

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Greater Brighton Annual Report 2025/26</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>24 June 2026</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Chair, Greater Brighton Economic Board</b>
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<b>Ward(s) affected:</b>	<b>All</b>

**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 [Heads of Terms](#). These arrangements require the Board to submit an annual report to each of its representative bodies, and the Board’s 2025/26 Annual Report is attached at Appendix 1.
- 1.2 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”. To that end, the Greater Brighton One Public Estate Programme Annual Report is usually presented alongside the Main Annual Report
- 1.3 As agreed at the [March 2026 Board meeting](#), dependent on progress made in establishing the Sussex & Brighton Strategic Authority (SBSA) and the extent to which the Boards key priorities and workstreams have transitioned, the Board will seek to dissolve in September 2026 or March 2027.
- 1.4 The current annual report is a lighter version than that produced in previous years. The suggestion is that a final, closing report will be prepared for the Board’s dissolution and this will also contain a final report for the OPE Programme.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the Board:

- 2.1 Approves the 2025/26 Annual Report and Board members submit the report to their respective organisations.
- 2.2 That the Board agrees that a fuller report, including a final report from the OPE Programme, be presented at the Board’s final meeting.

### **3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 As outlined in section 4.1 of the [Heads of Terms](#), the Board shall submit an annual report to each of the bodies represented on the Board. The annual report for 2025/26 can be found at Appendix 1.

### **4 ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 4.1 The proposed recommendations are in accordance with the governance arrangements agreed by the Board.
- 4.2 There was an option to produce a more detailed Annual Report in line with previous years, but a producing a final report to coincide with the Board's dissolution would then mean some duplication of effort and content.

### **5 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 Not applicable.

### **6 CONCLUSION**

- 6.1 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 2025/26 as outlined in the Annual Report at Appendix 1 was undertaken within the GBEB operational budget.

*Finance Officer Consulted: Haley Woollard – BHCC Head of Finance  
Date: 16/06/26*

#### Legal Implications:

- 7.2 There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

*Lawyer Consulted: Siobhan Fry – Head of Legal (Commercial) Brighton and Hove City Council  
Date: 11/06/2026*

#### Equalities Implications:

- 7.3 None directly arising from this report.

#### Sustainability Implications

- 7.4 None directly arising from this report.

Any Other Significant Implications:

7.5 None directly arising from this report.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

**Appendices:**

1. Greater Brighton Economic Board Annual Report 2025/26

**Background documents:**

1. [Greater Brighton Economic Board Heads of Terms \(April 2025\)](#)
2. [Greater Brighton Economic Board Operational Arrangements 2026/27](#)

