



Greater Brighton Economic Board

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Title:	Greater Brighton Economic Board
Date:	27 April 2021
Time:	10.00am
Venue	Virtual Meeting (Zoom)
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GREATER BRIGHTON ECONOMIC BOARD

10.00am 26 JANUARY 2021

VIRTUAL MEETING

MINUTES

Present: Councillors Humphreys (Chair) Ash-Edwards, Boggis, Lamb, Nicholson, Mac Cafferty, Platts and Walsh

Business Partners: Trevor Beattie, Andrew Green, Prof Debra Humphris, Clare Mason, Dean Orgill, Andrew Swayne, Prof Adam Tickell, Caroline Wood

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17a Declarations of substitutes

17.1 Councillor Boggis was present as substitute for Councillor Parkin.

17b Declarations of interests

17.2 Andrew Swayne declared a non-pecuniary interest as Chairman as Ricardo as one of their workstreams was referenced on the agenda.

17c Exclusion of the press and public

17.3 In accordance with Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 ("the Act"), the Board considered whether the public should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of any item of business on the grounds that it is likely in view of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during it, there would be disclosure to them of confidential information as defined in Section 100A (3) of the Act.

17.4 **RESOLVED-** That the press and public not be excluded.

18 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

18.1 **RESOLVED-** That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 October 2020 be approved and signed as the correct record.

19 CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS

19.1 The Chair provided the following communications:

"I would like to welcome Claudia Raistrick to her first Board meeting. Claudia is the new Business Manager joining Andy on the Greater Brighton Support Team and started her new role only yesterday. In addition to Claudia, Amber Sheppard will be starting as Programme Support Officer at the start of next month, so the Support Team will be at full strength as we head into this year.

Congratulations to Lewes District Council who have secured just over £5million of in principle funding from the Future High Streets Fund to help re-imagine Newhaven town centre – as was presented to this Board last spring. It is a little bit less than their bid, but I understand that the Newhaven submission was one of the strongest in the country and is a fantastic achievement. Colleagues at Lewes will now be revising their bid in-line with the funding award and I look forward to seeing work start later this year.

On 31 December the UK left the European Union with an agreed Trade Deal. Whilst this provides businesses with some certainty around the new trading environment, there is still a need to provide businesses support so that they can understand and adapt to the new regulations. Greater Brighton Partners are working hard to support business through this transition.

Last week the Communities Secretary announced that the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and the £4bn levelling up fund - both intended to replace current EU funding - will have "localism and local government at their heart", and that prospectuses for the levelling up fund will be published within weeks. We are pleased that Government are moving to replace the EU funding streams, and that Government are looking to work with regions and local authorities. We look forward to working with Government to make the strongest possible case for investment in our region, and to ensure the correct interventions are made to address the local challenges that we have.

Following the publication of their transport strategy, Transport for the South East (TfSE) are embarking on a programme of five area studies.

Each area study focuses on a designated transport corridor, linking major economic hubs and international gateways. One of the studies focuses on the south-central strip of our the TfSE area, which covers the Greater Brighton City Region. The South Central Area Study Forum has been established to inform this work and will first meet next month. As a key regional stakeholder, the Board will be represented on the Forum, and we look forward to working with TfSE and regional colleagues to identify interventions for inclusion within TfSE's forthcoming Strategic Investment Plan.

Last week the Government published "Skills for Jobs: Lifelong Learning for Opportunity and Growth". The White Paper sets out how Government intends to reform further education, with the main aims being increasing productivity, supporting growth industries, and giving individuals opportunities to progress in their careers. The Paper states that reforms will put employers at the heart of the system so that education and training leads to jobs that can improve productivity and fill skills gaps. There is also a clear intention from Government to invest in higher-level technical qualifications that provide a valuable alternative to a university degree. We will examine the paper in more detail to understand the opportunities it presents for our City Region and look forward to more information from Government over the coming months".

20 GREATER BRIGHTON SUSTAINABLE RECOVERY PLAN UPDATE

- 20.1 The Board considered a report of the Chair, Greater Brighton Officer Programme Board that provided a progress update on the COVID-19 Recovery Sustainable Recovery Plan.

20.2 Councillor Walsh noted the importance of hydrogen to future energy needs and roll out of full fibre. Councillor Walsh noted that the Arun Valley Line was not mentioned in the report.

20.3 The Chair stated that the document could be reviewed for any omissions.

20.4 RESOLVED-

- 1) That the Board note the information in the report, including the update on the pandemic, and progress made against the plan agreed in October 2020.
- 2) That the Board agrees with the suggested actions for the next quarter (February-April 2021), and that progress be reported back at the April Board meeting.

21 MAXIMISING THE REGIONAL INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM

21.1 The Board considered a report of the Chair, Greater Brighton Officer Programme Board that proposed beginning the process of the development of a transformational innovation zone by coalescing the Greater Brighton City Region's innovation excellence, knowledge economy and place-making assets to meet the economic challenges of the next ten years.

21.2 RESOLVED-

- 1) That the Board agree to set up a working group, with agreed Terms of Reference, to investigate the development and establishment of a Greater Brighton Innovation zone (February 2021).
- 2) That the Board agree that the working group should investigate the relationship between infrastructure activity and the Innovation Region proposition (March – June 21).
- 3) That the Board agree that the working group should report back to the July/October 2021 Greater Brighton Economic Board on the initial findings of the Working Group.

22 GREATER BRIGHTON INWARD INVESTMENT DESK

22.1 The Board considered a report of the Chair, Greater Brighton Officer Programme Board that sought approval for the establishment of an dedicated inward investment resource as recommended by the Board's Inward Investment Strategy.

22.2 Councillor Mac Cafferty stated that the pandemic would present the region with multiple challenges and expressed his support of the proposals that represented opportunity for the region to become an economic hub in its own right.

22.3 Clare Mason stated that C2C supported the initiative that could help boost export opportunity for regional SME's.

22.4 Councillor Lamb stated that the region did need inward investment however, there was currently a lack of oversight on resource allocation in the Greater Brighton region and that needed to be clarified to ensure investment was spent wisely and proportionally.

- 22.5 Nick Hibberd stated that detailed information providing oversight on the Greater Brighton budget and how it was spent could certainly be provided and would be included in the annual report going forward. Nick Hibberd clarified that grants would first be sought for the projects identified and if that was not possible, contributions from Board members would be sought where it could be demonstrated that contribution would benefit the rebuilding of the local economy.
- 22.6 Councillor Ash-Edwards stated that it was important to focus on the added value working together could bring and that it was key to draw down any private investment possible and a focussed approach would achieve best outcomes.
- 22.7 Councillor Nicholson stated that there was an opportunity to re-think approaches to inward investment toward a system that created equality. Councillor Nicholson added that the public sector needed to be the anchor spend, seeking to build SME's and social enterprise whilst protecting those most vulnerable.
- 22.8 Dean Orgill stated that investment was critical to boosting trade and an ambitious approach would in turn help boost the regional supply chain.
- 22.9 Councillor Nicholson proposed that the wording of recommendation 2.2 be amended to reflect the emphasis in region on a cleaner environment and carbon reduction and the importance of the economic recovery from the pandemic.
- 22.10 Following the Board agreed that the wording of recommendation 2.2 be amended to:
- That the Board agrees first hire should be focussed on identifying new opportunities from London-based companies rethinking their footprints post-COVID. The research support would help to identify potential foreign targets that should be engaged and should focus on cleaner and greener aspirations and Covid recovery.*
- 22.11 Councillor Lamb stated that his concerns about accountability remained and Crawley would not be contributing without reassurance and clarity.
- 22.12 **RESOLVED-**
- 1) That the Board agrees to the establishment and resourcing of an inward investment desk consisting as a minimum of two business managers and one researcher supported by additional communications and intelligence resources.
 - 2) That the Board agrees first hire should be focussed on identifying new opportunities from London-based companies rethinking their footprints post-COVID. The research support would help to identify potential foreign targets that should be engaged and should focus on cleaner and greener aspirations and Covid recovery.
 - 3) That the Board seeks to work with Coast to Capital LEP on the development of a bid to DiT's High Potential Opportunities programme, with partners agreeing on a collaborative approach to identify what the niche sector is that HPO should focus on and the support required to promote it.

- 4) That the Board agrees that initial cost of resourcing the desk should possibly be underwritten by local authorities, with funding sought from other sources including Government incentives and private sector contributions.

23 GREATER BRIGHTON HYDROGEN GROUP

- 23.1 The Board considered a report of the Chair, Greater Brighton Officer Programme Board that provided an update on the progress of the Greater Brighton Hydrogen Group, a planned launch and future work towards developing a hydrogen economy and supply chain in the Greater Brighton and wider Sussex area.

- 23.2 Board Members welcomed the report as an important step forward.

23.3 RESOLVED-

- 1) That the Board note the progress of and wide interest in the Greater Brighton Hydrogen Group, and its launch event planned for February 2021.
- 2) That the Board support the research into future demand for hydrogen in transport being carried out by the University of Brighton, Ricardo and Greater South East Energy Hub.
- 3) That the Board note and support the group in responding to opportunities for funding bids on hydrogen which are expected during 2021.

24 COAST TO CAPITAL UPDATE - STRONGER, SMARTER, GREENER

- 24.1 The Board considered a presentation from Jonathan Sharrock that provided an update on Coast to Capital's activities.

25 GREATER BRIGHTON ONE PUBLIC ESTATE PROGRAMME ANNUAL REPORT

- 25.1 The Board considered the One Public Estate Programme's 2020 Annual Report, which will also be submitted to the National OPE Team in the LGA and Cabinet Office as the Partnership's end of year report.
- 25.2 Councillor Walsh expressed his concern that a hospital site in Littlehampton continued to be an issue.
- 25.3 Andrew Swayne welcomed the report adding that he hoped to see greater linkage to the GB10 themes in future editions of the report.
- 25.4 **RESOLVED-** That the Board notes the content of the Programme's 2020 Annual Report.

26 GREATER BRIGHTON INWARD INVESTMENT PROGRAMME UPDATE

- 29.1 **RESOLVED-** That the Board note the report and the Investment Programme Update at Appendix 1.

The meeting concluded at 11.45am

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Subject:	Hydrogen Update		
Date of Meeting:	27 April 2021		
Report of:	Chair, Greater Brighton Officer Programme Board		
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FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT

- 1.1 This report sets out the great strides that have been taken on developing a hydrogen economy locally in the last 6 months, especially through the work of the Hydrogen Sussex group. The report also reaffirms the governance of Hydrogen Sussex, through the Greater Brighton Infrastructure Panel, and seeks sign up of the Greater Brighton Economic Board ("the Board") to a proposed Hydrogen Strategy.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Board notes the progress of and wide interest in Hydrogen Sussex, and its launch event in February 2021.
- 2.2 That the Board notes and supports the proposal to develop a hydrogen strategy for Greater Brighton and the wider Sussex region.
- 2.3 That the Board provides funding of £13,696 for core activities of Hydrogen Sussex, using existing Board core funding.
- 2.4 That the Board agrees the proposed Governance arrangements and agrees that Hydrogen Sussex report back progress every 6 months.

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 In July 2020 the Board approved the Greater Brighton Energy Plan. The Energy Plan articulated the ambition to position the Greater Brighton City Region as a hydrogen hub to transition to clean hydrogen economy for transport, heating and power.
- 3.2 Following on from agreeing the Energy Plan, in October 2020 the Board committed to 10 environmental pledges, the GB10. The GB10 highlights five energy and five water plan projects which are priorities for the Board to meet the objectives set out in the plans. Decarbonisation of energy is a prominent theme within the 10 pledges, as this is required in order to achieve Board members' Net Zero targets; several pledges involve decarbonisation in various forms.
- 3.3 The Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) 2020 investment strategy, Build Back Stronger, Smarter, Greener, includes the development of a hydrogen hub to accelerate public and private investment in hydrogen production and uptake.

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- 3.4 A report was presented to the January 2021 Board meeting, outlining the progress of Hydrogen Sussex to date.

4 HYDROGEN SUSSEX MEMBERSHIP, ACTIVITIES AND GOVERNANCE

- 4.1 Hydrogen Sussex is the new body supporting and facilitating the hydrogen economy across Sussex. The group emerged from the Greater Brighton Energy Plan work carried out in 2020 under the Greater Brighton Economic Board and the Greater Brighton Infrastructure Panel.
- 4.2 There is great potential and ambition for the development of a hydrogen economy and projects in the region due to:
- Natural resources (huge potential for wind and solar)
 - Infrastructure (Gatwick & Brighton City Airports / Shoreham & Newhaven Ports and close to London)
 - Engineering advantage (Ricardo, Ceres Power, Steamology, Supercritical Solutions)
 - Intellectual capital with the research excellence of the universities of Sussex and Brighton.
 - Partnership (exceptional public / private sector partnership, unlike any other hydrogen organisation across the UK)

Membership:

- 4.3 Hydrogen Sussex membership includes local authorities from across Sussex and other public sector organisations including East Sussex Fire & Rescue, the two universities of Brighton and Sussex, Brighton & Hove Metrobus, Shoreham Port and Newhaven Port, Gatwick Airport and Brighton City Airport, international engineering consultancy Ricardo and major utility companies.
- 4.4 The high level of momentum has led to interest from organisations across a wide geographical range – east as far as Hastings, north to Wealden, and taking in the county councils of East and West Sussex. Hence the ‘Hydrogen Sussex’ name which allows colleagues from a wider area to participate. The group also works with Coast to Capital LEP and the Greater South East Energy Hub. The strength of the membership adds value and strengthens the partnership by bringing in special expertise, and most importantly allows aggregation of potential demand for hydrogen across a wider area.

Governance:

- 4.5 The Greater Brighton Economic Board is the body to which Hydrogen Sussex ultimately reports and which steers the work plan, including development of a project pipeline and a strategy. The Greater Brighton Infrastructure Panel also inputs into the work of the group, bringing their unique expertise and advice and helping Hydrogen Sussex to position its work to overcome the wider infrastructure challenges of the city region.

