up and early growth of businesses, which will then graduate to larger premises and be replaced. An average business stay of 5 years is expected meaning that 100 bio-science businesses will be supported over the next 20 years, creating over 300 new scientific positions.

Detailed building designs have been completed for the entire new Life Sciences Teaching & Research Building including the Bio-Innovation Centre. Planning consent has recently been received and work expected to begin onsite in early 2018.





Black Rock Site Development, Brighton (£12.1M)

The Brighton Centre, the city's existing conference centre, is almost 40 years old and because of its constrained capacity, access restrictions and limited flexibility is failing to meet market requirements. Technical reports have demonstrated that further investment would not represent value for money, as the fundamental infrastructure elements of the building are failing.

Part of the wider £540m Brighton Waterfront regeneration programme, this project will deliver a state of the art conference centre and arena facility on Black Rock. Redevelopment of this site – which has stood derelict for over 30 years – will catalyse future development in the area, transforming it into an attractive anchor destination. It will complement the Brighton Marina, sitting immediately to its east and the emerging Madeira Terraces regeneration to the west, which will benefit from increased visitor numbers.

Delivery of this project will enable the City Region to match its domestic competitors to capture

a share of the growing market for international conventions and arena events that is vital to the local economy. Approximately £50m of the nearly £750m generated in the visitor economy in Brighton & Hove each year is a result of conferences and exhibitions, not to mention the thousands of jobs in support industries such as hotels and guest houses, restaurants and shops and transport and event services.

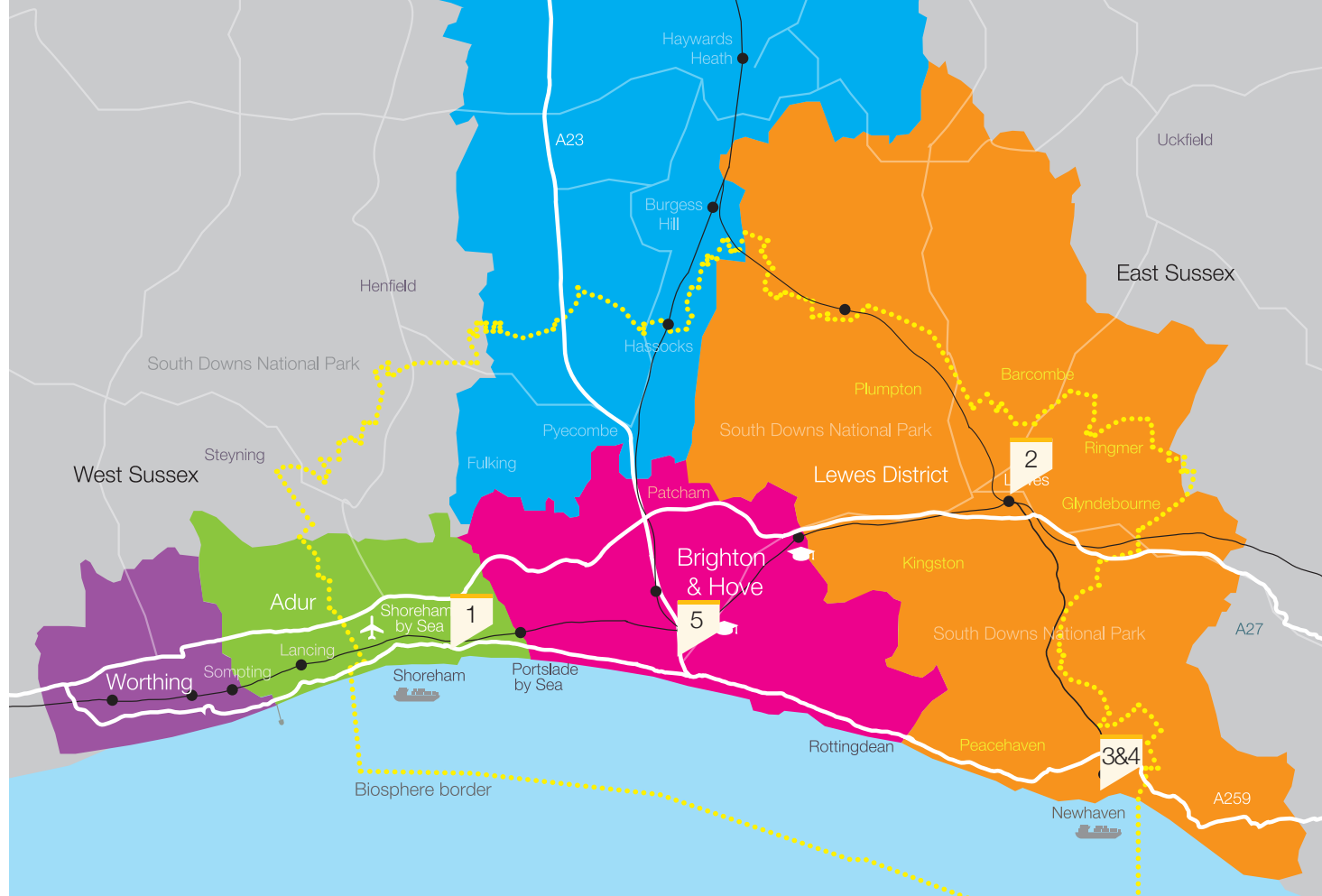
This project will;

- deliver 250,000sqm of state of the art conferencing facilities
- create 797 jobs as well as safeguarding the existing jobs at the Brighton Centre and will
- generate an additional £30m annually in gross value added
- unlock the opportunity to redevelop the existing conference centre site; enabling the redevelopment of up to 56,000sqm of commercial floor space to create an improved and expanded retail offer at Churchill Square, along with residential uses that are more appropriate to its prime city centre location.

The Greater Brighton Project Pipeline And Growth Deal Projects from Unallocated Funds Rounds

1 & 2 – securing capital grant funding to unlock strategically important projects across the City Region

In December 2016, Coast to Capital's announced that it had approximately £46.65m of unallocated funds available to support capital growth projects. The Greater Brighton Board put forward eight bids, five of which were successful in being awarded funding, totalling around £9.9m.



- 1 Adur Civic Centre
- 2 Springman House
- 3 Railway Quay
- 4 Eastside South
- 5 Royal Pavilion Exchange – Corn Exchange & Studio Theatre



Adur Civic Centre, Shoreham-By-Sea (1.8M)

The scheme is split into two phases, North and South.

North:

Formerly the Council offices, the staff car park to the north of Ham Road was identified as a key redevelopment opportunity to bring forward high quality employment space. There is a strong demand for quality office space in Shoreham and this project will support employment numbers in the town and avoid expanding businesses relocating out of the district. The project will deliver around 2,750 sqm of gross employment space and generate 200 jobs

South:

The demolition of the main building will bring forward much needed homes in the Shoreham area as well as additional employment floor space.



The main deliverables will be 150 new residential units and 850 sqm of commercial space.

Demolition of the main building is complete and the contractors have handed the site back to the Council. Architects are being commissioned to prepare development options for the main site.

Springman House, Lewes, (£2.0M)

Springman House is located on North Street in Lewes, close to but outside of the site area for the strategically significant North Street Quarter (NSQ) regeneration scheme. NSQ is a £170m mixed use brownfield site that will deliver the following strategic benefits;

- 416 new homes, of which 40% will be affordable
- 13,000sqm of new workspace, including subsidised creative workspace



- 575 full time jobs, which includes 100 full time construction jobs
- A new modern health centre for 26,000 patients
- Strategically important flood defences, completing the defence of Lewes
- A public square hosting contemporary restaurants and alfresco riverside dining, a two tier riverside promenade and extensive new cycle paths and footpaths.

