GREATER BRIGHTON ECONOMIC BOARD

Agenda Item

Subject: Greater Brighton Annual Report 2024/25 and One

Public Estate Programme Annual Report 2024/25

Date of Meeting: 9 July 2025

Report of: Chair, Greater Brighton Officer Programme Board

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Ward(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 in the <u>Heads of Terms</u>. These arrangements require the Board to submit an annual report to each of its representative bodies.
- 1.2 The Board's 2024/25 Annual Report is attached at Appendix 1.
- 1.3 The One Public Estate (OPE) Memorandum of Understanding between the Local Government Association (LGA), Cabinet Office and the Greater Brighton OPE Partnership ("the Partnership"), led by Brighton & Hove City Council, requires the Partnership to "provide an end of year report highlighting overall achievements and progress with delivery of OPE projects". The Greater Brighton One Public Estate Programme Annual Report 2024/25 is attached at Appendix 2.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the Board:

- 2.1 Approves the 2024/25 Annual Report and Board members submit the report to their respective organisations.
- 2.2 That the Board notes the content of the One Public Estate Programme's 2024/25 Annual Report.

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 As outlined in section 4.1 of the <u>Heads of Terms</u>, the Board shall submit an annual report to each of the bodies represented on the Board. The annual report for 2024/25 can be found at Appendix 5.
- 3.2 The 2024/5 Annual Report both reviews the previous twelve months and ahead to the next period. Main contents are as follows:
 - Foreword from the Chair

- Greater Brighton highlights
- Preparing for devolution
- Greater Brighton; past, present, future
- Sussex Energy: driving us to net zero
- Our thriving tech sector
- Focus on quantum computing

ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS 4

4.1 The proposed recommendations are in accordance with the governance arrangements agreed by the Board.

5 **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION**

5.1 Not applicable

6 CONCLUSION

6.1 To ensure that the Board transitions smoothly into the new municipal year, Board members are asked to agree to submit the Annual Report to their respective organisations.

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

7.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. All activity in 2024/25 as outlined in the Annual Report at Appendix 1 was undertaken within the GBEB Operational Budget.

Finance Officer Consulted: Haley Woollard, BHCC Head of Corporate Finance &

Deputy Chief Finance Officer

Date: 27/06/25

Legal Implications:

7.2 The recommendations of this report are in line with the Heads of Terms and the One Public Estate Memorandum of Understanding.

Lawyer Consulted: Siobhan Fry, BHCC Head of Legal (Commercial)

Date: 26/06/2025

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 Annual Report 2024/25
- 2. Greater Brighton One Public Estate Programme Annual Report 2024/25

Background documents:

1. Greater Brighton Economic Board Heads of Terms (January 2025)