4.6 Activities:

- Hydrogen Sussex held a successful launch in February 2021 with well over 200 attendees including government ministers and a diverse range of stakeholders from across the private and public sectors.
- The group has worked to raise the profile of hydrogen in the area with stakeholders including commercial partners.
- Speaking at major UK conference on hydrogen sponsored by Scottish Power (900 views)

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- Carrying out research with the University of Brighton on potential hydrogen demand and corresponding locations for hydrogen facilities, focusing on large vehicles particularly in public sector fleets. This includes emergency vehicles, refuse trucks, buses and coaches, and large maintenance vans.
- Facilitating partnership working between Hydrogen Sussex members
- Building a hydrogen project pipeline for the region together with Greater South East Energy Hub and Coast to Capital LEP
- Developing a proposal for a Greater Brighton hydrogen strategy together with the University of Brighton, Brighton & Hove City Council, and Hydrogen Sussex.

4.7 Next steps for Hydrogen Sussex

- Strengthen links with BEIS to develop practical solutions for the Government's flagship Green Revolution policy, including green hydrogen
- Further develop regional evidence base, including economic data, that will help to support the business case and anticipated calls for funding bids
- Develop regional USP to show how Greater Brighton green hydrogen ambitions differ from former industrial areas such as Holyhead and Teesside
- Help commercial suppliers to understand potential hydrogen opportunities in Greater Brighton
- Following the launch, follow up with stakeholders including MPs to enhance support and understanding of hydrogen ambitions.

5 PROPOSAL FOR A HYDROGEN STRATEGY FOR GREATER BRIGHTON AND WIDER SUSSEX AREA

- 5.1 The Coast to Capital LEP invited Expressions of Interest for a regional pipeline of transformational and strategic projects to support discussions with government about regionally significant investment. The deadline for EOIs was the end of March 2021.
- 5.2 The University of Brighton, Brighton & Hove City Council, and Hydrogen Sussex, jointly submitted an Expression of Interest for development of a hydrogen strategy for the Greater Brighton and wider Sussex area – attached at **Appendix 1**. The aim of a strategy would be to give a clear focus and direction, establish a place-based perspective, and ensure that research and innovation is embedded in all hydrogen projects. The development of a regional hydrogen economy will also prepare the ground for significant funding applications and contribute to the goals of Building Back Better, by promoting sustainable recovery from the economic impacts of the pandemic.
- 5.3 Partners of Hydrogen Sussex submitted their own project specific Expressions of Interest to the LEP, including a proposal for a hydrogen hub in the Shoreham area with collaboration from Worthing Council, Shoreham Port, Brighton City Airport and Ricardo. The proposed strategy is complementary to and gives a framework for projects like those to proceed, mapping to a variety of funding sources and focusing on research excellence and delivery at commercial pace.
- 5.4 It is proposed that governance of the hydrogen strategy will be through Greater Brighton and the Greater Brighton Economic Board is requested to confirm this.

6 REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR HYDROGEN SUSSEX

- 6.1 To date all Hydrogen Sussex's work has been done on a pro bono and in-kind basis. The group would like to request some core funding from Greater Brighton, to enable

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key functions to take place and demonstrate Greater Brighton's support. The request is to support the following budget:

Hydrogen Sussex Proposed Budget	2021-2022
Website & email hosting	£1,000
Membership Hydrogen Fuel Cell Association	£696
Support for Greater Brighton member councils on hydrogen projects	£2,000
External Consultancy (support funding applications and a city region strategy)	£10,000
Total	£13,696

7. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 7.1 The Government has made clear that it sees economic recovery from Covid-19 as being driven by green growth, and the development of low-carbon energy solutions is a key strand in its thinking. The recently adopted Greater Brighton Energy and Water Plans and GB10 Pledges provide a firm foundation on which to build.
- 7.2 A Government hydrogen strategy is expected by early summer. The proactive and forward-thinking work of Hydrogen Sussex and Greater Brighton, including the ambition to become a leading hydrogen region, will ensure that the City Region is best placed to take advantage of these opportunities. A reactive or do-nothing approach would jeopardise the excellent work already done and potentially lead to future opportunities being missed.

8. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

- 8.1 Hydrogen Sussex brings together a large number of Greater Brighton and other key stakeholders. It has also started to reach out to hydrogen groups across other areas of the UK.

9. CONCLUSION

- 9.1 Greater Brighton's activities to develop a hydrogen economy will support green objectives of the Greater Brighton Energy and Water Plans, Greater Brighton 10 pledges, and ambition to establish a Hydrogen Hub.
- 9.2 Continuing development of a hydrogen strategy, research and ongoing work of Hydrogen Sussex will ensure that plans are in progress to maximise these opportunities. Further, at the current time it is crucial that the region is seizing the initiative to initiate, support and coordinate projects which will both help the environment and lead a sustainable economic recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic.

10. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications

- 10.1 An allocation of £13,696 is required from the Greater Brighton Operation Budget for 2021-22 to support the Hydrogen Sussex strategy. The funding will support up to £10,000 for consultancy work for the funding applications and city region strategy with the balance providing website, member council and Hydrogen Fuel Cell Association member ship costs.

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Finance Officer Consulted: Rob Allen, Principal Accountant
Date: 19 April 2021

Legal Implications

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

Lawyer Consulted: Joanne Dunyaglo

Date: 14/4/21

Equalities Implications

- 10.3 None identified

Sustainability Implications

- 10.4 A gradual transition to hydrogen for power will help to cut carbon emissions and provide better air quality, thus having a positive impact on sustainability. The focus of Hydrogen Sussex is on 'green' hydrogen, produced by electrolysis with renewable electricity, which therefore has very limited carbon emissions from production and makes the most of the region's potential for renewable power.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. EOI Greater Brighton Hydrogen Strategy (April 2021)

Background Documents:

1. Greater Brighton Energy Plan (July 2020)
2. Greater Brighton 10 Pledges (October 2020)

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR DEVELOPING A REGIONAL PROJECT PIPELINE

INTRODUCTION

As stated in the Covering letter, this form is provided as an optional template for partners to detail their strategic project ideas.

Please return any completed forms to Jonathan Sharrock, Chief Executive,
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Date (DD/MM/YY):	1 st April 2021 (to replace EOI submitted on 30 th March 2021)
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PROJECT OVERVIEW

1.1) Brief description of the project.

Developing the Hydrogen Sussex Ecosystem Business Case

As the LEP is aware, there is a growing pipeline of potential Hydrogen Sussex projects. The overarching focus of Hydrogen Sussex is to create an ecosystem that is greater than the sum of its innovation assets and individual projects. The University of Brighton and Brighton & Hove City Council are a proponent of providing a structure to employ a coherent strategy to address medium and long-term challenges and, critically, to securing funding to do so.

Applying for significant strategic research and innovation funding will require a convincing business case to be in place ready to respond to quick turnaround calls in the way that the region has succeeded in responding to calls for shovel-ready infrastructure funding. Because funding is largely driven by “Place”, the strategy will need to articulate the region’s opportunity to achieve significant economic and societal impacts from investment in Hydrogen in line with the UK Research and Development Roadmap which seeks to re-balance regional inequality in terms of productivity and prosperity.

Hydrogen Sussex, and its associated hubs, offer the opportunity to build on existing research excellence (both private sector and university excellence), regional strategic assets (including Shoreham Port and Brighton and Hove City Airport) and private sector ambition to leverage strategic funding, maximise opportunity and be a major driver in becoming a zero-carbon economy. By working together, a business case which identifies all the inputs – including the expertise and assets in the region – and the outputs will provide a basis for accessing funding,

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which often has a short deadline, and will also strengthen the region's ability to compete for funding

This Expression of Interest is being submitted jointly by the University of Brighton, Hydrogen Sussex and Brighton & Hove City Council, with the support and encouragement of several core public and private sector members of Hydrogen Sussex.

1.2) What is the current status of the project?

In February 2021, Hydrogen Sussex, successfully launched a public declaration to progress two clear aims: support the production of hydrogen and promote the development and uptake of hydrogen vehicles. Work on both is progressing at pace with plans including a new hydrogen plant at Shoreham Port and the world's first commercially-led deployment of fuel cell buses in Crawley. Brighton & Hove Buses and engineering and environmental consultancy Ricardo are now working together on a project to convert existing buses to hydrogen fuel cells.

Research within the different participating organisations and the universities continues apace with joint collaborations supporting differing components of Hydrogen research and usage including via the established and world-leading strategic relationship between Ricardo and the University of Brighton's Advanced Engineering Centre. The University of Sussex has also recently expressed new project ideas connected to Hydrogen Sussex agenda.

The Hydrogen Sussex launch stimulated deeper conversations and project links with key themes emerging including:

- Clusters of demand such as might be found at Shoreham Port, or at bus depots, help to make the production and use of hydrogen more economically viable.
- A new Hydrogen sector could feed into place-shaping and economic recovery
- It is much more likely that government challenge funding will be available if we can demonstrate an overarching strategy and regional support.

Therefore, the proposition to develop a business case will help place the region in a better place to maximise opportunity.

The Greater Brighton Economic Board will receive a report at its meeting on 27th April 2021, setting out the great strides that have been taken on developing a hydrogen economy locally, especially through the work of the Hydrogen Sussex. The report will also reaffirm the governance of Hydrogen Sussex, through the GBEB Infrastructure Panel, and obtain sign up of the Economic Board to the proposed Hydrogen Strategy.

1.3) Are there short term benefits and/or challenges for the project due to Coronavirus?

The project does not directly address Coronavirus challenges although there are indirect drivers: i) the need to create jobs to replace those lost particularly in aviation ii) motivation to invest in clean air technologies to reduce harmful respiratory effects of particulate emissions that have been shown to compound the symptoms of Covid-19. The development of a regional hydrogen economy will contribute to the goals of Building Back Better, by promoting sustainable recovery from the economic impacts of the pandemic.

There are no known challenges due to Coronavirus as the work can be developed and managed remotely.

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1.4) What are the expected benefits of the project?

Acceleration of the development of Hydrogen Sussex initiatives by preparing the ground for significant funding applications will in turn accelerate the benefits to the region of developing a Hydrogen economy (Hydrogen Sussex KPIs which combine zero carbon and economic development outcomes). It is worth noting that the region has not succeeded in past attempts to secure significant place-based funding such as Strength in Places because of the absence of groundwork such as that proposed here to develop a robust business case.

Partners in Hydrogen Sussex are also submitting their own project specific EOIs to the LEP. This proposal is complementary to those EOIs, and strategy that is proposed here will give a framework for projects like those to proceed.

Benefits of the strategy will include:

- Clear direction and focus on development of a hydrogen economy in the Greater Brighton and wider Sussex and C2C LEP area, with ambitious goals and a clear plan on how to achieve them.
- Clear focus and understanding on the research excellence and innovation assets (wider private and public sector as well as HEIs) required to support the innovation ambition.
- A pipeline of robust hydrogen projects that can go forward for further development.
- Outline business cases for a small number of hydrogen projects
- To help shape commercial investment decisions by identifying the type of projects that are likely to gain political and sub-regional support.
- Embedding the skills agenda to deliver the next generation of technical specialists through the Ricardo Hydrogen Centre for Excellence
- Research and innovation in clean hydrogen technologies is promoted and encouraged, with the learning shared amongst partners and embedded in all projects
- Shared understanding of how hydrogen can help to meet Greater Brighton and C2C members' zero carbon and air quality targets
- Strategic oversight across the Hydrogen Sussex Programme; risks and opportunities are known and shared.

1.5) What geography would the project cover?

Greater Brighton and wider Sussex area for specific partnerships, taking into account the location of innovation assets, and aggregation of demand to drive business case.

Governance of the project will be through the Greater Brighton Economic Board.

1.6) Does the project have existing funding?

Total funding of around £90,000 will be required to prepare the strategy. Brighton & Hove City Council has match funding available of up to £30,000. Separately, the Greater Brighton Economic Board is expected to agree some core funding (c. £13,000) for the operation of Hydrogen Sussex.

1.7) Does the project require funding?

Yes, the project is seeking funding in the region of £60,000 – the balance of the cost of preparing the strategy.

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1.8) Would the project benefit from Coast to Capital involvement?

Brighton & Hove City Council, the University of Brighton and Hydrogen Sussex will work together to scope and develop this work and facilitate stakeholder engagement across the Greater Brighton area. GBEB's and Hydrogen Sussex's work is already known to the LEP and has received positive support.

The involvement of Coast to Capital would be essential in embedding the strategy in the high-level regional energy vision and securing support for emerging projects from government relationships. C2C is well placed to contribute to business case development for example by mining economic intelligence and advising on policy. Furthermore, as place-based funding opportunities will expect to see LEP support and have LEP endorsement, involvement of C2C from the outset will greatly enhance regional responses to quick turnaround calls.

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Date of Meeting:	27 April 2021		
Report of:	Chair, Greater Brighton Officer Programme Board		
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Ward(s) affected:	All		

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT

- 1.1 At the October 2020 meeting of the Greater Brighton Economic Board ('the Board') a Covid-19 Recovery Sustainable Recovery Plan was agreed and it was decided that the plan would be reviewed at subsequent board meetings, with progress reported and any new actions considered against the national and regional context.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Board note the information in the report, including the update on the pandemic, and progress made against the plan agreed in October 2020.
- 2.2 That the Board agrees that going forward recovery actions form part of business as usual, with recovery outcomes included in all workstreams, especially the actions linked to the Greater Brighton Digital Action Plan.