The Local Growth Funding enabled Lewes District Council (LDC) to purchase the Springman House site, in March 2017. Following the purchase of the site, LDC is commissioning the design and construction of the new facility, which also provides an opportunity to work with Sussex Police to co-locate blue light services in the town. It is expected that the new fire station will be operational by March 2020.

Railway Quay & Eastside South, Newhaven (£3.1M)

Railway Quay is one of the eight key sites that make up the Newhaven Enterprise Zone.

The site lies adjacent to the University Technical College (UTC) and has a number of key challenges. These include the need to relocate existing utilities cables, site access and possible ground contamination. This has delayed viable plans coming forward.

A land-assembly opportunity has now emerged for the purchase of the long leasehold interest in the site by Lewes District Council (LDC), with

a view to accelerating employment-generating development in keeping with the aims and objectives of the new Enterprise Zone. LDC completed the purchase of the land early in the year and has commissioned consultants to undertake a market demand study looking at options for new development.

A bid has been submitted to the Government's Commercial Support Fund to investigate ground conditions and constraints on part of the Avis Way site.

Eastside South is a business park in the Newhaven Enterprise Zone. The purpose of this project is to build capacity for higher value business occupiers in advanced engineering and clean-tech sectors and enable 'grow-on' space for local SMEs. This is in line with Newhaven's status as a growth centre with a specialism in the clean, green and marine sectors, which is a key plank in the Newhaven Enterprise Zone. The project outcomes will include:

- Creation of 7,733sqm of B1c/B2 floorspace
- 264 net additional FTE supported
- Increase gross value added (GVA) by £83m by 2031/2



Royal Pavillion Exchange – Corn Exchange & Studio Theatre, Brighton (£3.0M)

This project is an initiative by the Royal Pavilion & Museums and Brighton Dome & Brighton Festival to reunite the historic Royal Pavilion Estate. The strategic drivers for the investment are:

- Returning the Royal Pavilion Estate to a world class heritage destination
- Achieving the long term vision for both organisations
- New Business Model & Commercial Strategy that increases future resilience by improving commercial performance and reducing running costs
- Evidence-based improved Visitor/ Audience experience
- Improved Learning, Access & Participation
- Contribution to Brighton's cultural tourism by a strengthened City Centre & Cultural Quarter offer.

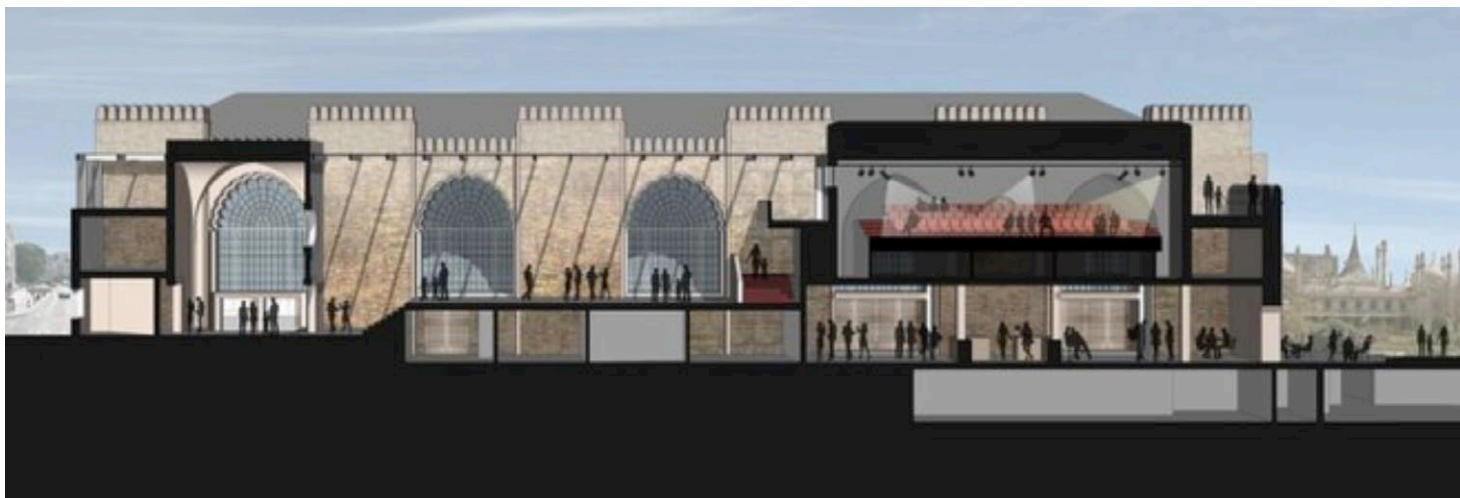
Key outcomes from the project will be:

- Increased annual revenue, providing a surplus of £1.5m-£1.8m for re-investment into the Royal Pavilion Estate
- The project will develop, deepen, and broaden the cultural tourism offer through increasing visitor spend

The capital works will deliver:

- 227 construction jobs on total construction cost of £21.8m
- 44 construction apprenticeships

Following appointment of the main contractor, R. Durnell & Sons Ltd, works started on site on 13 February 2017.



Closing statement – from Councillor Andy Smith, Leader of Lewes District Council and Chairman of the Greater Brighton Economic Board 2017/18

It's three years now since the Greater Brighton Economic Board (GBEB) was formed.

Covering an area from Worthing to Newhaven and northwards from Brighton to Crawley, over 820,000 residents call this place home.

Our objectives have remained the same since day one: boost economic growth, by encouraging enterprise and developing skills; create more homes and places to work; and improve how our area is connected.

Having taken over the reins as chairman of the board just a few months ago, I am proud to say that those 820,000 residents are now starting to see the fruits of our labour, physical proof that by working together we are making a difference.

The spring saw the completion of Greater Brighton Metropolitan College's Construction and Trades Centre on the east Brighton campus ready for the first intake of 500 students a year from September.

The autumn also saw the opening of the £14 million Advanced Engineering Centre at the University of Brighton's Moulsecoomb campus, funded by £7 million secured by GBEB through the Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership.

Both of these are examples of how money pulled in by Greater Brighton is creating a real difference - and all while making sure our economy has the

skilled workforce needed to drive it forward.

It's not just in Brighton where projects are moving forward.

In Shoreham, the Environment Agency's Adur Tidal Walls scheme is advancing on time and on budget; while in Lancing, a £5.7 million sum will go towards enabling the development of 600 homes and a new Ikea store - a retailer the City Region has long been lacking!

Elsewhere, large amounts of money have been pulled into Worthing (£10.4 million) and Burgess Hill (£14.9 million) to support the unlocking of key schemes to drive forward redevelopment in these towns.

In my own backyard we are seeing the transformation too. In June the Newhaven Enterprise Zone was officially launched, offering businesses tax breaks and support to allow them to grow. It is early days yet, but the project well on track to its target of safeguarding up to 2,000 jobs.

With success stories like this, it's no wonder that GBEB is now attracting national interest.

This autumn government officials from the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy visited the City Region to see how we can better work together and pass on those lessons to others across the UK.

We used this opportunity to promote the area and push for the Southern Accelerator, which was a key theme in our response to the government's Industrial Strategy Green Paper. Similar in nature to the Northern Powerhouse or Midlands Engine (although we are about ten times smaller than both), this is about generating the climate which allow us to put the foot on the gas to propel the City Region forward.

We are forming stronger connections closer to home - with Crawley Borough Council and Gatwick Airport coming on to the Board, allowing us to pull in more investment and giving us greater leveraging power at a national and international level.

