

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Greater Brighton Economic Board 2017/18 Annual Report</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>17 July 2018</b>		
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Chair, Greater Brighton Officer Programme Board</b>		
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<b>LA(s) affected:</b>	<b>All</b>		

**FOR GENERAL RELEASE****1. PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

- 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 [The Operational Arrangements for 2018/19](#), approved by the Board on 17 April 2018, recommended that the Annual Report should be presented to the Board for approval at the first Board meeting in the 2018/19 municipal year. This report contains the Board's 2017/18 Annual Report, which is attached as Appendix 1.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 2.1 That the Board approve the 2017/18 Annual Report.
- 2.2 That Board members submit the 2017/18 Annual Report to their respective organisations.

**3. CONTEXT/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

- 3.1 The 2017/18 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 2017/18 to deliver its medium to long-term strategy, including:
  1. Developing the Greater Brighton Inward Investment & Trade Strategy.
  2. The Greater Brighton Response to the consultation on Coast to Capital's emerging Strategic Economic Plan (SEP); The Board's long term vision is very much aligned with the priorities outlined in the SEP, and the Board looks forward to working with Coast to Capital to successfully deliver the strategy in the context of the City Region, and develop a Local Industrial Strategy.

3. Securing funding through the Housing Infrastructure Fund; Greater Brighton Partners have secured over £48m of Government Investment from the Marginal Viability fund. The investment will unlock strategic development sites by funding key infrastructure projects, which are essential ahead of building the new homes that the City Region needs.
4. 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 2017/18, several projects moved from delivery phase to completion, and the report demonstrates the excellent progress that has been made.
5. The National 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.

#### **4. CONCLUSIONS:**

- 4.1 In line with the Board's reporting and accountability arrangements, Members of the Board are asked to agree the 2017/18 Annual Report and to submit this to their respective organisations.

#### **5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

##### Financial Implications:

- 5.1 There are no direct financial implications as a result of this report. The Greater Brighton Economic Board 2017/18 Annual Report in Appendix 1 details the activities of the Board and summarises key areas of work that the Board undertook in 2017/18 to deliver its medium to long term strategy. These included specific projects relating to the Greater Brighton Inward Investment & Trade Strategy, Housing Infrastructure Fund, 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, BHCC  
Date: 19/06/18*

##### Legal Implications:

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

*Lawyer Consulted: Alice Rowland, Head of Commercial Law, BHCC  
Date: 24/06/18*

Equalities Implications:

5.3 None

Sustainability Implications:

5.4 None

Any Other Significant Implications:

5.5 None

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

**Appendices:**

1. Greater Brighton Economic Board 2017/18 Annual Report

**Background Documents**

1. Greater Brighton Economic Board Operational Arrangements for 2018/19, 17 April 2018