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 Since the Board last met in January 2021, the country has remained in a national lockdown, with the commencement of restrictions starting to be eased on a step by step basis from March onwards. The report at Appendix 1 briefly sets out what has happened nationally, including the Budget implications for the City Region, around green recovery and levelling up. Appendix 2 gives a snapshot of furlough and unemployment statistics across the region. The success of economic recovery is reliant on the vaccination programme rollout, both at home and abroad, and the control of new variants of Covid. Economic recovery is also dependent on the economy's ability to adapt to new ways of living and working.
- 3.2 The report also sets out that Greater Brighton Partners continue to work tirelessly and innovatively to support businesses. Local authority partners have awarded over £200 million in business grants to over 20,000 eligible businesses, and over £6 million in discretionary grants. Local Authorities have also been collaborating with partners to provide innovative further support to businesses that need it most.

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- 3.3 The Board approved its Five-Year Strategic Priorities in January 2019, with the vision for the region to have a growing, modern economy that is international, creative, connected, talented and resilient. The actions within the Sustainable Recovery Plan were set against the five themes. Progress updates are highlighted below.

INTERNATIONAL

- 3.4 Progress in the last quarter:
- Work on establishing the Inward Investment Desk has been ongoing, with an expression of interest submitted to Coast-to-Capital Local Enterprise Partnership for seed funding to help establish a small, dedicated resource.

CREATIVE

Business Support

- 3.5 Progress in the last quarter:
- The Business Hothouse Programme continues to attract excellent interest. As of early March, over 260 businesses/individuals have received start-up coaching support, with around half of those receiving over 12 hours. There have been 119 applications made to the Invest4 Grant Programme, with a number of these approved. The value of the approved grants is around £330,000, and this brings in around £520,000 of match-funding.

Creative Industries and the Visitor Economy

- 3.6 Progress in the last quarter:
- Local authority partners have continued to distribute Government grants to business adversely affected by the crisis.
 - A Recovery Plan for Culture has been prepared which will benefit creative businesses and self-employed people across the Greater Brighton area.
 - Emerging from the Sussex Resilience Forum, The Sussex Tourism and Culture Recovery Group is chaired by Nigel Lynn from Arun District Council. This working group is preparing for funding opportunities to support Sussex-wide recovery actions.
 - Following approval from the Board in January, work is progressing to establish an Innovation Zone for the region. This work, led by the University of Brighton, had its first Development Group meeting in April.

CONNECTED

Digital

- 3.7 Progress in the last quarter:
- City Fibre have confirmed their £80m investment in full fibre for Brighton & Hove, and the roll out of their programme started in February 2021.
 - The Converged Fibre Connectivity (CFC) project to build 41km of duct and dark fibre network from Crawley, Manor Royal to Burgess Hill is progressing as planned, it will complete in July 2021. The additional spur to connect the Horsham Enterprise Park will also be completed as planned.

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Commercialisation conversations for rural and urban parts of the network are now under way led by West Sussex County Council (WSCC) and Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC).

- The Burgess Hill Fibre ring and dig once programme led by MSDC is also progressing as planned with key elements nearing completion.

Transport

3.8 Progress in the last quarter:

- Greater Brighton is represented on the Transport for the South East (TfSE) South Central Radial Area Study Forum, which is an opportunity to make clear to TfSE and other regional stakeholders the challenges, priorities and opportunities for transport within the Greater Brighton region.

TALENTED

3.9 Progress in the last quarter:

- A paper on developing the skills and supply chains to decarbonise the Greater Brighton housing stock is being prepared for the July Board Meeting.

RESILIENT

3.10 Progress in the last quarter:

- Hydrogen Group established in September to move forwards with the work to place the Greater Brighton Region as a new hub for hydrogen
- Hydrogen Sussex had a successful launch event with over 200 attendees including Members of Parliament.
- Hydrogen Sussex presented to the Board in January and are again in April.

4 ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF OTHER OPTIONS

- 4.1 The economic impact of Covid-19 could be ignored and a 'do nothing' approach was not a feasible option. The Board agreed at July Board Meeting to produce a Sustainable Recovery Plan for the region, which was presented to the Board in October. The recommended actions within the plan were agreed by the Board and are being currently being progressed against the Board's Five-Year Priorities.

5 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The Greater Brighton Recovery Plan has been circulated and shared with board members who have provided their feedback, which has been incorporated into the plan.

6. CONCLUSION

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- 6.1 The Greater Brighton region continues to be significantly impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. The Sustainable Recovery Plan agreed in October outlined a number of actions that the Board could take to mitigate against the impacts and encourage the economy to grow in a sustainable way. As the UK emerges from the Covid-19 pandemic recovery actions will form part of business as usual. Recovery outcomes included in all workstreams and the key workstreams for 2021/22 are;
- The establishment of the Greater Brighton Innovation Zone
 - The hydrogen projects to be delivered by Hydrogen Sussex and regional partners
 - The regional tourism recovery work taking place
 - The collaborative decarbonisation of homes project, and the link to skills and supply chains
 - The implementation of the Digital Action Plan
 - Our work with Coast-to-Capital LEP and Department for International Trade to attract Inward Investment to the region
- 6.2 Other papers on the agenda for the April 2021 Economic Board meeting show the progress that is being made in these areas, and that this work is not just limited to implementing the Recovery Plan.
- 6.3 The Greater Brighton Economic Board will continue to lobby Government for support in the hard-hit sectors. The Board should consider the opportunities provided by new Government programmes and new funding streams; recognise national calls for a 'greener, fairer and more resilient' recovery and use this to frame recovery actions referring to Government narrative on 'levelling-up'.

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 7.1 There are no direct financial implications within this report. Paragraphs 3.8 to 3.21 detail the progress that has been made in the last quarter for the Sustainable Recovery Plan including funding and grant awards. Local authorities continue to award business and discretionary grants from central government to assist businesses during the Covid-19 period.

Finance Officer Consulted: Rob Allen, Principal Accountant
Date: 21/01/21

Legal Implications:

- 7.2 At this stage there are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

Lawyer Consulted: Joanne Dunyaglo, Senior Property Lawyer
Date: 12/04/21

Equalities Implications:

- 7.3 None directly arising from this report.

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Sustainability Implications

7.4 None directly arising from this report.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Greater Brighton COVID-19 Sustainable Recovery Plan Update

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Greater Brighton Economic Board

Covid-19 Sustainable Recovery Plan – April 2021 Update

1.0 Introduction

Like other parts of the UK, the Greater Brighton City region continues to be hugely impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Sectors such as retail and tourism, including aviation; performing and creative arts, leisure and hospitality have been forced to close through three national lockdowns. In February, the government issued their roadmap out of lockdown, with key dates given around easing of restrictions. Restrictions will be lifted at each stage if the vaccine deployment programme continues at pace; infection rates remain low; no new variants present new risks. The date when the government predict to be in a position to remove all legal limits on social contact is the 21st June 2021. However, we will have to live with Covid-19 whilst other countries roll out their vaccination programmes and the likelihood is that basic measures to keep safe, such as wearing face masks and social distancing, will be in place for some time.

The Greater Brighton Covid-19 Sustainable Recovery Plan was produced for the October 2020 Board Meeting, and contained a number recommendations, chiefly actions, to take forward that were approved by the Board. The recommendations were framed around the Greater Brighton Five-Year Strategic Priorities, which were agreed in January 2019. The purpose of the current paper is to provide an update on progress since the Board last met in January 2021.

2.0 National Picture

At the time of publication all parts of the UK are currently being eased out of national lockdown, in a step by step process, allowing sections of the economy to open at a time. Schools are now open as are further and higher education institutions. Non-essential retail, personal services (e.g. hairdressers, salons), and hospitality sectors (pubs, restaurants and hotels) who can cater to customers in an outdoor space are open. Public buildings, including libraries and community centres, indoor leisure facilities such as gyms are also open as will most outdoor attractions (zoos, theme parks, and drive-in cinemas). Self-contained accommodation such as campsites and holiday lets, where indoor facilities are not shared with other households, can also reopen. Wider social contact rules apply in all these settings to prevent indoor mixing between different households.

According to the Government's roadmap, by 17th May most businesses in all but the highest risk sectors will be able to reopen in some form, but with restrictions. These include likely legal limits on group size and indoor hospitality will reopen with customers having to order, eat and drink while seated.

Other indoor locations yet to open up include indoor entertainment venues such as cinemas and children's play areas; the rest of the accommodation sector, including hotels, hostels and B&Bs; and indoor adult group sports and exercise classes. The government will also allow some larger performances and sporting events in indoor venues with a cap on



numbers. The remaining businesses, including nightclubs, and restrictions on large events and performances will be eased on 21st June 2021 if all goes to plan. The Government have also introduced the concept of “Covid passports,” though at this stage how this would work and in what context has not been worked through.

3.0 Local Dimension

Local Greater Brighton Local Authorities continue to do everything they can to support businesses across the region. Local authority partners have awarded over £200 million in business grants to over 20,000 eligible businesses, and over £6 million in discretionary grants to support other businesses most in need at this critical time.

Crawley has the highest employment vulnerability of any town or city in the UK with 80% of the town’s jobs being impacted or vulnerable. Coast to Capital’s actions in their recovery plan to Build Back Stronger, Smarter and Greener as well as their Skills Strategy and Action Plan support the regional economy to recover. Appendix 2 gives a snapshot of furlough and unemployment statistics across the region.

Whilst the majority of the economic news associated with Covid-19 is sobering, there have been opportunities, and some businesses have prospered through the pandemic. These businesses have been celebrated for showing entrepreneurship, resilience and adaptability in challenging times by being featured in good news stories on Greater Brighton social media accounts, with the widest audiences being reached on LinkedIn.

4.0 Budget

The narrative from government for some time has been around a green recovery as well as levelling up the country. Greater Brighton is well placed to support the Government in achieving its green objectives through its ongoing work on the Greater Brighton Energy and Water Plans, Greater Brighton 10 pledges, and its ambitions around hydrogen. There is an opportunity for Greater Brighton to be a real leader when it comes to decarbonising energy in homes, and around the scaling of hydrogen energy. Plans are in progress to maximise these opportunities.

Key announcements in the budget:

- £5bn restart grant for businesses to help companies get going after lockdown.
- A new loan scheme launched to run until the end of the year. Loans can be between £25,000 and £10m.
- Hospitality and leisure businesses pay no business rates for three months, then rates will be discounted for the remaining nine months of the year by two-thirds, in a £6bn tax cut.
- 5% reduced rate of VAT will be extended until the end of September. Then it will be gradually increased, at 12.5% for six months, before returning to the standard rate from April 2022.
- In April 2023, the rate of corporation tax will increase to 25%. Businesses will only be impacted if they are making profits, and the change will only come in once the Office for Budget Responsibility forecasts the economy will be recovering. Companies with profits of less than £50,000 will remain at 19%.
- A new national infrastructure bank will open in Leeds with £12bn capitalisation.



- Green projects will be supported through a green recovery bond.
- £1bn funding for 45 new “town deals” across the UK.
- Freeports locations announced in England: East Midlands airport, Felixstowe and Harwich, Humber, Liverpool City Region, Plymouth, Solent, Thames and Teesside.

Levelling Up Fund

The Levelling Up Fund will invest in infrastructure that improves everyday life. The £4.8 billion fund will support town centre and high street regeneration, local transport projects, and cultural and heritage assets. The Fund will focus investment in projects that require up to £20m of funding and Members of Parliament are to back one bid that they see as a priority.

The first round of the Fund will focus on three themes:

- smaller transport projects that make a genuine difference to local areas
- town centre and high street regeneration
- support for maintaining and expanding the UK’s world-leading portfolio of cultural and heritage assets

Projects should be aligned to and support Net Zero goals: for instance, be based on low or zero carbon best practice; adopt and support innovative clean tech and/or support the growth of green skills and sustainable supply chains. The assessment process will focus on the following key criteria:

- Characteristics of the place – each local authority will be sorted into category 1, 2 or 3 with category 1 representing the highest level of identified need.
- Deliverability - with bids able to demonstrate investment or which begin delivery on the ground in 2021-22 financial year
- Strategic fit with local and Fund priorities – this should be addressed in the strategic case of submissions and should include support from stakeholders.
- Value for money – an economic case should be submitted to explain the benefits of the bid and how it represents value for money.

Local Authority Area	Priority category
Lewes	1
Adur	2
Arun	2
Brighton and Hove	3
Crawley	3
Mid Sussex	3
Worthing	3



5.0 Greater Brighton Economic Board Vision and Priorities

The Board approved its Five-Year Strategic Priorities in January 2019, with the vision for the region to have a growing, modern economy that is international, creative, connected, talented and resilient.

The actions within the Sustainable Recovery Plan were set against the five themes. Progress updates since January 2021 are highlighted below.

5.1 INTERNATIONAL

- Work on establishing the Inward Investment Desk has been ongoing, with an expression of interest submitted to Coast-to-Capital Local Enterprise Partnership for seed funding to help establish a small, dedicated resource.

5.2 CREATIVE

5.2.1 Business Support

- The Business Hothouse Programme continues to attract excellent interest. As of early March, over 260 businesses/individuals have received start-up coaching support, with around half of those receiving over 12 hours. There have been 119 applications made to the Invest4 Grant Programme, with a number of these approved. The value of the approved grants is around £330,000, and this brings in around £520,000 of match-funding.

5.2.2 Creative Industries and the Visitor Economy

- Local authority partners have continued to distribute Government grants to business adversely affected by the crisis.
- A Recovery Plan for Culture has been prepared which will benefit creative businesses and self-employed people across the Greater Brighton area.
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- The Burgess Hill Fibre ring and dig once programme led by MSDC is also progressing as planned with key elements nearing completion.

5.3.2 Transport

ACTIONS AGREED IN THE SUSTAINABLE RECOVERY PLAN

- Greater Brighton is represented on the Transport for the South East (TfSE) South Central Radial Area Study Forum, which is an opportunity to make clear to TfSE and other regional stakeholders the challenges, priorities and opportunities for transport within the Greater Brighton region.