Transport remains a major worry; the problems with Southern Rail and ongoing congestion on the A27 are real obstacles to growth. We remain committed to lobbying for improvements.

I admit there is plenty to do. But I'm confident that by working together we continue to make big strides in making Greater Brighton a more prosperous and connected City Region.





Subject:	Greater Brighton Energy and Water Plans		
Date of Meeting:	7 November 2017		
Report of:	Chair of Greater Brighton Officer Board, and Chair of the Biosphere Board		
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FOR GENERAL RELEASE**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT**

- 1.1 On 25th April 2017 the Greater Brighton Economic Board (GBEB) agreed to allocate funding for development of a regional Energy and Water Plan. This report seeks Board support to proceed with development of an Energy Plan and Water Plan for Greater Brighton.
- 1.2 The Plans will align with government focus on essential infrastructure for smart clean growth, provide security and resilience, and focus on affordability. They aim to deliver at a local level the government's Industrial Strategy; Clean Growth Strategy; and Energy Smart Systems and Flexibility Plan.
- 1.3 The plans represent an opportunity for closer collaboration between GBEB and the Biosphere Delivery Board by harnessing expertise and focus in energy and water to support more sustainable and climate-resilient economic growth.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Board approves the development of Greater Brighton Energy and Water Plans.
- 2.2 That the Board approves the delivery and governance proposals set out in paragraphs 3.16 to 3.20.

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 On the 13th February 2015 the Greater Brighton Economic Board:
 - i) Noted the importance of the designated Biosphere status to the City Region economy and to promoting the sustainable economic growth of the City Region
 - ii) Requested that the proposed transitional shadow Biosphere Board takes forward a programme of work that seeks to maximise the economic benefits of Biosphere status and its environmental and social objectives;
 - iii) asked the Biosphere Board to develop a pipeline of projects that support Greater Brighton's sustainable economic growth, and;

- iv) Considered the opportunity that Biosphere status represents in becoming the overarching 'brand identity' for the area; to drive sustainability, and economic development.
- 3.2 The Greater Brighton Economic Board (GBEB) agreed at its meeting on 25th April 2017, that the development of an Energy and Water Plan for the Greater Brighton (GB) would be allocated funding. The Board endorsed joint working on strategic activities, including better integration of strategic spatial and investment priorities. The work plan included a range of initiatives, including
- Inward Investment and Export
 - Transport Infrastructure
 - Digital Infrastructure
 - Water and Energy Plan
 - Skills and Employment.
- 3.3 The work plan describes *“Development of a Greater Brighton Water & Energy Plan, linked to the Investment Programme/Pipeline and Local Plans, working in partnership with the Brighton & Lewes Downs Biosphere Board, Southern and South East Water and UK Power Networks and other local suppliers”*. It identifies an allocation of £10,000 Greater Brighton funding to support the work.
- 3.4 The plan will be produced on behalf of the Board with geographic scope covering the Greater Brighton City Region. They will seek to address those infrastructure issues forming a barrier to growth if not addressed early, future proofing the region, increasing resilience and prioritising affordability.
- 3.5 The Plans will facilitate local delivery of the Government's Industrial Strategy, Infrastructure Delivery Plan, and Clean Growth Strategy; ensuring there is future ready water and energy infrastructure to sustain and attract economic. The plans will provide direction in the context of Brexit, new ways of working with government; and would bring greater expertise on energy and water to economic planning for GBEB members and investors in the region.
- 3.6 The Plans are intended to:
- focus on infrastructure security and long term resilience, investigating and addressing infrastructure deficits that could form a barrier to regional growth unless addressed early;
 - recognise the interrelated nature of energy, water, and other infrastructure needs such as broadband, digital, transport and smartgrids
 - identify Greater Brighton opportunities post Brexit relating to Energy and Water;
 - assist delivery of Government's clean growth agenda at a local level, enabling coherent evidenced infrastructure and funding requests to government;
 - identify investment opportunities for Greater Brighton including under different models such as community and municipal ownership; and
 - enable development of the right energy and water infrastructure to support the growth of a smart and sustainable Greater Brighton economy.

Greater Brighton Energy Plan

- 3.7 The Government highlights the importance of upgrading the energy, water and flood defence infrastructure in the Industrial Strategy Green Paper. It recognises in the *Delivering affordable energy and clean growth pillar*, that energy policy requires greater prioritisation, emphasising the importance of economic opportunity through innovation, and providing affordable, clean, secure energy for households and businesses. It seeks connections between public policy and energy opportunities to realise potential value from clean growth. Government aims that the UK become one of the most advanced economies for mainstream smart grids. The plan would seek to identify investable projects with an enhanced opportunity for securing government (and other) funding through alignment with the Industrial Strategy.
- 3.8 The Clean Growth Strategy (October 2017) states '*Government recognises the importance of anchoring economic growth in the strengths of local areas. Each local area will be responsible for coordinating its own local industrial strategy in alignment with the national Industrial Strategy. Local leaders are rising to the challenge and putting local carbon targets and strategies in place. Partnerships across public, private and community sector organisations can unlock powerful integrated local energy solutions*'.
- 3.9 The Government department of Business Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) strongly supports development of regional and sub regional Energy Plans. BEIS Local Energy Team has committed to advise on a GBEB Energy Plan.
- 3.10 BEIS has made available 2 rounds of funding to Local Enterprise Partnerships to deliver energy plans by March 2018 for alignment with Strategic Economic Plans (circa £40,000 - £50,000). This funding is not available to GBEB. Coast 2 Capital and the South East LEP are collaborating on an Energy Strategy to be delivered by BEIS' deadline of March 2018. This will form helpful background to a GB Energy Plan. A GB Plan would go into greater detail on the sub regional barriers and opportunities and provide GB an enhanced evidence base and a stronger voice to government regarding energy infrastructure.
- 3.11 The Greater Brighton local authorities have developed initial work on energy opportunities through their own, commissioned Energy Studies. However, these studies are largely out of date and do not reflect the massive shifts in opportunity and innovation that have occurred in the energy sector in recent years.

Greater Brighton Water Plan

- 3.12 The Government highlights the importance of upgrading water and flood defence infrastructure in the Industrial Strategy Green Paper.
- 3.13 The Government has set out a policy framework for how it is going to support the water industry in securing longer term water security. A regional plan would support sustainable long term planning by facilitating a more coordinated approach to informing water companies' 25 year water resources management plans and drought strategies and their 5 year business plans.

- 3.14 Water utility companies are responsible for developing long term water supply plans, in consultation with the Environment Agency and others. However, closer collaboration is needed to ensure these plans align with the development and growth plans of the GBEB region and include environmentally sustainable measures to support this growth. The plan would need to be integrated with the water resource business plans of both water utility companies and with the surface water management plans and flood risk management plans of the lead local flood authorities. In the National Flood Resilience Review (2016), Government set out its expectations of key infrastructure providers to ensure assets are flood resilient and minimise impact to existing communities and business. The Energy and Water Plan could be used to improve and enhance existing pieces of work.
- 3.15 The process of developing a plan would support closer collaboration with key stakeholders including the LEP, government departments, utility companies and the Environment Agency. It also represents an opportunity for closer collaboration between GBEB and the Biosphere Delivery Board by harnessing expertise and focus in green and blue infrastructure to support more sustainable and climate-resilient economic growth.

