

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL
GREATER BRIGHTON ECONOMIC BOARD

10.00am 28 JANUARY 2020

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DECISION LIST

Part One

22 GREATER BRIGHTON INFRASTRUCTURE PANEL UPDATE: ENERGY & WATER PLANS

- 1) That the Board notes the update provided by the Chair of the Greater Brighton Infrastructure Panel and recognises the work undertaken to date.
- 2) That the Board requests the final recommendations from the Water and Energy plans be presented in April 2020.
- 3) That the Board notes the planned communications activity which will be focused on the Greater Brighton 10 pledges highlighting the delivery of five water and five energy projects.

23 GREATER BRIGHTON BUSINESS SUPPORT PROGRAMMES – THE BUSINESS HOT HOUSE

- 1) That the Board notes the Greater Brighton Business Support programme and will use networks to increase awareness amongst local businesses.
- 2) That the Board agrees that whilst the levels of provision are high it can be difficult for businesses to navigate the complex terrain of providers and access points to receive the support they require. The Board advocates that in the longer term we move towards a system that is simplified through the establishment of a “one-stop-shop” where businesses can see and access all the current opportunities.
- 3) That the Board agrees to lobby government for continued funding into business support programmes once EU funding ceases in 2022.

24 GREATER BRIGHTON DIGITAL ACTION PLAN

- 1) That the Board agrees with the key priorities and projects identified from the workshop outlined in this paper and the Action Plan at Appendix 1. Actions suggested for the Board itself are outlined below.
- 2) That the Board endorse the multimode delivery model for full fibre as outlined in the strategy, recognising the need for different models in different contexts.
- 3) That the Board creates/identifies a group to explore an integrated visitor destination strategy to include digital expert representation.
- 4) That the Board supports the identification of local authority transport leads, and supports a discovery workshop on smart/intelligent transport.
- 5) That the Board requests a workshop on “business and digital” bringing Business Hothouse partners, representatives from economic development teams and digital experts together to explore opportunities to develop the digital offer to businesses in relation to productivity and innovation.
- 6) That the Board request local authority contributions to a mapping exercise for resident/community digital inclusion initiatives across the Greater Brighton for reporting to a future Board meeting.
- 7) That the Board considers how to establish a bid development fund to allow for the creation of “bid-ready” project proposals, potentially through contributions from member authorities. Projects requiring funding are highlighted in the action plan.
- 8) That the Board acknowledges the strategic role being played by the Everything Connects group chaired by Alex Bailey, and notes the extension of an invitation to join for Lewes District Council, delivering representation from all areas.

25 THE CREATIVE INDUSTRIES OF GREATER BRIGHTON

- 1) That the Board note the contents of this update report, progress made, uncertainty around national and regional economic policy and comment on the four areas identified by the Arts & Creative Industries (ACIC) Working Group for detailed development and progression.

26 GREATER BRIGHTON INVESTMENT PROGRAMME – PROGRESS UPDATE

- 1) That the Board note the report and the Investment Programme Update at Appendix 1

NB The above decisions will be implemented after close of business on 4 February 2020 unless they are called in.