5.4 TALENTED

ACTIONS AGREED IN THE SUSTAINABLE RECOVERY PLAN

- A paper on developing the skills and supply chains to decarbonise the Greater Brighton housing stock is being prepared for the July Board Meeting.

5.5 RESILIENT

ACTIONS AGREED IN THE SUSTAINABLE RECOVERY PLAN

PROGRESS MADE SINCE JANUARY 2021

- Hydrogen Group established in September to move forwards with the work to place the Greater Brighton Region as a new hub for hydrogen.
- Hydrogen Sussex had a successful launch event with over 200 attendees including Members of Parliament.
- Hydrogen Sussex presented to the Board in January and are again in April.

6.0 Looking ahead

Whilst the region is hard hit, our recent evidence base shows that with support and investment, our towns and cities are well placed to recover, leading to long term economic



growth. The success of our recovery lies in our ability to communicate our shared purpose, being responsive and adapting as new opportunities arise. Resources for delivering projects need to be clearly identified, and where there is a funding requirement forming part of a coherent project pipeline.

Recovery is a long-term process with needs varying in the short, medium and long term. The outlook remains uncertain with the economic impacts varying from place to place across the region. That being said there is a need to collaborate on the big issues. Next steps on this will be focus on the Greater Brighton pipeline of projects to make sure that we are ready with deliverable projects when funding rounds are announced. We must make sure that we are not disadvantaged by our location in the South and close proximity to London and ensure that there is not a 'levelling down' effect.

Our key areas of work for 2021/2022 under the 5 themes all link to recovery:

- The establishment of the Greater Brighton Innovation Zone
- The hydrogen projects to be delivered by Hydrogen Sussex and regional partners
- The regional tourism recovery work taking place
- The collaborative decarbonisation of homes project, and the link to skills and supply chains
- The implementation of the Digital Action Plan
- Our work with C2C LEP and DiT to attract Inward Investment to the region

7.0 Communications

The Covid-19 pandemic and the need for recovery means Greater Brighton can no longer operate on a business as usual footing in terms of communications activity. Communications plays a key role in shaping the narrative around Greater Brighton's recovery while positing the City Region as an attractive place for investment for government and private enterprise.

To reflect the board's increasing role as a regional leader in the locality and support the proposed inward investment strategy, increased emphasis has been placed on messaging to decision makers - be that in government, business or within the Greater Brighton network. More focus has been placed on using LinkedIn as a publishing platform with training provided to Greater Brighton business managers to use it as a way to generate interest in inward investment. There also continues to be increased efforts to build closer relationships with the City Region's MPs, with briefings on key topics being offered to parliamentary representatives.

Messaging continues to compliment the work being done by local authorities (recovery in individual areas), business representatives and Coast to Capital LEP (funding, business support) and educational establishments (R&D, skills) - all of whom are represented on the Greater Brighton Economic Board.



8.0 Conclusion

The Greater Brighton City Region continues to be impacted significantly by the Covid-19 pandemic. Building back a more resilient economy, environment and society is a key focus of the Sustainable Recovery Plan agreed in October, and since then real progress has been made in a number of areas. Other papers on the agenda for the April 2021 Economic Board meeting show the progress that is being made in these areas, and that this work is not just limited to implementing the Recovery Plan.

The Board's energy and water plans demonstrate that the region is seizing the initiative to initiate, support and coordinate projects which will both help the environment and lead a sustainable economic recovery. The region has strong emerging positions in the green sector, particularly around decarbonisation of homes and hydrogen. There is great potential to maximise the knowledge economy technologies and promote the accompanying skills that could have a transformative impact on the city region's offer and fortunes.

The Board will continue to lobby Government for support in our hardest-hit sectors – aviation, the cultural, hospitality and leisure sectors. In particular the Board will make clear that when it comes to levelling-up, the City Region should not be lumped in with London, and as a significant contributor to the UK economy should receive its fair share of any funding aimed at levelling up the regions.

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Furlough and Out of Work Statistics

County and district / unitary authority	Female employees eligible for furlough	Male employees eligible for furlough	Total employees eligible for furlough	Female employees furloughed at 31 December	Female take up-rate at 31 December	Male employees furloughed at 31 December	Male take up-rate at 31 December	Total employees furloughed at 31 December	Total take up-rate at 31 December	Female employees furloughed at 31 January (provisional)	Female take up-rate at 31 January (provisional)	Male employees furloughed at 31 January (provisional)	Male take up-rate at 31 January (provisional)	Total employees furloughed at 31 January (provisional)	Total take up-rate at 31 January (provisional)
BHCC	64,500	61,000	125,500	9,900	15%	10,000	16%	19,900	16%	11,800	18%	11,300	18%	23,100	18%
Lewes	20,600	19,000	39,600	2,800	14%	2,600	14%	5,500	14%	3,500	17%	3,000	16%	6,600	17%
Adur	13,900	12,800	26,800	1,700	12%	1,600	12%	3,300	12%	2,200	16%	2,000	15%	4,200	16%
Arun	35,500	33,200	68,700	4,900	14%	4,300	13%	9,300	13%	5,800	16%	5,100	15%	11,000	16%
Crawley	29,500	30,500	59,900	5,300	18%	5,500	18%	10,800	18%	5,900	20%	5,900	20%	11,900	20%
Mid Sussex	35,300	34,400	69,700	4,700	13%	4,200	12%	8,900	13%	5,900	17%	5,100	15%	11,000	16%
Worthing	25,700	23,600	49,300	3,100	12%	2,900	12%	5,900	12%	3,800	15%	3,600	15%	7,300	15%

Out-Of-Work Benefit

Claimant count by sex - not seasonally adjusted (February 2021)

	East Sussex (Numbers)	East Sussex (%)	South East (%)	Great Britain (%)
All People	20,250	6.4	5.4	6.5
Males	11,890	7.6	6.3	7.7
Females	8,360	5.2	4.5	5.3

Source: ONS Claimant count by sex and age

Note: % is the number of claimants as a proportion of resident population of area aged 16-64 and gender

Out-Of-Work Benefits

Claimant count by sex - not seasonally adjusted (February 2021)

	West Sussex (Numbers)	West Sussex (%)	South East (%)	Great Britain (%)
All People	28,455	5.6	5.4	6.5
Males	16,435	6.6	6.3	7.7
Females	12,020	4.7	4.5	5.3

Source: ONS Claimant count by sex and age

Claimant count by sex - not seasonally adjusted (February 2021)

	West Sussex (Numbers)	West Sussex (%)	South East (%)	Great Britain (%)
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Note: % is the number of claimants as a proportion of resident population of area aged 16-64 and gender

Out-Of-Work Benefits

Under Universal Credit a broader span of claimants are required to look for work than under Jobseeker's Allowance. As Universal Credit Full Service is rolled out in particular areas, the number of people recorded as being on the Claimant Count is therefore likely to rise.

Claimant count by sex - not seasonally adjusted (February 2021)

	Brighton And Hove (Numbers)	Brighton And Hove (%)	South East (%)	Great Britain (%)
All People	14,325	6.9	5.4	6.5
Males	8,540	8.1	6.3	7.7
Females	5,785	5.7	4.5	5.3

Source: ONS Claimant count by sex and age

Note: % is the number of claimants as a proportion of resident population of area aged 16-64 and gender

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Date of Meeting:	27 April 2021		
Report of:	Chair, Greater Brighton Officer Programme Board		
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Ward(s) affected:	All		

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT

- 1.1 At the Greater Brighton Economic Board “the Board” Meeting on 28 January 2020, the Board was presented with the Greater Brighton Digital Action Plan. This followed agreement on the Greater Brighton Digital Strategy in October 2019, and in early January 2020, a workshop attended by Board Members and other regional stakeholders identified a range of projects to meet the key priorities recommended in the Strategy, and these formed the basis of the Action Plan.
- 1.2 The Strategy and Action Plan looked at two key aspects. The first was around deployment and activation of key infrastructure, particularly next generation full fibre. The second theme explored the opportunities that new infrastructure will unlock and the potential for the Board to take a strategic leadership role in harnessing the many significant opportunities the new infrastructure will bring.
- 1.3 Due to Covid-19 the Board had to quickly take a strategic role in responding to the crisis and leading on economic recovery. Whilst some projects have continued at pace, the progress of some other activity inevitably slowed. The Covid-19 crisis has brought about years of change in the way companies in all sectors and regions do business. Likewise, the way Greater Brighton residents carry out their work and access goods and services. Due to the changed economic landscape across the region, a re-prioritisation of the digital themes and activity in the Strategy is required. An updated Action Plan with renewed timescales is outlined in this paper and in Appendix 1.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Board agrees to the revised key priorities and projects outlined in this paper and the Action Plan at Appendix 1.

CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 At the Board Meeting on 29 January 2019 the Board’s Five-Year Strategic Priorities paper was approved. In the paper, five strategic themes are identified; International, Creative, Connected, Talented and Resilient.
- 3.2 Under the Connected priority, activation of full-fibre infrastructure across the City Region was identified as a key priority with a target to increase the number of

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residential and business premises utilising full fibre connection across the city region and maximising its potential to facilitate economic growth.

- 3.3 The approved Greater Brighton Digital Strategy was a clear statement of intent, which reviewed activity already underway, identified areas at an early stage of development and models for full fibre delivery, and provided recommendations around next steps. Within the Strategy 11 themes were identified;

1. Full Fibre
2. 5G
3. Public Connectivity (Citizen Wi-Fi)
4. Internet of Things
5. Business
6. Retail
7. Visitors
8. Transport & Environmental Monitoring
9. Work & Skills
10. Health & Social Care
11. Digital Inclusion

- 3.4 The first two themes focus on digital connectivity and access. There is a significant amount of work underway across the City Region for delivering full fibre and this work continues at pace. The emergence of 5G has been well documented and is reliant on widespread full fibre infrastructure, underlining the strategic importance of delivering dense fibre networks as a critical step to being 5G-ready.

- 3.5 The focus on the remaining themes is around digital services. The digital services themes address the value-generating services that use the new connectivity, and include intelligent transport systems, smart energy solutions, open data services, cloud computing, digital services and others.

- 3.6 Due to the unprecedented economic impact of COVID-19 across the region, but particularly on retail, business and visitor economy, five key themes have been prioritised. In order to work towards the delivery of the digital action plan, it is proposed that £20k is allocated from the Greater Brighton work plan budget 2021/2022. These priorities reflect the change in the regional economic landscape, and use digital as an enabler to stimulate growth:

- 5G
- Retail
- Visitors
- Transport
- Digital Inclusion

5G

- 3.7 The rollout of the 5G network is a commercial process driven by network providers. However, the roll out is aided by having a lot of fibre connectivity in the area, so the work being done around the roll out of full fibre is helping the delivery of 5G in the city region. There is also a workstream around ensuring that local businesses are best placed to leverage the value from 5G. Brighton & Hove has recently signed a grant fund agreement with Coast to Capital LEP for

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the Research and Innovation Fibre Ring. This is a project which is being jointly delivered with the digital catapult centre Brighton, and includes a new fibre ring around the city which among other things connects New England House with the Dome and Corn Exchange. This creates a link between the existing 5G test bed at New England House, and proposed new 5G test bed at the Dome. This new 5G Test bed will look at how 5G technology can be utilised in an arts and culture setting.

Retail

- 3.8 This is a critical area post pandemic, with a mixed picture of how retailers fared during forced high street closures. The impact has been particularly severe for non-essential retail, and less severe for those businesses who pivoted by switching/increasing digital delivery models. E-commerce sales remained solid throughout the entirety of 2020, as consumers continued to shop online (even when restrictions in the UK eased over the summer months). The future of retail is going to be reliant on high streets becoming multifunctional spaces.
- 3.9 The continued rise of digital should be seen as an opportunity for the sector and not a threat that will kill the high street. Push notifications to shopper smartphones notifying them of real-time deals and augmented reality apps that expand the range of products available in store are some of the possibilities. Also being mooted are 'try before you buy' shops/services such as Amazon Wardrobe where the items are arranged to be delivered and tested at home, rather than taken home from the store. Seamless connectivity will be required to make the most of the opportunity, so there are clear linkages with the Citizen Wi-Fi theme.
- 3.10 There was acknowledgment that there is a need to work more with education partners to look at how you get digital inclusion and learning opportunities into the high-street e.g. Apple learning forums, and how best to support SMEs to understand how new technology can benefit their business models.

Visitors

- 3.11 The visitor economy, and in particular hospitality, has been the hardest hit sector by Covid-19 and digital has a huge role to play in building the sector back up again. Brighton & Hove's night-time economy, for example, pre-pandemic was a major selling point for visitors. In 2018 76% of tourists visited restaurants during their stay, with 34% going to a pub or club and 7% to a gig or theatre. There is a role for digital engagement to play in helping this sector recover.
- 3.12 Creating engaging and dynamic digital experiences for visitors is a significant opportunity, that will help them find and engage with the wide and varied offer that Greater Brighton has to offer. A visitor experience is largely driven by the heart and not by the head, so there is a strong need to develop compelling content that is rapidly changing and managed appropriately.
- 3.13 There is a need to diversify the offer to visitors, create itineraries that will make people stay longer and spend more. To do this there needs to be a clear understanding of visitor behaviour but currently this information is disparate and fragmented. The Board should work with partners such as Visit England, Experience West Sussex and Visit Brighton to support the visitor sector promote

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the region for staycation breaks and holidays, as well as with local trade bodies to lobby national government for a Tourism Sector Deal for the region.

- 3.14 There also needs to be clarity around what the identity for the City Region and the unique offer is. The Pitch for Place narrative should be used to help sell the region and the many different offers across the Greater Brighton area, and communicated through appropriate channels.
- 3.15 New opportunities for business growth projects in tourism and creative industries should be sought out to transform the pace of growth in these sectors, attracting new investment and moving into new markets to build back stronger.