Governance

- 3.16 In accordance with the Board decision (paragraphs 3.1 - 3.2), it is proposed that Southern Water is a key stakeholder who will work closely with Brighton & Hove City Council; ensure that the Plans fulfil the requirements of the GBEB; and provide wider support. Energy and water expertise will be introduced from the Brighton & Lewes Biosphere Board through Chair, Ben Earl (Southern Water), who will play a key role in developing the plans.
- 3.17 Brighton & Hove City Council will take on the client co-ordination role, supporting practical delivery, undertaking roles such as procurement and management of consultants; overseeing data gathering and analysis, event management, consultation and drafting.
- 3.18 An expert panel called the 'Infrastructure Panel' will be created, chaired by Southern Water Chief Executive, Ian McAulay, formed of relevant expert stakeholders for both energy and water, as sounding boards for the robust development of the plans.
- 3.19 The finished plans would be "owned" by GBEB, and recognised by the individual agencies and institutions of GBEB. Where relevant the Plans could inform policy making for the Local Development Schemes for the Greater Brighton Planning Authorities.
- 3.20 Given the specialist knowledge and capacity required for the Plans, the proposal is to appoint consultants to collect data and establish the policy context, consult stakeholders, and produce the Plans. The aim would be to produce plans which are highly practical in application and which provide a clear indication of priorities, investment opportunities and potential financial mechanisms and sources.

Timetable and Next Steps

- 3.21 Funding has been sought for development of the Energy Plan under an Interreg 2 Seas bid 'SOLARISE', submitted by Brighton & Hove City Council in September 2017. The bid's outcome is expected late November 2017. First steps would therefore include creation of the Infrastructure Expert Panel and Invitation to Tender for consultants to develop the Energy Plan in early 2018.
- 3.22 A staged approach is proposed targeting the end of 2018 to complete the Energy Plan subject to a successful outcome to the SOLARISE bid. The Water Plan would follow, subject to identification of funding, though initial discussions and scoping work can begin with the Infrastructure Expert Panel members.
- 3.23 All GBEB member authorities and organisations will be invited to engage with Plan production activities such as the data collection, policy scoping, growth plans and consultations from early 2018 onwards.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Community and stakeholder engagement, internal and external to the GBEB and member organisations would be undertaken as part of Plan development.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The Board is asked to note the benefits development of an Energy Plan and Water Plan would bring to the security and resilience of Greater Brighton and to approve work to proceed on developing the Plans.

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 7.1 GBEB has allocated £10,000 towards Energy and Water Plan development. It is proposed that with the agreement of GBEB, this should be divided equally: £5,000 for the Energy Plan and £5,000 for the Water Plan. In addition, a contribution of up to £14,000 has been identified for the Energy Plan from Brighton & Hove City Council's International and Sustainability Team budget.
- 7.2 More significant funding has been sought through an Interreg 2 Seas funding bid called SOLARISE which includes a further €40,000 (approximately £35,000¹) for the development of the Energy Plan, to include specific work on solar, storage and smart grids in line with the bidding opportunity and relevance to the GB region. The outcome of this bid is expected to be announced in November 2017. These would provide a total sum of up to £54,000 for the Energy Plan.
- 7.3 Provided the SOLARISE bid is successful; no further funding is being requested from the Board for the Energy Plan. If SOLARISE is not successful a further report will come back to the Board.

¹ Using the Euro Sterling exchange rate at 27.09.17 of 1.14.

- 7.4 The Water Plan is not currently funded beyond £5,000 allocated by the Board on 25th April 2017. Southern Water has indicated they will contribute towards costs of the Water Plan. Other potential funding sources for the plans include additional contributions, including in-kind contributions from Greater Brighton and Biosphere Board partners and private sector sponsorship.
- 7.5 Funding sources will be explored and a further report will be brought to the Board for consideration. The investable projects identified through the development of both plans, aligned to the Industrial Strategy, could provide GBEB partners a return on investment through increased access to Government funding and investment opportunities.
- 7.6 Development of the Energy and Water Plans will rely upon the commitment and input from the Board and relevant regional partners from the Biosphere partnership including the local authorities, the Environment Agency, utility companies and others. This will inform the level of services required from consultants.

Finance Officer Consulted: Rob Allen

Date: 26/09/17

Legal Implications:

- 7.7 The contract(s) with the consultants who will deliver the Energy and Water Plans will be with Brighton & Hove City Council which will undertake tendering exercises in accordance with its Contract Standing Orders.

Lawyer Consulted: Alice Rowland

Date: 28/09/17

Equalities Implications:

- 7.8 The affordability of energy and water is a key consideration for the Plans, affecting residents suffering current or future fuel and/or water poverty. Equalities will be addressed during Plan development.

Sustainability Implications:

- 7.9 The Plans will respond to national trajectories for decarbonisation and clean growth and will develop actions for a sustainable economic growth.

Any Other Significant Implications:

- 7.10 Potential public health and social benefits can arise from addressing and reducing fuel and water poverty.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Greater Brighton Energy Plan
2. Greater Brighton Water Plan

Background Documents

1. [Building Our Industrial Strategy](#), Government Green Paper January 2017

2. [Upgrading our energy system: Smart systems and flexibility plan](#), Government and OFGEM, July 2017
3. [The Clean Growth Strategy](#): Leading the way to a low carbon future, (BEIS, October 2017).

Greater Brighton Energy Plan

Strategic fit with BEIS policy

- The Plan reflects energy-related aspects of the Industrial Strategy and the Clean Growth Strategy
- Responds to national trajectory for decarbonisation and clean growth

Context; Objectives and Benefits

- The benefits offered by developing an energy plan, will cover several areas: economic, social and environmental. In economic terms the plan would assist the Greater Brighton Economic Board (GBEB) to develop a better understanding of opportunities and constraints around energy and how these impact on growth. From this, approaches to mitigate constraints will be developed, futureproofing the region, ensuring resilience and a secure reliable energy supply.
- Opportunities will be identified to capitalise on growth and localisation of the energy sector through investable local projects for GBEB members, business and communities. The plan will assist the Greater Brighton City Region to develop as a smart, sustainable, low carbon region, securing a larger share of the growing energy sector.
- Social benefits will include developing strategic approaches and actions to ensure affordable energy and improve health and wellbeing, reducing the public cost of poor health from cold homes and poor air quality. The plan will address issues of polluting emissions associated with energy use in transport (electrification of transport) and buildings (electrification of heat), reducing local emissions to air. It would also investigate means to improve energy efficiency of homes across the region, to reduce fuel poverty, and associated poor health. Environmental benefits would include developing a clear plan to deliver clean energy and carbon reduction, in order to achieve national targets locally, and avoid catastrophic climate change.

