

Subject:	Greater Brighton Economic Board 2015/16 Annual Report		
Date of Meeting:	19 July 2016		
Report of:	Chair, Greater Brighton Officer Programme Board		
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LA(s) affected:	All		

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 At its meeting on 19 April 2016, the Board agreed that the 2015/16 Annual Report be presented to them for approval at their first meeting in the new municipal year. This report contains the Board's 2015/16 Annual Report, which is attached as Appendix 1.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Board approve the 2015/16 Annual Report.
- 2.2 That the Board agree to the submission of the 2015/16 Annual Report to their respective organisations.

3. BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT:

- 3.1 The 2015/16 Annual Report is attached as Appendix 1. It is intended to be used as an interactive document.
- 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 2015/16 to deliver its medium to long-term strategy:
 1. 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 2015/16, the Programme moved into its delivery phase and the report demonstrates the excellent progress that it has made.
 2. The Greater Brighton Project Pipeline and Growth Deal Round 3 Funding Applications; securing capital grant funding to unlock strategically important

projects across the City Region that will directly deliver the Board's strategy for growth and the broader Coast to Capital Strategic Economic Plan. The Board submitted a total of 10 applications for this highly competitive round of the Growth Deal to the Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership and the report provides a summary of each of these.

3. Greater Brighton's bid for Devolution, developing economic policy and securing new flexibilities, freedoms and funding from Government to deliver these to drive growth and increase productivity across the City Region. The report outlines the key areas in which the Board is developing its devolution policies, initiatives and proposals for continued discussion and negotiation with Government.

4. CONCLUSIONS:

- 4.1 In line with the Board's reporting and accountability arrangements, Members of the Board are asked to agree the 2015/16 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 although the 2015/16 Annual Report details the activities of the Greater Brighton Economic Board and summarises the key areas of work that the Board undertook in 2015/16 to deliver its medium to long-term strategy including specific projects related to the Greater Brighton Investment Programme, the Greater Brighton Project Pipeline and the Growth Deal all of which were able to assist with securing capital grant for key projects across the City Region.

Finance Officer Consulted: Rob Allen, Principal Accountant, BHCC

Date: 04/07/16

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 There are no direct legal implications arising from the report.

Lawyer Consulted: Bob Bruce, Deputy Head of Law BHCC

Date: 07.07.16

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 None

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 None

Any Other Significant Implications:

- 5.5 None

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

- Appendix 1: Greater Brighton Economic Board 2015/16 Annual Report

Background Documents

- [Greater Brighton Economic Board Operational Arrangements for 2016/17](#), 19 April 2016