Transport

- 3.16 Transport will be a priority target area for carbon reduction within the Greater Brighton Energy plan. Intelligent transport systems and smart cities will be crucial in reducing emissions, promoting active travel, increasing access and improving the overall efficiency of the City Region's transport networks. Again, digital connectivity will be the enabler of these new technologies so it would be helpful to hold a transport discovery event for lead transport officers from Greater Brighton and wider South East region.
- 3.17 How are commuting patterns associated with travel-to-work and travel-to-learn flows going to change over the longer-term post pandemic and what does this mean for our existing travel infrastructure?

Work & Skills

- 3.18 The Industrial Strategy Council forecast that five million workers could become acutely under-skilled in basic digital skills by 2030. This holds back those people from employment, limits their ability to progress, reduces economic growth, and makes the UK a less attractive place to invest.
- 3.19 In terms of Work and Skills we need to see what opportunities emerge from the Skills White Paper around digital.
- 3.20 The government have announced support for SMEs to grow through a new scheme to boost productivity: Help to Grow: Digital, a new scheme to help 100,000 SMEs save time and money by adopting productivity-enhancing software, transforming the way they do business.

Digital Inclusion

- 3.21 One in ten of the region's population still do not have regular access to the internet and are more isolated from information and new working practices. Some businesses have the skills and means to benefit from new services, but others do not, and this is also true for households or individuals. There is evidence that UK firms are relatively slow to adopt basic digital technologies, such as customer relationship and eCommerce tools that have been shown to have significant productivity benefits.

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The suggestion was that as a starting point officers should develop a report for a future Board Meeting on digital inclusion provision at each local authority. The report would need to specify funding levels, providers, numbers reached and future plans. Once we know the current offering we can then look at how the gaps can be addressed and what solutions there are at the regional level.

Other Themes

These areas are still important but are where the Board can add less direct value at the current time, though will continue to support current activity.

Full Fibre

- 3.22 City Fibre have confirmed their £80m investment in full fibre for Brighton & Hove, and the roll out of their programme started in February 2021.

The Converged Fibre Connectivity (CFC) project to build 41km of duct and dark fibre network from Crawley, Manor Royal to Burgess Hill is progressing as planned, it will complete in July 2021. The additional spur to connect the Horsham Enterprise Park will also be completed as planned. Commercialisation conversations for rural and urban parts of the network are now under way led by West Sussex County Council (WSCC) and Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC).

The Burgess Hill Fibre ring and dig once programme led by MSDC is also progressing as planned with key elements nearing completion.

The CFC project, Burgess Hill Fibre Ring and the Brighton Research and Innovation Fibre Ring together represent a contiguous regional open access network. It will unlock opportunities for building out fibre to homes and businesses, providing resilience, and making high quality dark fibre available to the private and public sector.

Regional connectivity plans are currently being developed by WSCC under the West Sussex Full Fibre programme to extend the above open access network (from Crawley to Brighton extending further along the West Sussex coast) to align with one of its Digital Infrastructure strategy priorities.

Commercial roll out of fibre - WSCC is working with the local and national telecoms market with the aim of accelerating further commercial investment to the region. These deployments will be announced by suppliers as part of their commercial plans. The commercial deployment of fibre by CityFibre within West Sussex will take place alongside the WS Gigabit public sector network to ensure minimum disruption to the highway. The CityFibre commercial investment in the county represents around £100m, deploying fibre to circa 185,000 premises (both homes and businesses). The timetable for roll out is being firmed up by CityFibre but is currently expected to be completed by mid-2023 across these areas: Worthing, Crawley, Horsham, Chichester, Littlehampton, Bognor Regis.

The Outside In project has been launched by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) as “Project Gigabit”, a key pillar of which is the extension of its UK Gigabit Voucher Scheme to contribute towards meeting its digital

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infrastructure targets. West Sussex is expected to be in phase 2 and are currently in discussion with DCMS as part of the “planning for gigabit” pilot.

WSCC’s Voucher top up Scheme been very successful and has either delivered to, or committed to deliver to approximately 4,000 premises to date. This has leveraged £3m in DCMS funding.

Mobile Mapping of county 3G and 4G coverage is progressing and modelling has been undertaken to overlay it with countywide public assets. This is facilitating conversations with Mobile Network Operators about their investments in West Sussex.

Our open access assets will be launched by WSCC this year following the mobile mapping above and alongside our mobile operator engagement. It will require all appropriate assets owned by councils in West Sussex to be made available to the market in order to accelerate interest in 4G not spots and potentially encourage operators to make use of public assets as opposed to new masts for the commercial deployment of current and future mobile infrastructure.

The superfast Better-Connected project closed in March. It exceeded its 95% target, extending further into the hardest to reach areas within its combined £30m budget. West Sussex achieved 96.8% superfast coverage as a result of the project.

Public Connectivity (Citizen Wi-Fi)

- 3.23 Wi-Fi services are important with a high percentage of people using them to plug poor mobile network coverage, manage their data limits and benefit from better speeds. Citizen Wi-Fi is a concept that if designed well, with clear outcomes and benefits, could be deployed across the City Region.
- 3.24 Worthing Town Centre Citizen Wi-Fi goes live later this year, following the commencement of the Wi-Fi supplier starting work in summer 2021. The benefits of Citizen Wi-Fi are wide reaching and will help business recover from the pandemic, attract consumers back onto the high street and innovate the city centre customer experience.

Internet of things

- 3.25 A strategic approach to the internet of things (IoT) is vital for Greater Brighton as it will enable standardised and well-managed approaches to a number of solutions such as traffic management, air quality management, flood risk detection and many others.
- 3.26 The recommendation made in the Digital Strategy was to commission a study to develop an IoT Strategy for the City Region, to incorporate open data standards and data privacy standards. This fits in with the Greater Brighton Innovation Ecosystem work being led by the University of Brighton.

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Business

- 3.27 Covid-19 has sped up the business sectors adoption of digital technologies by several years and many changes that have been introduced into business delivery models are likely to be here for the long haul. To stay competitive requires new digital strategies and practices, and to recognise technology's importance as a critical component of the business. During the pandemic, consumers have moved dramatically toward online channels, and companies and industries have responded in turn.
- 3.28 There is a need to understand the needs of both digital and non-digital businesses to ensure digital inclusion across the business community. The Business Hothouse Programme continues to attract excellent interest. As of early March, over 260 businesses/individuals have received start-up coaching support, with around half of those receiving over 12 hours. There have been 119 applications made to the Invest4 Grant programme, with a number of these approved. The value of the approved grants is around £330,000, and this brings in around £520,000 of match-funding.
- 3.29 Local authority partners have awarded over £200 million in business grants to over 20,000 eligible businesses, and over £6 million in discretionary grants. Some businesses will have used this funding to move to a more digital model of operating. Local Authorities have also been collaborating with partners to provide innovative further support to businesses that need it most.

4 ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATIONS OF OTHER OPTIONS

- 4.1 Given that Government have made it clear that Digital Infrastructure is a priority, other cities and city regions are looking to move ahead quickly in this space. In many domains the Greater Brighton City Region is at an early stage, and in others it is among the most advanced in the UK. There is a need to grasp the opportunity and build a strategic approach that could see Greater Brighton as a leader in digital futures in the UK. Hence the Board is recommended to seriously consider how to establish a digital fund to allow the development of investable propositions. The Digital Strategy and Action Plan has been developed with no budget so far, and progress to match the size of the opportunity will only be enabled with some development funding.
- An alternative to the recommended next steps would be to adopt a do-nothing approach or take an inconsistent approach across the region, which would risk the Greater Brighton region being left behind and pose a threat to future productivity, competitiveness, prosperity and recovering.

5 CONCLUSION

This paper details the renewed focus on digital projects across the region, with a re-prioritisation of actions. These actions are summarised in Appendix 1.

6. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

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- 6.1 An allocation of £20,000 has been identified from the Greater Brighton Operation Budget to support the Digital Action Plan in 2021-22 Details of funding streams and investment for each of the elements such as Full Fibre investment from City Fibre, business support through the Business Hothouse Programme and LEP support for the Research and Innovation Fibre Ring are detailed above within the report.

Finance Officer Consulted: Rob Allen, Principal Accountant
Date: 19/04/2021

Legal Implications:

- 6.2 There are no legal implications arising at this stage from this report, specific legal issues will be addressed as work on the individual projects are progressed.

Lawyer Consulted: Joanne Dunyaglo, Senior Property Lawyer
Date: 12/04/21

Equalities Implications:

- 6.3 There are no equalities implications arising directly from this report, though the report acknowledges the need to address issues of digital exclusion within the city region. The equalities implications of this will be addressed on a project by project basis.

Sustainability Implications:

- 6.4 There are no sustainability implications arising from this report.

Any Other Significant Implications:

- 6.5 None

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Appendices:

1. Greater Brighton Digital Action Plan

Background Documents

1. [Greater Brighton Digital Strategy](#)

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Digital Action Plan April 2021 – DRAFT

Thematic area	Action	Who	Timescale
Full Fibre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GBEB to continue supporting the multimode delivery model Support the work of the West Sussex Digital Leads Group Publish an aggregated dataset of public assets across GBEB & West Sussex for telecoms market 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GBEB GBEB EC / All LAs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing Ongoing Sept 2021
5G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake granular mobile coverage analysis Engage with mobile operators on 5G futures Deliver the Brighton 5G outdoor test bed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All LAs Digital Leads BHCC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec 2021 Oct 2021 Sept 2021
Public Connectivity: Citizen WiFi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch the Citizen Wi-Fi model in Worthing Conduct user research for Citizen Wi-Fi with retailers, businesses, shoppers and visitors in different places across Greater Brighton Work education partners to look at how you get digital inclusion and learning opportunities into the high-street Identify small rural pilot site & funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A&W Digital Leads/ All LAs Invite open EC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sept 2021 Dec 2021 Oct 2022 Oct 2022
Internet of Things	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commission a study to develop an IoT Strategy for the City Region, to incorporate open data standards and data privacy standards. Run digital session with energy & water teams to explore opportunities (fibre and sensors) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Universities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mar 2022
Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discovery workshop with Business Hothouse delivery partners and other business support programmes, mapping digital/innovation needs of businesses against infrastructure being delivered by the Digital Strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GBEB / Business Hothouse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov 2021
Retail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage retailers in the Citizen Wi-Fi rollout Invite digital retail specialist to present on trends and opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A&W EC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec 2021 Dec 2021

Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GBEB to create an area level group to explore an integrated destination strategy (include digital experts) • Create a strategy for digitally enabled Greater Brighton visitor experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GBEB • TBA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sep 2021 • Sep 2022
Transport & Environmental Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify transport leads from each GBEB authority • Run a smart transport discovery event for lead officers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GBEB • GBEB Support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 2021 • Jan 2022
Work and Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build capability in Economic Development teams, starting with gap analysis (links to business section above) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GBEB Support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mar 2022
Health & Social Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No local action recommended at this stage • Develop national business case for the development of OpenCommunity community service directory data standards to drive integration between health, social care and community sector organisations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A&W with existing partner authorities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan 2022
Digital Inclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a report for a future board on digital inclusion provision at each local authority, specifying funding levels, providers, numbers reached, future plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GBEB Support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mar 2022

Subject:	Greater Brighton Economic Board Operational Arrangements for 2021/22		
Date of Meeting:	27 April 2021		
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 This report outlines the preparatory steps needed to support the operational aspects of the Greater Brighton Economic Board ("the Board") in 2021/22.
- 1.2 This report should be read in conjunction with the Heads of Terms for the Board. The latest version of the Heads of Terms, as agreed by the Board on 21 April 2020, is attached as Appendix 1.
- 1.3 The reporting and accountability arrangements for the Board are set out in the Heads of Terms as referenced in paragraph 1.2. These arrangements require the Board to submit an annual report to each of its representative bodies.
- 1.4 The Board's 2020/21 Annual Report is attached at Appendix 5.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

- 2.1 Agree and secure the budgetary contributions sought to fund the cost of running the Board and delivering its workplan in 2021/22.
- 2.2 Note that Brighton & Hove City Council shall continue to act as Lead Authority for the Board in 2021/22.
- 2.3 Agree the process set out at sections 3.13 to 3.15 by which the Chair of the Board shall be nominated for 2021/22.
- 2.4 Approves the 2020/21 Annual Report and Board members submit the report to their respective organisations.
- 2.5 Note the date by which the Lead Authority must be notified of all named substitutes and instruct any necessary actions within their respective organisations.

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- 2.6 Note the date by which the Lead Authority must be notified of all nominations to the Greater Brighton Call-In Panel and instruct any necessary actions within their respective organisations.
- 2.7 Agree to extend the current communications contract with the Adur & Worthing Communications Team by another year.

3. CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- 3.1 The 2020/21 Annual Report is attached as Appendix 5.
- 3.2 The budget to support the running costs of the Board in 2020/21 was £283,644 (inclusive of the 2019/20 roll-over of £85,144) The actual spend as at 31st March is £235,907, which means a projected underspend of £47,757. A breakdown of the 2020/21 forecast, budgetary contributions and spend is attached as Appendix 2.
- 3.3 The projected underspend includes the £10,000 Contingency and £2,000 Scrutiny items, which need be included in the budget, but as in previous years were not needed to be called upon. This leaves an effective underspend of £35,757. Around £29,000 of the underspend is due to staff vacancies throughout 2020/21; the vacant Programme Support Officer post was only filled in January, and there was a period of several months where one of the Business Manager Posts was also vacant.
- 3.4 It is proposed that the £47,757 remaining budget be rolled-over into 2021/22 to total £246,257 (including contingency) towards the cost of running the Board and the delivery of its work-plan.
- 3.5 In a bid to ensure that costs for contributing member organisations are kept to an acceptable level, it is proposed that the 2021/22 contributions sought from Board members be the same as in 2020/21.
- 3.6 In line with sections 12 and 13 of the HoTs, Brighton & Hove City Council is seeking the following contributions from the Board's member organisations:

Organisation	2021/22 Contribution
Coast to Capital LEP	£7,700.00
South Downs National Park Authority	£7,700.00
University of Sussex	£7,700.00
University of Brighton	£7,700.00
Greater Brighton Metropolitan College	£7,700.00
Adur District Council	£9,620.00
Arun District Council	£22,798.00

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Brighton & Hove City Council	£53,437.00
Crawley Borough Council	£18,672.00
Lewes District Council	£15,190.00
Mid Sussex District Council	£23,288.00
Worthing Borough Council	£16,995.00
Total 2021/22 Contributions	£198,500.00
Carry-forward from 2020/21	£47,757.00
Total Budget for 2021/22	£246,257.00

- 3.7 Appendix 3 outlines the approach used in 2021/22 to determine the contributions that are being sought.
- 3.8 The budget to support the running costs of the Board in 2021/22 totals £170,959, leaving £75,298 for the 2021/22 workplan, which should include £10,000 of contingency funding.

Running Costs	
Salary costs (including on-costs) and expenses	£112,380.00
Finance support	£7,493.00
Legal support	£10,263.00
Democratic Services support	£4,373.00
Scrutiny (charged £500 (excluding venue) on a 'pay as you go' basis)	£2,000.00
GBEB Communications	£24,950.00
GBEB Annual report, printing and other materials	£5,000.00
Venue hire, hospitality, and refreshments	£3,000.00
Additional costs e.g. IT, travel	£1,500.00
Total running costs	£170,959.00
Work Plan	
Projects identified from GBEB Five Year Strategic Priorities (Year 2)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydrogen Sussex 	£13,700.00 £5,000.00

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation Ecosystem • Digital Action Plan (e.g. Design Labs) • Continued support for Inward Investment Desk including GBEB website development 	£20,000.00 £26,500.00 = £65,200.00
Total Work Plan	£65,298.00
Total Running Costs (from above)	£170,959.00
Contingency	£10,000.00
Grand Total	£246,257.00

LEAD AUTHORITY:

- 3.9 On 21 April 2020, the Board agreed that Brighton & Hove City Council continue to act as Lead Authority for 2020/21. As outlined in section 1.8 of the HoTs, lead authority arrangements are reviewed every two years and therefore this arrangement is maintained in 2021/22.
- 3.10 In October 2021, each local authority represented on the Board will be invited to submit an expression of interest in fulfilling the role for 2022/23 – 2023/24. The Board shall then instigate a procurement exercise to select the most appropriate authority for that role.

2021/22 BOARD MEETING DATES:

- 3.11 The Board meeting dates for the new municipal year have been set as follows:
- 20 July 2021
 - 19 October 2021
 - 1 February 2022
 - 26 April 2022
- 3.12 As in 2020/21, it is proposed that all meetings will commence at 10:00. Given the ongoing COVID-19 situation and associated restrictions around social contact, Board meetings will continue to be held virtually through 2021/22 if possible. However, this arrangement will be reviewed in light of future announcements from Government.

MEMBERSHIP AND CHAIRPERSON:

- 3.13 As outlined in section 6 of the HoTs, the Chair will be elected annually by the Joint Committee members. The Chair of the Joint Committee shall, by virtue of their democratic mandate, be the Chair of the Board. It is for the Joint Committee to elect the Chair.
- 3.14 The Chair must be formally appointed at the Board's first meeting in the new municipal year. It is proposed that nominations be sought in advance and that the following process be adopted:

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- (1) On 24 May 2021, Brighton & Hove City Council's Democratic Services team will issue an email to the local authority Leaders to ask if they would like to put themselves forward as Chair.
- (2) Those local authority Leaders choosing to put themselves forward must notify Brighton & Hove City Council's Democratic Services of their decision by 4 June 2021.
- (3) On 7 June 2021, Brighton & Hove City Council's Democratic Services will issue an email to all local authority Leaders, advising of the nominations and asking them to cast a vote for their preferred nominee. Each Greater Brighton Economic Joint Committee member will have one vote, save for Brighton & Hove City Council where the Leader of the Opposition will also have a vote. Voting will be completed in confidence. The deadline for votes will be 21 June 2021.
- (4) On 22 June 2021, Brighton & Hove City Council Democratic Services will issue an email to all members of the Board to advise them of the new Chair.
- (5) On 20 July 2021 members of the Greater Brighton Joint Committee will formally appoint the new Chair (this will be the first item of business).
- 3.15 In the event that the vote is tied, Brighton & Hove City Council's Democratic Services will issue an email to all local authority Leaders, informing that the first round has been tied and asking them to vote again on the preferred nominees.
- 3.16 All member organisations are required to inform Brighton & Hove City Council's Democratic Services of their substitute representatives by 25 June 2021. In line with section 9 of the HoTs, the list of substitutes will be approved by the Board at its first meeting in the new municipal year.
- 3.17 As stated in section 4.3 of the HoTs, the work of the Board shall be subject to review by an ad-hoc joint local authority scrutiny panel that is managed by the Lead Authority. It is proposed that the current Call-In Protocol remains unchanged for 2021/22. The Protocol is attached as Appendix 4. Members of the Board are required to inform Brighton & Hove City Council's Democratic Services of their Greater Brighton Call-In Panel representatives by 25 June 2021.

ANNUAL REPORT:

- 3.18 As outlined in section 4.1 of the HoTs, the Board shall submit an annual report to each of the bodies represented on the Board. The annual report for 2020/21 can be found at Appendix 5.

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

- 4.1 The proposals are in accordance with the governance arrangements agreed by the Board.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION:

- 5.1 Not applicable.

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6. CONCLUSION:

6.1 To ensure that the Board transitions smoothly into the new municipal year, Board members are asked to:

- (1) Agree the budgetary contributions that are being sought to fund the costs of running the Board and delivering its work-plan in 2021/22;
- (2) Agree to submit the Annual Report to their respective organisations;
- (3) Note that Brighton & Hove City Council shall continue to act as Lead Authority for the Board in 2021/22;
- (4) Agree the process by which the Chair of the Board shall be nominated for 2021/22, and;
- (5) Note the requirement, and instruct the necessary actions within their respective organisations, to:
 - a. Notify the lead authority of their named substitutes by 25 June 2021, and;
 - b. Notify the lead authority of their nominations to the Greater Brighton Call-In Panel by 25 June 2021.

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

7.1 The Greater Brighton Economic Board assists with delivering economic development across the region. The Board seeks to secure government and private sector funding and investment in order to deliver this economic development. An annual operating budget is agreed with the Board for the forthcoming financial year to enable the Accountable Body to provide legal, financial, communications and administrative support to allow the Board to deliver its work-plan. Annual contributions are made from member authorities to the Accountable Body toward this budget. The contributions from member authorities totalling £198,500 are detailed within paragraph 3.6 of this report. The apportionment of contributions from unitary, district and borough councils are based upon the size of their working age populations and are detailed within Appendix 3. The budget for the financial year 2021/22 will reflect anticipated spend for the work-streams ahead including a provision for contingency. The estimated spend of £246,257 for the year is detailed in paragraph 3.8. The forecast spend for the year also includes a sum for work plan items for the GBEB Five Year Strategic Priorities. This includes investment in Hydrogen Sussex, Innovation Ecosystem and the Digital Actin Plan. A summary of the budget for 2020/21 together with the spend incurred for that financial year is detailed in Appendix 2. A projected underspend of £47,257 is forecast for 2020/21, subject to confirmation of the outturn position of the accounts, and this will be carried forward to support the budget for 2021/22.

Finance Officer Consulted: Rob Allen, Principal Accountant
Date: 19/04/2021

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Legal Implications:

- 7.2 With reference to the recommendations, the body of the report contains the steps that need to be taken to ensure compliance with the Heads of Terms.

Lawyer Consulted: Joanne Dunyaglo

Date: 12/4/21

Equalities Implications:

- 7.3 None

Sustainability Implications:

- 7.4 None

Any Other Significant Implications:

- 7.5 None

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Heads of Terms for Greater Brighton Economic Board
2. 2020/21 Forecast, Contributions and Spend
3. Approach for Calculating 2021/22 Funding Contributions
4. Greater Brighton Economic Board Call-In Protocol
5. Annual Report 2020/21

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Appendix 1: Heads of Terms for Greater Brighton Economic Board (20 April 2020)

1. Establishment, Purpose and Form

- 1.1. The Greater Brighton Economic Board (“The Board”) shall be established from the Commencement Date.
- 1.2. The over-arching purpose of the board is to bring about sustainable economic development and growth across Greater Brighton (‘the City Region’). To achieve this, the principal role of the Board is to co-ordinate economic development activities and investment at the regional level.
- 1.3. The Board comprises the Greater Brighton Economic Joint Committee (“GBEJC”), on which the local authorities will be represented; and the Greater Brighton Business Partnership (“GBBP”), on which the Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership, business, university and further education sectors will be represented?
- 1.4. Meetings of the Board comprise concurrent meetings of GBEJC and GBBP.
- 1.5. GBEJC shall be a joint committee appointed by two or more local authorities represented on the Board, in accordance with section 120(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.
- 1.6. The Board may appoint one or more sub-committees.
- 1.7. For the two years starting with the Commencement Date, the lead authority for the Board shall be Brighton & Hove City Council (“BHCC”), whose functions in that capacity shall include the provision of scrutiny (see paragraph 4.3), management of the call-in and review process (see paragraph 8), and the support detailed in paragraph 12.
- 1.8. Unless the Board resolves otherwise, before the start of the third year following the Commencement Date, and every two years thereafter, the Board shall review the lead authority arrangements and, subject to paragraph 1.9, invite each of the local authorities represented on the Board to submit an expression of interest in fulfilling the role of lead authority for the subsequent two year period. The Board shall then instigate a procurement exercise to select the most appropriate authority for that role.
- 1.9. Notwithstanding the appointment of a successor lead authority pursuant to paragraph 1.8, the incumbent lead authority may retain such of their Accountable Body functions as are necessary to enable that local authority to comply with its on-going commitments and liabilities associated with its Accountable Body status.

2. Interpretation

- 2.1. In these Heads of Terms –
 - i. ‘Commencement Date’ means 1st April 2014.

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- ii. 'City Region' means the area encompassing the administrative boundaries of BHCC, Adur District Council, Worthing Borough Council, Lewes District Council, Mid Sussex District Council, Crawley Borough Council and Arun District Council; and 'regional' shall be construed accordingly;
- iii. 'economic development' shall bear its natural meaning but with particular emphasis given to :
 - Employment and skills;
 - Infrastructure and transport
 - Housing;
 - Utilisation of property assets;
 - Strategic planning;
 - Economic growth.
- iv. 'Accountable Body' means the local authority represented on the Board carrying out the function set out in paragraph 12.2.

3. Functions

3.1. The Functions of the Board are specified in paragraph 3.2 below and may be exercised only in respect of the Region.

3.2. The functions referred to in paragraph 3.1 are as follows:

- i. To make long term strategic decisions concerning regional economic development and growth;
- ii. To be the external voice to Government and investors regarding the management of devolved powers and funds for regional economic growth;
- iii. To work with national, sub-national (in particular the Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership) and local bodies to support a co-ordinated approach to economic growth across the region;
- iv. To secure funding and investment for the Region;
- v. To ensure delivery of, and provide strategic direction for, major projects and work stream enabled by City Deal funding and devolution of powers;
- vi. To enable those bodies to whom section 110 of the Localism Act 2011 applies to comply more effectively with their duty to co-operate in relation to planning of sustainable development.
- vii. To incur expenditure on matters relating to economic development where funds have been allocated directly to the Board for economic development purposes; and for the avoidance of doubt, no other expenditure shall be incurred unless due authority has been given by each body represented on the Board.

3.3. In discharging its function specified in paragraph 3.2 (Viii) above, the Board shall-

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- i. (save in exceptional circumstances) seek to invest funding on the basis of-
 - a Proportionality, by reference to the economically active demographic of each administrative area within the city Region;
 - b Deliverability;
 - c Value for money and return on investment / cost benefit ratio; and
 - d Economic impact to the City Region as a whole.
- ii. Delegate implementation of that function to the lead authority, who shall also act as Accountable Body in relation to any matters falling within that function.

4. Reporting and Accountability

- 4.1. The Board shall submit an annual report to each of the bodies represented on the Board.
- 4.2. The Greater Brighton Officer Programme Board shall report to the Board and may refer matters to it for consideration and determination.
- 4.3. The work of the Board is subject to review by an ad hoc joint local authority scrutiny panel set up and managed by the lead authority.

5. Membership

- 5.1. The following bodies shall be members of the Board:

- i. Brighton & Hove City Council
- ii. Adur District Council
- iii. Worthing Borough Council
- iv. Lewes District Council
- v. Mid-Sussex District Council
- vi. Crawley Borough Council
- vii. Arun District Council
- viii. University of Sussex
- ix. University of Brighton
- x. Further Education Representative
- xi. Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership
- xii. Brighton & Hove Economic Partnership
- xiii. Adur & Worthing Business Partnership
- xiv. Coastal West Sussex Partnership
- xv. South Downs National Park Authority

- 5.2. GBEJC shall comprise the bodies specified in paragraphs 5.1(i) to (vii); and GBBP shall comprise the bodies specified in paragraphs 5(viii) to (xv).
- 5.3. Each of the bodies listed in paragraph 5.1 shall be represented at the Board by one person, save that BHCC shall, by reason of it being a unitary authority, be represented by two persons (as further specified in paragraph 5.4).