Energy Plan Scope

To include (as recommended by BEIS)

- A clear analysis of the energy opportunities and challenges across the whole Greater Brighton region for power, heat and transport. This includes but is not limited to:
 - Energy use by businesses and industry
 - Energy use in local communities and the built environment
 - Energy use in the public sector estate
 - Energy required to enable growth and development
 - Low carbon transport
 - Infrastructure capacity and constraints
 - Supply and demand management including energy storage
 - Carbon capture, storage and use
 - Related products, services and business models
 - Research, innovation and the local knowledge base
 - Growth and jobs in the energy sector and the low carbon economy
 - Cost of energy and potential to retain value in the local economy
 - Estimates of energy demand and carbon emissions over time, and consideration in relation to relevant carbon targets
- Pipeline of potential energy and low carbon investment projects
- Energy and low carbon priorities for the LEP

- Arrangements for governance and delivery of the strategy
- Funding options to deliver low carbon energy projects
- Action plan, with responsibilities and timescales identified
- Any conclusions or recommendations for central government policymakers

Approach

- Consult GBEB and the Biosphere Delivery Board, identifying level of available support can be provided by members whether financial, information or officer capacity. This would inform capacity gaps and needs for technical expertise/consultants.
- Commission consultants
- Review existing evidence base and undertake analysis to fill gaps
- Assess baseline energy demands and carbon emissions and develop future scenarios
- Map assets, opportunities and challenges across the Greater Brighton area
- Undertake an appraisal of the different technology options available
- Map out energy supply chain opportunities and develop sector plans
- Assess economic impacts and links to the Strategic Economic Plan
- Engage with a broad range of organisations (private, public and third sector – including for example businesses, energy generators and infrastructure operators, local authorities, universities and community energy groups and other relevant organisations)
- Identify projects, agree Greater Brighton priorities, develop delivery strategy including governance and funding, complete action plan

Governance

- Subject to approval the plan would be owned by and report into the GBEB. Brighton & Hove City Council would take the client and co-ordination role on behalf of the GBEB. Much of the content and the specialist data and knowledge would be provided by key stakeholders on the GBEB and Biosphere Delivery Board.
- Infrastructure Expert Panel members, in addition to Southern Water are likely to include: BEIS Local Energy Team; Heat Network Delivery Unit; Energy utilities; UKPN; OFGEM; National Infrastructure Commission. Local stakeholders may include Community Energy Co's; low carbon growth sector businesses; Energy and Property Managers.

Timeframe

- Establish Infrastructure Expert Panel (December 2017)
- Scoping (Jan 2017)
- Invitation to tender (Jan 2018)
- Appoint consultants (February 2018)
- Consultants undertake baseline assessments (March-April 2018)
- Consultation with GB member and stakeholders (May-June 2018)
- First Draft (July-September 2018)
- Consult on First Draft Stakeholder events (October 2018)
- Produce final Draft (November 2018)
- Seek GBEB approval to adopt (December 2018)

Water Plan

1 Context; Objectives and Benefits

- 1.1 There is a need to acknowledge the extra demand that environmental, societal and economic pressures will place upon water quantity and quality in the future, and ensure that the Greater Brighton City Region is prepared. Developing a collaborative plan for water management across Greater Brighton could support greater climate resilience for the region into the longer term, contribute to sustainable economic growth and a healthy population. The plan would focus on the City Region's core development and growth areas to ensure the appropriate infrastructure is in place to support sustainable growth for the area. Water issues can be grouped into three themes:

- 1.1.1 **Water Supply – demand management, water infrastructure, water security and provision of alternative water systems.** The Government has set out a policy framework for how it is going to support the water industry in securing longer term water security given future anticipated challenges and avoiding imbalances between water supply and demand. At regional and local level there is a need to ensure that development projections for our City Region is fully accounted for within the detailed delivery plans of the 25-year water resources and drought strategies of both our local water companies Southern Water and South East Water. There is a need to ensure that water is managed in the most sustainable way, to review capacity and performance of existing water infrastructure in view of future trends, and to mitigate water insecurity and water poverty. Water companies undertake statutory consultation on a regular basis to inform their 5 year business plans (the next consultation is for 2020-25) and these deliver against their strategies. More effective partnership working and a coordinated Greater Brighton response to this consultation could support more sustainable outcomes for water management in the region. Working together could support a more consistent approach to informing local plans and strategies, in terms of promoting sustainable use of water, and result in reductions in local per capita demand across all sectors – domestic, agriculture and industry.

- 1.1.2 **Wastewater - water quality and water treatment, water drainage infrastructure** Declining ground water quality is responsible for failures under the EU Water Framework Directive and increases in the economic and energy cost of drinking water treatment. There is an opportunity for delivering a more collaborative approach across the Greater Brighton City Region, such as working closely with stakeholders in supporting sustainable land management practices, and joined up approaches to pollution control (e.g. through the CHAMP groundwater project, a priority project for the Biosphere Delivery Board). Maintaining good quality bathing water could also safeguard and support the region's visitor economy. A regional plan would benefit from existing partnerships and work that have informed the development of Catchment Management Plans (CMPs). The objectives of CMPs closely align with that of a regional plan and consider scale in a similar way. They aim to facilitate a collaborative approach by working with stakeholders to identify and deliver good practice initiatives in water management at a catchment scale. Development of a regional plan could benefit from giving due consideration to how the CMPs can help to inform and shape the content, approach and outcomes of a regional water plan. This could be achieved through close consultation and engagement with the Environment Agency (lead authority for oversight of CMPs), other management authorities and groups that support CMP implementation.

- 1.1.3 **Flood risk management – surface water flooding, sustainable urban drainage, coastal flooding and flood defences** Adopting more sustainable and natural flood management solutions for creating resilience to future extreme weather events (heavy rainfall and prolonged drought) is necessary to sustain growth and reduce adverse costs to key infrastructure and development sites. There are already plans in place that deliver flood management in our region, including the Catchment Flood Management Plans for Ouse¹ and for Adur², the subsequent individual Flood Risk Management Plans of the local authorities across Greater Brighton and the Shoreline Management Plan³. Collaboration at a regional level between the lead Local Flood Authorities (BHCC, WSCC and ESCC), the Environment Agency, the water companies, and other local authorities could secure greater resilience of our future development sites, safeguard homes and the economy, particularly in vulnerable flood-prone areas. There is already a rethinking of traditional approaches to water and flood management, moving away from expensive hard engineering, where possible, to more innovative sustainable, nature-based solutions. Pooling of resources, expertise and sharing best practice in planning at a regional level could support greater innovation, policy guidance and more cost effective solutions for designing and engineering our urban and rural landscapes, and for future-proofing new developments.

2 Scoping

- 2.1 Through consulting GBEB and the Biosphere Delivery Board, initial scoping could identify what level of support could be provided by members whether financial, information or capacity. This would also help to identify any gaps in capacity and where technical expertise/consultants are needed. A scoping exercise on key issues and priorities could provide direction for the Plan brief.

3 Governance

- 3.1 Subject to approval the plan would be owned by and report into the GBEB. Brighton & Hove City Council would take the client and co-ordination role on behalf of the GBEB. Much of the content and the specialist data and knowledge would be provided by key stakeholders on the GBEB and Biosphere Delivery Board. Other potential stakeholders include the Environment Agency, Southern Water and South East Water.

4 Potential Deliverables

- 4.1 Development of a Water Plan for the Greater Brighton City Region could:
- Offer an approach for sustainable management of water across the City Region's key development sites and areas of growth
 - Support longer term collaboration across all regional authorities responsible for water management, utilities and the Environment Agency

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ouse-sussex-catchment-flood-management-plan>

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/adur-catchment-flood-management-plan>

³ https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/69206/pb11726-smpg-vol1-060308.pdf

- Support climate resilience of these development sites and the region as a whole
- Provide an opportunity for mainstreaming innovation in water management across the region and modernising water infrastructure to ensure it is fit for purpose
- Stimulate growth in the local market and expertise in sustainable water management solutions
- Support water security across the GBEB region
- Strengthen the region, making it more attractive to business and investors

5 Examples of good practice in plans elsewhere

- 5.1 The East of England Water Partnership⁴ has been established for the purpose of joining together spatial and water planning processes for more effective management of water resources in the region, considering the environment and quality of life of people whilst helping to steer the growth agenda. A main focus of the Partnership is helping to deliver the Water Resources East Anglia (WREA) project.

⁴ <http://www.sustainabilityeast.org.uk/water-partnership/>

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FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT

- 1.1 This report provides the Greater Brighton Economic Board (“the Board”) with an update on progress on the Greater Brighton Investment Programme (“the Investment Programme”) since the Board’s last meeting on 18 July 2017.
- 1.2 Updates are included on the Local Growth Fund (LGF) allocations made as part of the Growth Deal Round 3, and the progress of projects awarded unallocated monies from Growth Deal Rounds 1 & 2. The period covered by this report is 22 June 2017 to 20 October 2017.
- 1.3 At the 18 July 2017 meeting of the Greater Brighton Economic Board, Board members requested that future investment programme update reports provide more details on delivery timescales and schedules, including the consideration of ‘traffic light’ ratings for projects to improve oversight. Due to the summer break and recent focus upon delivering the City Region Workshop, the proposed changes to the update reports will be brought to the next meeting of the Economic Board.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Board note the report.

3. GREATER / BRIGHTON INVESTMENT PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

Flood Alleviation Scheme (Newhaven)

- 3.1 The west bank of the scheme, comprising two earth embankments, a flood gate and several hundred metres of concrete flood wall was completed in early October 2017. This is a major milestone for the project and provides protection from tidal flooding for 244 residential homes and 88 businesses.
- 3.2 Work is also well underway on the large flanking embankments north of Newhaven. These will protect the town from ‘back door’ flooding when the Ouse

overtops its banks in large tidal events, and will tie into a rail flood gate across the main line from Lewes to Seaford. Details of this flood gate are still being negotiated with Network Rail.

- 3.3 On the east bank of the Ouse from the Energy Recovery Facility down to Newhaven beach, 2km of flood defences will be built. A substantial part of the flood wall north of the swing bridge has already been built, and designs for the remaining sections are close to completion. There have been delays finalising these designs due to complex interactions with stakeholder interests including Newhaven Ports and Properties, Network Rail and local waste and recycling operations.
- 3.4 The original programmed completion date for the Newhaven Flood Alleviation Scheme was autumn 2019 and the Environment Agency is confident they will finish the project in advance of this date.

Port Access Road (Newhaven)

- 3.5 The scheme has reached a major milestone as construction of the second phase of the Port Access Road (from Pargut roundabout to Mill Creek) recently went out to tender. Construction of the scheme is being procured using Hampshire County Council's framework contract with 3 tenderers bidding for the work. The tender period ends on 28 Nov 2017.
- 3.6 Alongside that East Sussex County Council (ESCC) is still working with the Department for Transport (DfT) on the business case and is now having more regular helpful dialogue with them. The business case will focus on the economic and regeneration benefits delivered by the scheme. ESCC are not able to apply for final funding approval until they have the tender cost, but are continuing to submit draft information to DfT for comment, in anticipation of a final submission for funding to DfT in mid-December.

DfT have advised that 8-10 weeks will be needed for their approval process which will involve a ministerial decision (Hopefully in Spring 2018).

- 3.7 Assuming a favourable funding decision, main construction is anticipated to start in late April/early May 2018. Construction is then expected to take 19 months to complete. In preparation for main construction, advance site clearance works, the construction of a new badger sett, and the translocation of newts will be undertaken from the start of the New Year onwards.

Enterprise Zone (Newhaven)

- 3.8 Work on the Enterprise Zone is progressing well. The Rampion O&M Base at East Quay is due for completion in spring 2018. Phase 1 of the new business park at Eastside South is due for occupation in January 2018 and the first two units have been pre-let in advance. Based on strength of demand, the landowner is accelerating development of the remainder of the site for business units. Lewes District Council (LDC) is currently finalising plans for its land at Railway Quay and the Town Centre and expects to take reports to Cabinet for the former in January and the latter in November.

- 3.9 The bid to the Government's Commercial Support Fund for Avis Way was successful. LDC is now working closely with the Environment Agency to agree a timetable for preparatory work and site investigations.

New England House Growth Centre (Brighton)

- 3.10 Brighton & Hove City Council is involved in discussions regarding a potential land deal with the leaseholder of the adjacent Longley Industrial Estate, along with the leaseholder's preferred developer. It is hoped that an appropriate deal can be agreed that would provide for the refurbishment and extension of New England House, together with a wider mixed use development of the Longley site and existing New England House car park. The wider package would need to meet City Deal outputs together with planning policy targets as set out in the City Plan.

Digital Catapult Centre and 5G Testbed (Brighton)

- 3.11 The refurbishment phase of the Digital Catapult is now coming to an end with final snagging taking place during October. The newly created space now includes the 5G testbed, a new large meeting room and event space; and double doors have been built into the adjoining wall to open up the new space to the space that was the Fusebox. New two-person pods have been built to provide private meeting space; the area has been partially carpeted and acoustic panels added to improve the sound, and a new airflow system and upgraded lighting has been added along with a new fuse-box to accommodate the increase in power and digital infrastructure to the units.
- 3.12 The Digital Catapult is now offering a new and enhanced residency programme; this programme is intended to support digital entrepreneurs, tech visionaries and creative technologists who are looking to turn their ideas and initiative into successful innovations. Residents are individuals or small teams working on ideas, concepts and products that align with immersive (e.g. Virtual/Augmented Reality), connected (e.g. 5G/LoRaWAN), intelligent (AI/CI) and data driven technologies. Following shortlisting and interview 15 companies have now been registered onto the programme.

Advanced Engineering Centre (Brighton)

- 3.13 The construction of the Advanced Engineering Building and surrounding landscaping is now complete. The fit-out of the engineering workshops is now complete, and these are being used for the delivery of courses in the 2017/18 autumn term.
- 3.14 The work is continuing with the installation of specialist equipment in the research areas; two laboratories are now operational, supporting an Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) funded European Space Agency (ESA) project and a Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) project with a local company.
- 3.15 The fit-out of the first engine test cell will be completed in the near future to support a major EU funded programme in partnership with Ricardo. The venue has been used for a number of events including the recent governmental officer visit to the region and was media profiled as part of the British Science Festival.

The formal opening, which the university had hoped to hold in the first week of September to coincide with the British Science Festival, has been delayed until spring 2018.

Circus Street Innovation Growth Centre and Regeneration (Brighton)

- 3.16 All land transactions and legal agreements between the development partners were completed in early August and full construction is now underway, with piling largely completed and construction underway on the housing and student residential blocks. Construction of the Dance Space and the office block will commence in spring 2018. Most elements of the scheme are scheduled for completion in late 2019, with overall completion (bar the university building) by spring 2020.

Preston Barracks Central Research Laboratory (Brighton)

- 3.17 In September 2017 the project achieved a significant milestone when the planning application for the comprehensive redevelopment of the Preston Barracks site and adjacent University of Brighton land was considered at a special meeting of the Planning Committee. The committee granted planning permission subject to completion of a Section 106 agreement, and it is hoped this will be completed by the end of October. This, and the completion of related legal matters shortly thereafter, will allow the parties to complete the land transactions following which demolition and site enablement works will commence.
- 3.18 The current programme will see demolition works commence from mid-November 2017, with construction of the Central Research Laboratory (CRL) expected in the spring of 2018. In readiness for this, U+I's professional team has continued to progress the detailed design of the CRL building and has reached RIBA Stage 3 design sign off. They also progressed a first stage tender for the building contract. The final stage tender return is due to be received in November at which point the team will select their preferred contractor and appoint them ready for a start on site in spring 2018.