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- 5.4. Each local authority member shall be represented at the Board by its elected Leader and, in the case of BHCC, by its elected Leader and the Leader of the Opposition.
- 5.5. Each business sector member shall be represented at the Board by the Chairman of that member or by a person nominated by the Board of that member.
- 5.6. Each university member shall be represented by a Vice Chancellor or Pro Vice-Chancellor of that university or by a person nominated by that university member.
- 5.7. Each further education member shall be represented by its Principal or the Chair of its Governing Body or by a person nominated by that further education member.

6. Chair

- 6.1. The Chair of GBEJC shall, by virtue of his/her democratic mandate, be Chair of the Board
- 6.2. If the Chair of GBEJC is unable to attend a Board meeting, the Board shall elect a substitute from its local authority member representatives provided that no such member representative attending in the capacity of a substitute shall be appointed as Chair of GBEJC / the Board.
- 6.3. The Chair of GBEJC for its first year of operation shall be the Leader of BHCC.
- 6.4. The Chair will be elected annually by members of the GBEJC. Election of the Chair will be conducted through a formal process performed by the Democratic Services Team of the Lead Authority. The elected Chair will be appointed at the first meeting of the Board in the new municipal year. A Chair may be re-elected but shall not serve as Chair for more than 4 years.

7. Voting

- 7.1. Each person represents a member of GBEJC, and each person representing a member of the GBBP, shall be entitled to vote at their respective meetings.
- 7.2. Voting at each of the concurrent meetings of GBEJC and GBBP shall be by show of hands or, at the discretion of the chair, by any other means permitted by law, and voting outcomes reached at those meetings shall be on a simple majority of votes cast.
- 7.3. Where voting at a meeting of GBEJC results in an equal number of votes cast in favour and against, the Chair of GBEJC shall have a casting vote.
- 7.4. Where voting at a meeting of GBEJC results in an equal number of votes cast in favour and against, the motion/proposal/recommendation under consideration shall fall in relation of GBBP.

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7.5. Where the respective voting outcomes of GBEJC and GBBC are the same, that shall be taken as the agreed Board decision and the Board may pass a resolution accordingly.

7.6. Where the respective voting outcomes of GBEJC and GBBP differ, the Board –

- i. May not pass a resolution relating to that matter; and
- ii. May refer the matter to the Chief Executive of the lead authority, who may consult with members of the Board or such other persons as are appropriate, with a view to achieving agreement on the matter between GBEJC and GBBP by discussion and negotiation.

7.7. Where, pursuant to paragraph 7.6(ii), agreement is reached the matter at issue shall be remitted to, and voted upon at, the next meeting of the Board.

7.8. Where, pursuant to paragraph 7.6(ii), no agreement is reached the motion/proposal/recommendation at issue shall fall.

8. Review of decision

8.1. Decisions of the Board will be subject to call-in and review in the following circumstances:

- i. Where a local authority voted to agree a recommendation at a GBEJC meeting, but the decision of the Board was not to agree the recommendation.
- ii. Where a local authority voted against a recommendation at a GBEJC meeting, but the decision of the Board considered that the interests of the body they represent had been significantly prejudiced; or
- iii. Where any local authority represented on the Board considered that the interests of the body they represent had been significantly prejudiced; or
- iv. Where any local authority represented on the Board considered that the Board had made a decision beyond its scope of authority.

8.2. The procedure for requesting, validation, and implementing a call-in and review is specified in Schedule 1.

8.3. Where a request for call-in is accepted, the Board decision to which it relates shall be stayed pending the outcome of the call-in.

8.4. Following call-in, the panel convened to review a Board decision may refer the decision back to the Board for re-consideration. Following referral, the Board shall, either at its next scheduled meeting or at a special meeting called for the purpose, consider the panel's concerns over the original decision.

8.5. Having considered the panel's concerns, the Board may alter its original decision or re-affirm it. Paragraph 8.1 shall not apply to the Board's follow-up decision. In consequence, the latter decision may be implemented without further delay.

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9. Substitution

9.1. Subject to paragraph 9.2, representatives are expected to attend all meetings however, where a representative of a member of the Board is unable to attend a Board meeting, a substitute representative of that member may attend, speak and vote, in their place for that meeting.

9.2. A substitute member must be appointed from a list of approved substitutes submitted by the respective member to the Board at the start of each municipal year.

10. Quorum

10.1. No business shall be transacted at any meeting of the Board unless at least one third of all member bodies are present, and both GBEJC and GPBBP are quorate.

10.2. Quorum for GBEJC meetings shall be three member bodies.

10.3. Quorum for GBBP meetings shall be three member bodies.

11. Time and Venue of Meetings

11.1 Ordinary meetings of the Board shall be convened by the lead authority and will rotate around the City Region.

11.2 The Chair of the Board may call a special meeting of the Board at any time, subject to providing members with minimum notice of two working days.

12. Administrative, financial and legal support

12.1 The lead authority shall provide the following support services to the Board:

- i. Administrative, as more particularly specified in the Memorandum of Understanding pursuant to paragraph 13;
- ii. Financial (including the Accountable body function specified in paragraph 12.2); and
- iii. Legal, comprising Monitoring Officer and Proper Officer functions in relation to GBEJC meetings.

12.2 The function of the Accountable Body is to take responsibility for the financial management and administration of external grants and funds provided to the Board, and of financial contributions by each member of the Board, as more particularly specified in the Memorandum of Understanding Pursuant to paragraph 13. In fulfilling its role as Accountable Body, the lead authority shall remain independent of the Board.

12.3 Other members of the Board shall contribute to the reasonable costs incurred by the lead authority in connection with the activities described in paragraphs 12.1 and 12.2, at such time and manner as the Memorandum of Understanding shall specify.

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13 Memorandum of Understanding

13.1 Members of the Board may enter into a memorandum of understanding setting out administrative and financial arrangements as between themselves relating to the functioning of the Board.

13.2 The memorandum may, in particular, provide for –

13.2.1 Arrangements as to the financial contributions by each member towards the work of the Board, including:

13.2.1.1 The process by which total financial contributions are calculated;

13.2.1.2 The process for determining the contribution to be paid by each member;

13.2.1.3 The dates on which contribution are payable;

13.2.1.4 How the Accountable Body shall administer and account for such contributions;

13.2.2 Functions of the Accountable Body; and

13.2.3 The terms of reference for the Greater Brighton Officer Programme Board.

14 Review and Variation of Heads of Terms

14.1 The Board shall keep these Heads of Terms under review to ensure that the Board's purpose is given full effect.

14.2 These Heads of Terms may be varied only on a resolution of the Board to that effect, and subject to the approval of each body represented on the Board

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Appendix 2: 2020/21 Forecast, Contributions and Spend

1. The 2020/21 budget to support the running costs of the Board and the delivery of the workplan totalled £283,644. This was made-up of the 2019/20 roll-over of £85,144 and the contributions as set out in the table below (Table 1).

Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership	£7,700
South Downs National Park Authority	£7,700
University of Sussex	£7,700
University of Brighton	£7,700
Greater Brighton Metropolitan College	£7,700
Adur District Council	£9,600
Arun District Council	£22,800
Brighton & Hove City Council	£53,400
Crawley Borough Council	£18,800
Lewes District Council	£15,200
Mid Sussex District Council	£23,200
Worthing Borough Council	£17,000
Total contributions 2020/21	£198,500
Roll-over from 2019/20	£85,144
Total budget 2020/21	£283,644

2. The 2020/21 budget forecast was as follows:

Salary costs (Including on-costs)	£105,000
Finance support	£7,493
Legal support	£10,263
Communications support (Adur & Worthing Councils)	£24,950
Annual Report and other materials	£5,000
Democratic Services support	£4,373
Scrutiny (Charged at £500 on a 'pay as you go' basis)	£2,000
Venue hire & refreshments	£3,000
Additional costs e.g. IT, travel	£1,500
Total Costs*	£163,579
Work plan items	£110,065
Contingency	£10,000
Grand Total	£283,644

* Excluding contingency.

3. The actual 2020/21 spend (including all known commitments as at 31st March 2021) was as follows:

Salary costs (including on-costs)	£91,828
Finance support	£7,493
Legal Support	£10,263
Communications support (Adur & Worthing Councils)	£24,950
Annual Report and other design/materials costs	£5,000
Democratic Services support	£4,373
Scrutiny	£0
Venue hire & refreshments	£700
Additional costs e.g. IT, travel, training	£1,400

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Total Costs	£146,007
Work Plan Items	
ERDF Business Support Programme (Business Hot House)	£30,000
Pitch for Place and Inward Investment	£39,000
COVID-19 Impact Assessment Report	£9,900
GB 10 Pledges Video	£11,000
Total Workplan Items	£89,900
Contingency	£0
Grand Total Expenditure	£235,907

The budget remaining as at 30th March 2021 is £47,757. This underspend includes the £10,000 Contingency and £2,000 Scrutiny items, which need be included in the budget, but as in previous years were not needed to be called upon. This leaves an effective underspend of £35,757. Around £29,000 of the underspend is due to staff vacancies throughout 2020/21; the vacant Programme Support Officer post was only filled in January, and there was a period of several months where one of the Business Manager Posts was also vacant.

It is proposed that the remaining budget be rolled-over into 2021/22 to total £246,257 (including contingency) towards the cost of running the Board and the delivery of its work-plan.

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Appendix 3: Approach for Calculating 2021/22 Funding Contribution

Total Funds sought for 2020/21 = £198,500

Greater Brighton Business Partnership (GBBP):

- Due to their being largely local authority funded, no contributions will be sought from the Brighton & Hove Economic Partnership, the Adur & Worthing Business Partnership and the Coastal West Sussex Partnership.
- All remaining Business Partnership members will be charged a 'flat fee' of £7,700.

Total funds sought from GBBP = £38,500

Greater Brighton Economic Joint Committee:

- The contributions sought from the unitary, district and borough councils for the total remaining funding requirement have been apportioned in relation to the size of their working age populations. Please see the Business and Demographic Overview below.
- The contributions sought from Brighton & Hove City Council, Crawley Borough Council, Adur District Council, Arun District Council, Lewes District Council, Mid Sussex Council and Worthing Borough Council are essentially the same the same as for 2019/20, with slight adjustments for the small movements in the working age population figures – see tables below.

Total funds sought from GBEJC = £160,000

Organisation	% of working age population (March 2018)	2020/21 Contribution Calculation
Adur District Council	6.01%	£9,620.00
Arun District Council	14.25%	£22,798.00
Brighton & Hove City Council	33.40%	£53,437.00
Crawley Borough Council	11.67%	£18,672.00
Lewes District Council	9.49%	£15,190.00
Mid Sussex District Council	14.56%	£23,288.00
Worthing Borough Council	10.62%	£16,995.00
Total	100%	£160,00.00

Greater Brighton Business and Demographic Overview – Updated Table March 2021

	A	B	C	D				
Local authority	UK population 2019	working age population 2019 (16-64 yrs)	VAT/PAYE Businesses 2020	VAT/PAYE Business units 2020	Business units per 1000 working age residents	A as % of total Greater Brighton population	B as % of total Greater Brighton working age population	D as % of business units in Greater Brighton area
Adur	64,300	37,300	2,325	2,670	71.6	6.47	6.01	5.35
Arun	160,800	88,400	5,490	6,370	72.1	16.19	14.25	12.76
Brighton & Hove	290,900	207,200	15,920	18,220	87.9	29.29	33.40	36.49
Crawley	112,400	72,400	3,510	4,755	65.7	11.32	11.67	9.52
Lewes	103,300	58,900	4,430	5,030	85.4	10.40	9.49	10.07
Mid Sussex	151,000	90,300	7,390	8,310	92.1	15.20	14.56	16.64
Worthing	110,600	65,900	3,790	4,580	69.5	11.13	10.62	9.17
Totals	993,300	620,400	42,855	49,935		100	100	100

All data sourced from NOMIS. Primary Data Sources: ONS Annual Population Estimates, Inter-Departmental Business Register

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Appendix 4: Greater Brighton Economic Board Call-In Protocol

1. Requesting a Call-in

- 1.1. Call-in is a process via which decisions made by the Greater Brighton Economic Board (GBEB) but not yet implemented can be challenged by GBEB members and referred to an independent 'call-in panel' for consideration.
- 1.2. Any decision made by the GBEB may be called-in up to five working days from the date of the meeting at which the decision was taken.
- 1.3. Call-in may triggered by any one or more of the constituent members of the GBEB. Such a request shall be made in writing to the Chief Executive of the lead Local Authority (i.e. the Local Authority responsible for GBEB administration at the time of the call-in request) and shall include the reasons for the request and any alternative decisions proposed.
- 1.4. A request for call-in may be made by any GBEB member local authority:
 - i. where a local authority voted to agree a recommendation at a GBEJC meeting, but the decision of the Board was against the recommendation;
 - ii. where a local authority voted against a recommendation at a meeting of the GBEJC but the decision of the Board was to agree the recommendation;
 - iii. where any local authority represented in the Board considered that the interests of the body they represent had been significantly prejudiced; or
 - iv. where any local authority represented in the Board considered that the Board had made a decision beyond its scope of authority.
- 1.5. The Chief Executive may refuse to accept a call-in request which in his/her opinion is frivolous, vexatious or defamatory or where no reason for the decision to be called-in is given.
- 1.6. Should the request be accepted, the Chief Executive will call-in the decision. This shall have the effect of suspending the decision coming into force and the Chief Executive shall inform the relevant decision makers of the call-in. The Chief Executive shall then call a meeting of the GBEB call-in panel to scrutinise the decision.
- 1.7. The GBEB call-in panel must meet within seven working days of the Chief Executive accepting the call-in request. Should the call-in committee fail to meet within this period, or meet but not be quorate, then the original decision shall come into force at the expiry of the seven-day period

2. The GBEB Call-in Panel

- 2.1. The GBEB call-in panel shall include members representing each of the constituent members of the GBEB (i.e. both the Greater Brighton Economic Joint Committee and the Greater Brighton Business Partnership).