Construction Trades Centre, City College (Brighton)

- 3.19 Work on the Greater Brighton Metropolitan (GBMet) Colleges' £9m Construction Trades Centre was completed in early spring and the building handed over to the College at the end of March. Through the summer the College undertook the internal fit-out and decanting of the current provision from the Pelham site to allow the new facilities to be fully operational for the 2017/18 academic year.
- 3.20 The Construction Trades Centre, situated on the East Brighton Campus of the College, will train the next generation of electricians, plumbers, carpenters, painters, bricklayers and plasterers. Employers in construction and catering already face significant problems in recruiting skilled workers, and earlier this year GBMet published a report entitled "Have you Met your future", which suggested that jobs in construction will be amongst the top 10 growth occupations in Sussex and the UK over the next 5 years. With the government in the process of negotiating Great Britain out of the EU, it remains unclear what the impact might be for the supply of labour to key industries including construction,

health and tourism, so the new educational facility is going to be vital for the post-Brexit economy.

Valley Gardens – Phases 1 and 2 (Brighton)

- 3.21 The Technical Highway Design is nearing completion. Consultants are working closely with internal officers to complete detailed design queries and respond to interim Safety Audit comments. The Signage Strategy is largely approved and work is nearing completion on the drainage design and horizontal alignment. The recently completed site investigation works draft documentation has been completed providing vital information on the underground environment including the location of statutory undertaker equipment, basement surveys, carriageway condition surveys and existing ducting and targeted tree pit conflicts. The completed Traffic Management reports have been issued which detail proposed construction phasing after a series of consultations with transport operators and emergency services. The proposed traffic management plans are very complex but give a good indication of a proposed method for construction which has been approved by key stakeholders, strategic and local diversion requirements and indications of traffic management costs and requirements throughout the construction phase. The key principles of the traffic management plans were to minimise disruption, maintain safety, and maintain vehicle access throughout the schemes, and to reduce impact on public transport
- 3.22 Following the approval of the preliminary greenspace design at Environment, Sustainability and Transport Committee on 27th June, consultants have been working with internal officers on the detailed design, which is progressing well. The Green space Planning Application is currently being consulted on, with the aim to have a Planning decision in November 2017.
- 3.23 At Environment, Sustainability Committee in November officers will propose the final detailed designs for Valley Gardens along with the proposed procurement route, outline traffic management plans and recommendations for the next stage of the project including proposed construction start date which is likely to be June 2018.

Bike Share Scheme (Brighton & Hove)

- 3.24 Launched on 1 September, BTN BikeShare has announced encouraging user figures for its first month of operation, suggesting it is set to be a top-performing bike share scheme for the UK. The first 30 days have seen over 9,000 registrations, and an average of 800 journeys on the Life Bikes per day. Users have cycled 50,000 miles so far.
- 3.25 Residents and visitors can hire and locate the Life Bikes via the SoBi app. A casual rental plan, priced at 3p per minute (£1 minimum spend), is ideal for occasional riding. More frequent users may prefer an annual membership, which provides an hour of daily cycling for £72.
- 3.26 On 17 October 2017, American Express was unveiled as a co-sponsor of BTN BikeShare.

Intelligent Transport Systems Package (Brighton & Hove)

- 3.27 The upgrades to the traffic signal pedestrian crossings at the eleven junctions are all complete. The CCTV installations are complete at three sites and another two are due to be connected soon. The new contract for the bus lane enforcement cameras has been awarded. Journey time monitors are now gathering data and enabling the City Council to adjust traffic flow where needed. Variable Messaging Signs have been purchased and will be installed shortly at several locations across the city. Traffic signal improvements at four major junctions have been completed and work to improve the final site should start in January.

Adur Tidal Walls (Shoreham-By-Sea)

- 3.28 The Shoreham Adur Tidal Walls scheme is being carried out by Mackley, working as part of Team Van Oord and on behalf of the Environment Agency, Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership, Adur District Council and West Sussex County Council.
- 3.29 The scheme is separated into 10 reaches, or lengths of the estuarine bank. The design of the flood defences varies between the reaches as they have different characteristics and are subject to different pressures and potential flood impacts. The defences include steel sheet piling, concrete walls, flood glass and earth embankments. Once completed, the project will significantly reduce flood risk to more than 2,300 properties in Shoreham and East Lancing, as well as protecting important local infrastructure such as the road network, railway line and Shoreham Airport.
- 3.30 Work is currently taking place at seven of the 10 reaches of the scheme, a number of which are nearing completion. At W2, concrete work on the slipway is well advanced, as is work to prepare the riverside surface for installation of the flood defences. The first panes of flood glass have also been installed.

Western Harbour Arm Flood Defence (Shoreham-By-Sea)

- 3.31 Negotiations continue on the purchase of a strip of land along the northern frontage of the Sussex Yacht Club's site which will necessitate the relocation of the main clubhouse building.
- 3.32 Adur District Council has commissioned a study to carry out a detailed flood risk analysis to provide the justification needed for further investment from the Environment Agency's capital programme. The Council has also received a detailed design and costing for the proposed flood wall, and is discussing the design of the new clubhouse with the yacht club through pre-application negotiations.
- 3.33 Two separate planning applications for the replacement clubhouse and flood defence scheme will be submitted in the next few months, and construction of the clubhouse element is likely to commence in early 2018, with completion in early 2020. The flood defence wall will follow immediately thereafter.

Growth Location (Burgess Hill)

- 3.34 Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC) submitted its District Plan to Government in August 2016. The Plan provides the framework for the Burgess Hill developments and has now completed its Examination in Public. MSDC is currently consulting on its Main Modifications with the aim of having an adopted plan early in 2018.
- 3.35 The Northern Arc scheme, which will deliver up to 3,500 new homes alongside a business park, schools and community facilities, remains a key focus for MSDC. Further progress has been made to address outstanding issues and regular discussions are being held with developers to progress the scheme. A planning application for the first 130 homes on the development has been received and pre-application discussions regarding two further residential elements of the site along with the employment area have been held, with formal applications expected by the end of the year.
- 3.36 Good progress has been made on the approved major retail, leisure and housing scheme to redevelop Burgess Hill town centre with the developers, New River Retail, starting initial works already, and scheme due to complete by 2020/21. The construction on the Kings Way and Keymer Tileworks sites also continues apace with both developments now starting to be occupied.
- 3.37 Work continues on The Brow to convert a number of public sector buildings into a modern, purpose-built public service facility to house a GP surgery and accommodation for the police and ambulance services, whilst freeing up land to provide a significant number of homes to aid regeneration of the town centre. The HCA has commissioned architects and planning consultants who have produced a high level design and viability assessment. MSDC continues to work with partners and the HCA to agree an implementation plan for this project.
- 3.38 An external design agency has been appointed to support work on a Burgess Hill brand and outreach communications strategy. Initial workshops have been held with key political stakeholders and the intention is to work in partnership with the various developers active in the town, along with other stakeholders, to promote and support its role as a growth location and to provide high quality information to existing and future residents, employees and visitors. A public vote is being held to choose the brand that will pull together all communications.

A2300 Corridor Improvements (Burgess Hill)

- 3.39 Preliminary design and the preparation of an outline Transport Business Case for this Department for Transport retained major scheme are progressing and expect to be completed by spring/summer 2018. This will be submitted to the Coast-to-Capital LEP for formal approval before commencement of detailed design and full Transport Business Case preparation. The current programme indicates a start of construction in winter 2020, with completion in spring 2022.

4. UPDATE ON LOCAL GROWTH FUND PROJECTS (ROUND 3)

- 4.1 On 02 February 2017, the C2C LEP announced that it has secured £66m through Round 3 of the Growth Deal. Subject to the required funding

agreements, all six projects put forward by the Board were allocated funding - totalling £48.77m – updates as follows.

Worthing Central Phase 1 (Worthing) - £5.6m

4.2 Teville Gate:

The award of Growth Deal funding has helped to facilitate further negotiations between the main site owner (of Teville Gate) and the owner of Teville Gate House to secure a phased development ensuring a comprehensive redevelopment of both sites. More recently negotiations on the surrender of the Council's long lease of the multi-storey car park on the site has included discussions on the demolition of all buildings on the site (excluding Teville Gate House) to help facilitate the redevelopment of the site. A revised business case is to be submitted shortly and will be considered by the Coast-to-Capital Investment Committee on the 6th December 2017 to fund the demolition works.

A public consultation exercise on the 9th and 10th November will showcase the emerging plans for the site with a planning application expected shortly afterwards. Negotiations continue with the owner of Teville Gate House in relation to a parallel redevelopment or refurbishment scheme for the existing offices.

4.3 Union Place:

Negotiations continue with the land owner at Union Place in order to bring forward a mixed use scheme, including a multiplex cinema. A revised business case has been submitted and will be considered by the Coast-to-Capital Investment Committee on the 6th December 2017 to draw down funding to help deliver the scheme.

Decoy Farm (Worthing) - £4.8m

- 4.4 Engagement with potential occupiers/developers is helping to inform the most appropriate remediation strategy for the site. Under the National Built Environment Consultancy Services (BECS) Framework, Agreement Consultants have been commissioned to assess remediation options to bring forward a phased redevelopment of the site and determine what off-site highway improvements will be required. This will help inform further studies and support a planning application for the redevelopment of the site.

New Monks Farm & Airport (Shoreham-By-Sea) - £5.7m

- 4.5 The developers for New Monks Farm and Shoreham Airport have submitted detailed planning applications for both the sites. The application at New Monks Farm proposes 600 dwellings, a primary school, a country park of 28 hectares and a flagship Ikea store of 35,000 sqm. The applications are likely to be considered early in the New Year. This will follow a decision by Adur Council on the 14th December 2017 on the adoption of the Local Plan after receipt of the Inspectors report which found the Plan to be 'sound' subject to incorporation of various main modifications.

Growth Location (Burgess Hill) - £14.9m

- 4.6 In order to assist with the delivery of the infrastructure required to realise the full benefits of the substantial growth anticipated in Burgess Hill, MSDC submitted a bid to Coast to Capital for Local Growth Fund 3 funds. The bid was primarily to support a sustainable transport package that would link together new and existing developments and improve the experience of travelling to and around Burgess Hill and has been awarded £14.9m. West Sussex County Council (WSSCC) has now appointed consultants to undertake the work required to develop a detailed package of sustainable transport measures and they have completed the first phase of this work.

See also 3.34 to 3.38.

Sussex Bio-Innovation Centre (Brighton) - £5.5m

- 4.7 Detailed building designs have been completed for the entire new Life Sciences Teaching & Research Building including the Bio-Innovation Centre. Planning consent has recently been received and the project is at procurement stage to select the main contractor, with work expected to begin onsite in early 2018.

Black Rock Development (Brighton) - £12.1m

- 4.8 Negotiations to finalise the Conditional Land Acquisition Agreement have been progressing well since the New Year and are anticipated to be complete by the end of November. An outline business case has been submitted to Coast-to-Capital. A timeline for the project assumes enabling works at Black Rock begin in 2019/20 with the design & build process beginning 2021.

5. UPDATE ON LGF PROJECTS (UNALLOCATED FUNDS ROUNDS 1 & 2)

- 5.1 In December 2016, the C2C LEP announced that it had approximately £46.65m of unallocated funds available to support capital growth projects. The Greater Brighton Board put forward eight bids, five of which received funding totalling approximately £9.9m, subject to the relevant funding agreements. Updates are as follows:

Adur Civic Centre (Shoreham-By-Sea) - £1.8m

- 5.2 Demolition of the main building is complete and the contractors have handed the site back to the Council. Architects have been commissioned to prepare development options for the main site and the Council is currently reviewing different mixed use options for the site.
- 5.3 Following the Council entering into a pre-contract services agreement through a SCAPE Framework Agreement, a planning application for the proposed offices on the north (car park) site has been submitted and detailed site investigations have been undertaken. The planning application will be considered by Adur's Planning Committee on the 13th November 2017. On the basis that planning permission is granted work is expected to start on site in early 2018.

Springman House (Lewes) - £2m

- 5.4 Local Growth Funding enabled Lewes District Council (LDC) to purchase the Springman House site, located in the North Street Quarter development, in March 2017. This project, which provides for the relocation of the fire station, will unlock the £150 million North Street Quarter regeneration scheme. This is a major mixed-use development in Lewes that will deliver significant benefits, including 416 new homes, 13,000 sqm of commercial floor-space, new flood defences and a new health centre.
- 5.5 Following the purchase of the site, the Council's Cabinet approved the budget for the design and construction of the new facility, which also provides an opportunity to work with Sussex Police to co-locate blue light services in the town. A user group has been established to identify the operational requirements of East Sussex Fire and Rescue. The Council is in the process of securing architects to commence work on design options. It is expected that the new fire station will be open by March 2020.

Railway Quay (Newhaven) - £1.5m

See 3.8-3.9.

Eastside South (Newhaven) - £1.6m

See 3.8-3.9.

Royal Pavilion Exchange – Corn Exchange & Studio Theatre (Brighton) - £3m

- 5.6 Following the start of works on 13 February 2017, the main contractor R. Durnell & Sons Ltd, is progressing works to the Corn Exchange, Studio Theatre and new public galleries. Coast-to-Capital LEP funding of £3m is being drawn down on a quarterly basis and supports the agreed funding model to ensure that the full scope of works can be delivered. Ongoing coordination and discussions with Brighton Dome & Brighton Festival and the main contractor are focused on mitigating local disruption and facilitating the continued use of the Concert Hall during the works, which are programmed to be completed in autumn 2018. The project has experienced some delays relating to negotiations of the Party Wall Awards, all completed in July 2017, and finds in the ground, including a former Quaker burial ground requiring the exhumation of 18 skeletons.

6. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 6.1 None required.

7. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

- 7.1 None required.

8. CONCLUSION

- 8.1 The Board is asked to note the contents of this report.

9. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 9.1 There are no direct financial implications associated with this report regarding the progress made in the second quarter of this financial year on approved schemes within the Greater Brighton Investment Programme. Schemes already included within the Greater Brighton Investment Programme have approved business cases in place with funding options identified and these have been reported to their respective bodies. Future or revised business plans will be reported accordingly within the timescales of the project timetables.
- 9.2 Subject to funding agreements, the C2C LEP have also announced funding of £48.77m toward all six of the projects put forward by the Board as shown in paragraphs 4.1 to 4.8. Further work will be required to identify the match funding requirements for these projects and will be reported back to this board in due course.
- 9.3 The C2C LEP has awarded a total of £9.9m of unallocated Rounds 1 and 2 Local Growth Funding toward the five projects detailed in paragraphs 5.1 to 5.5, subject to funding agreements. It should be noted that all projects will require a degree of match funding; this will be reported back to this board in due course.

Finance Officer Consulted: Rob Allen, Principal Accountant Date: 24/10/2017

Legal Implications:

- 9.4 There are no legal implications arising directly out of this report.

Lawyer Consulted: Alice Rowland, Head of Commercial Law Date: 19/10/17

Equalities Implications:

- 9.5 None arising from this report. Equalities issues will be addressed on a project-by-project basis.

Sustainability Implications:

- 9.6 None arising from this report. Sustainability issues will be addressed on a project-by-project basis.

Any Other Significant Implications:

- 9.7 None.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

None

Documents in Members' Rooms:

None

Background Documents:

None