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- 2.2. The GBEB call-in panel could potentially also include co-opted members from other bodies. Any decision on co-option would be made annually by the GBEB.
- 2.3. Each constituent member of the GBEB shall appoint a member to the GBEB call-in panel. No member of the GBEB call-in panel may also be a member or substitute member on the GBEB – GBEB call-in panel members should be independent of the GBEB to the degree that they have not as individuals been involved in the decision that they are being asked to consider as a call-in.
- 2.4. The Chair of the GBEB call-in panel shall be appointed annually by the GBEB.
- 2.5. Appointments to the GBEB call-in panel shall be annual.
- 2.6. Substitution is permitted on to the GBEB call-in panel. However, no substitute member may be or have been a GBEB member or substitute.
- 2.7. The GBEB call-in panel shall make decisions on the basis of a majority vote. If the vote is spilt then the panel Chair shall have a casting vote.
- 2.8. **Quorum.** To be quorate a meeting of the GBEB call-in panel shall require at least one third of members to be in attendance.
- 2.9. For the purposes of call-in no distinction shall be made between representatives from the members of the Greater Brighton Economic Joint Committee and representatives from the members of the Greater Brighton Business Partnership: all members of the call-in panel will vote together.

3. Call-in meetings

- 3.1. The GBEB call-in panel will consider call-in requests at a special call-in meeting. Typically, the call-in panel will hear from:
 - i. the GBEB member who made the call-in request (where a request has been made by more than one member the Chair of the GBEB call-in panel will decide whether to take representations from all the signatories to the call-in request or to ask the signatories to make a single representation). The member(s) who requested a call-in will explain why they feel the original decision was unsound and will suggest an alternative decision.
 - ii. the GBEB. The GBEB Chair (or another GBEB member or an officer supporting the GBEB at the request of the GBEB Chair) will explain why the original decision was made and will provide any additional information they feel is germane. Where the GBEB Chair is a signatory to the call-in request, then another GBEB member (or officer supporting the GBEB) shall attend the call-in meeting to represent the GBEB. This representative will be chosen by the Chief Executive of the lead authority, after discussion with GBEB members.
 - iii. Other organisations, stakeholders or members of the public may be granted the right to make representations to the call-in panel at the discretion of the GBEB call-in panel Chair. However, in general the intention should be to re-

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examine the decision originally made not to hold a broader enquiry into the decision in question.

3.2. Call-in does not provide for the call-in panel to substitute its own decision for the original GBEB decision, but merely to refer the matter back to the GBEB. The GBEB can only be asked to reconsider any particular decision once.

3.3. In essence the call-in panel is simply tasked with deciding whether the decision in question should be referred back to the GBEB to be reconsidered. Therefore the only substantive decision the GBEB call-in panel can make is whether to refer the decision back to the GBEB or to let the original decision stand.

3.4. In deciding whether to refer a decision back to the GBEB, the call-in panel shall have regard to:

- i. Any additional information which may have become available since the original decision was made
- ii. The implications of any delay in implementing the original decision
- iii. Whether reconsideration is likely to lead to a different decision
- iv. The importance of the matter raised and the extent to which it relates to the achievement of the GBEB strategic priorities
- v. Whether there is evidence that the decision-making rules in the GBEB constitution have been breached
- vi. Whether there is evidence that the GBEB consultation processes have not been followed
- vii. Whether the decision taken is not in accordance with a policy previously agreed by the GBEB
- viii. Whether there might be an alternative way of dealing with the matter in hand short of referral back to the GBEB

3.5. If having scrutinised the decision, the GBEB call-in panel feels that the decision was seriously flawed, it may refer it back to the GBEB for reconsideration, setting out in writing the nature of its concerns.

3.6. Implementation of any decision referred back to the GBEB remains suspended until the GBEB has met to reconsider the matter. However, should the GBEB call-in panel choose not to refer the matter back to the GBEB for reconsideration then implementation may begin immediately following the call-in committee meeting.

3.7. The GBEB shall reconsider any matter referred back to it by the GBEB call-in panel either at its next scheduled meeting or at a special meeting called for the purpose. Having considered the concerns expressed by the GBEB call-in panel the GBEB is free to make any decision it chooses *including re-affirming its original decision*.

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4. Call-in and urgency

- 4.1. The call-in procedure set out above shall not apply where the decision being taken is urgent. A decision will be urgent if any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the interests of the GBEB or the general public across the 'Greater Brighton' region. The record of the decision, and notice by which it is made public, shall state if in the opinion of the GBEB the decision is an urgent one and therefore not subject to call-in. This is subject to the agreement of the Chief Executive of the lead authority.
- 4.2. Any decision exempted from call-in for reasons of urgency shall be communicated to the Chair of the GBEB call-in panel by the Chief Executive of the lead authority, together with an explanation as to why the decision has been deemed urgent. The intention is that urgency exceptions are used sparingly and only where there is an overriding reason to do so.



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Greater Brighton Economic Board Members 2020/21

7 Local Authorities

- Adur District Council
- Arun District Council
- Brighton & Hove City Council
- Crawley Borough Council
- Lewes District Council
- Mid Sussex District Council
- Worthing Borough Council

3 Business Partnerships

- Adur & Worthing Business Partnership
- Brighton & Hove Economic Partnership
- Coastal West Sussex Partnership

2 Universities

- University of Brighton
- University of Sussex

Further Education

College

- Greater Brighton Metropolitan College (GBMet)

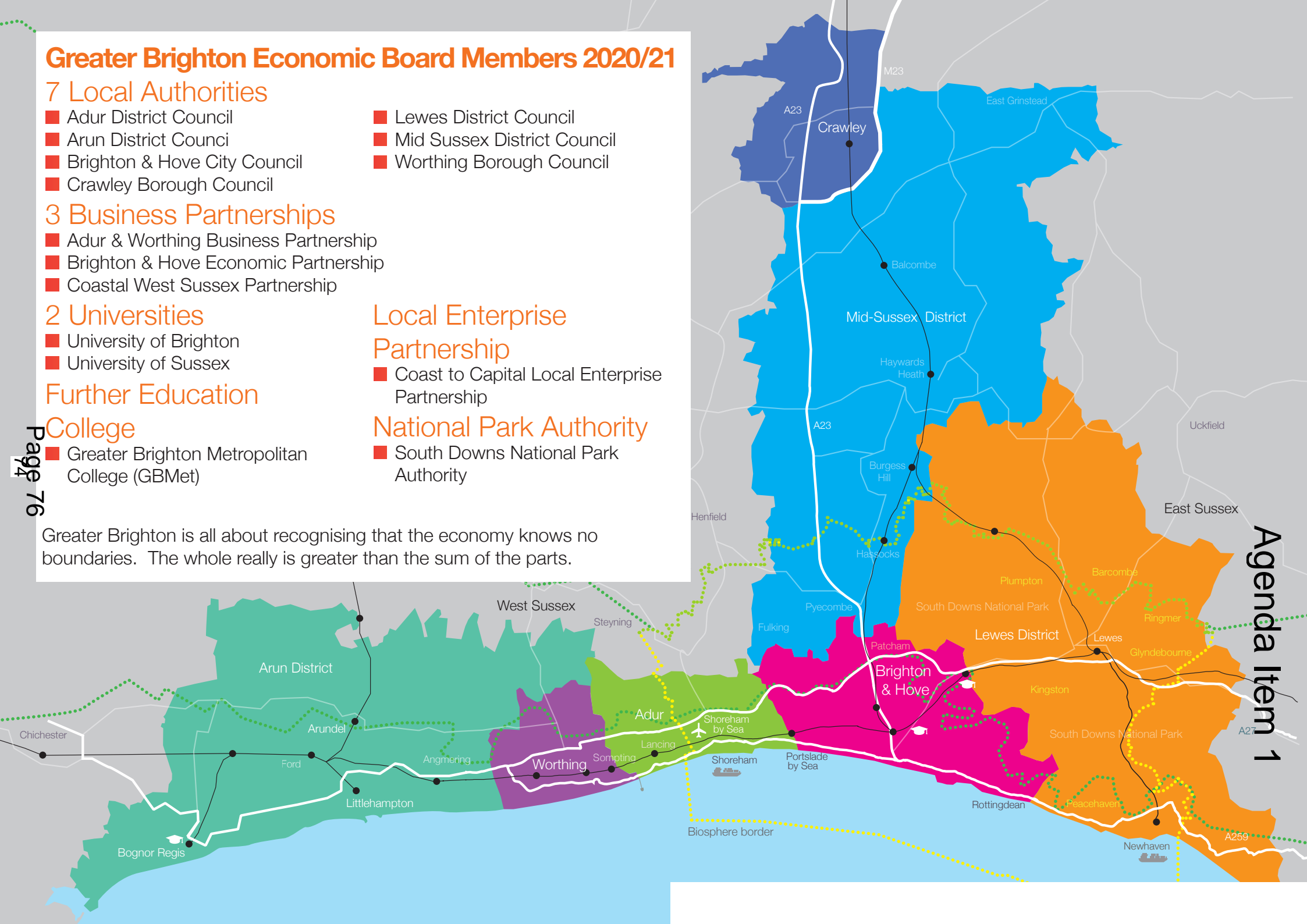
Local Enterprise Partnership

- Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership

National Park Authority

- South Downs National Park Authority

Greater Brighton is all about recognising that the economy knows no boundaries. The whole really is greater than the sum of the parts.



Response to COVID 19 – driving economic recovery

Initial Response

In April 2020 it became clear that COVID-19 presented a global health and economic challenge the likes of which we had never experienced. The economic impact on the City Region would be significant; Gatwick Airport, the UK's second largest, was effectively closed as airlines were forced to ground their fleets. This impacted the circa 25,000 direct employees but also businesses and workers in the wider aviation industry and airport supply chain – many of which are based in Crawley. The City Region's strong cultural and visitor economy, and wider hospitality sector, particularly along the south coast, would also be severely impacted by the crisis.

Since the start of the pandemic, local authority partners have worked tirelessly and innovatively to continue delivering key services, and to offer critical support to businesses and residents through the crisis. Local authorities have administered over £200 million in business grants to over 20,000 eligible businesses, and over £6 million in discretionary grants.

In addition, to the Government schemes, Local Authorities have worked collaboratively with partners to provide innovative support packages to businesses. These include Mid Sussex working with the Community Services Team on a £300,000 Covid-19 Recovery Fund to support local businesses.

Leading the Regional Recovery

Whilst the immediate response to the COVID-19 crisis was around maintaining services and supporting businesses and residents, attention quickly turned to looking ahead to how to restart and revive the economy. Economic recovery would need to be considered at a regional level and the Board was well-placed to lead on this.

Before informed decisions could be made around economic recovery there was need to understand the economic, social and health impacts of COVID-19 to the Greater Brighton region. External expertise was required to produce the COVID-19 Impact Assessment report in July.

Key findings from that report were;

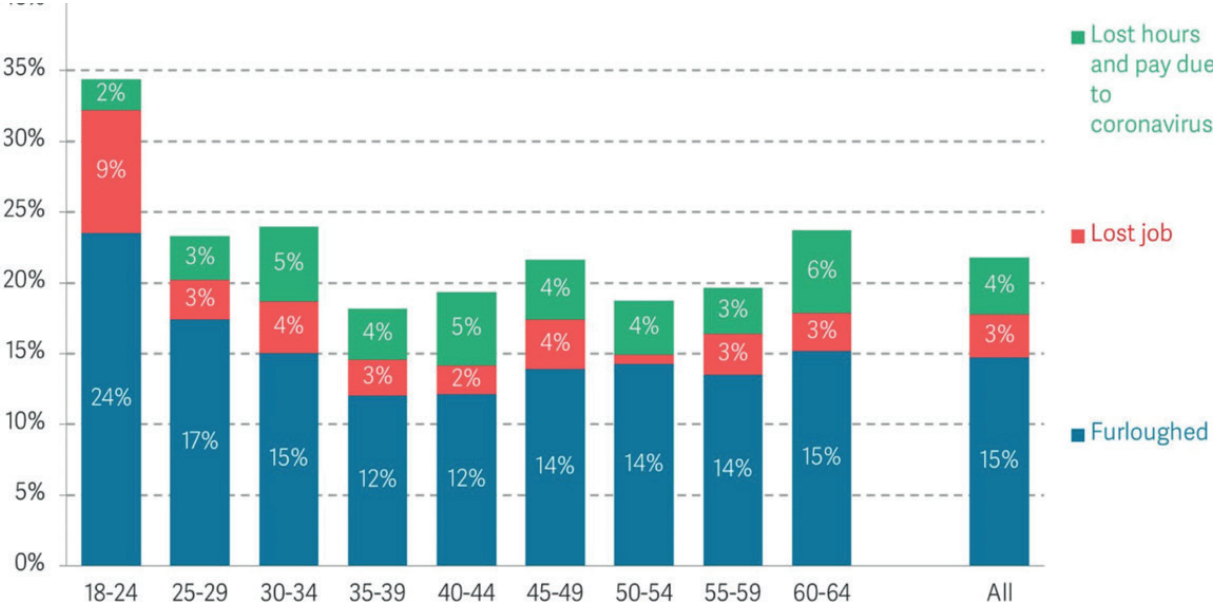
- Estimates 11% reduction in Gross Value Added (GVA) in 2020
- The region's estimated year of recovery to pre-COVID GVA levels is 2028
- There will be lasting affects to the City Region's sectoral make up and productivity levels
- An estimated 7,700 businesses have had to temporarily close
- Just under 50% of all Greater Businesses have six months or less of cash reserves
- The young fared worst market with around a third of workers 18-24 having been furloughed or lost their jobs
- In terms of value, the greatest sectoral GVA losses will be in Manufacturing, Education and Wholesale & Retail
- On a proportional basis the greatest sectoral losses will be in Arts & Entertainment, Education, and Accommodation & Food Services

COVID 19 impact

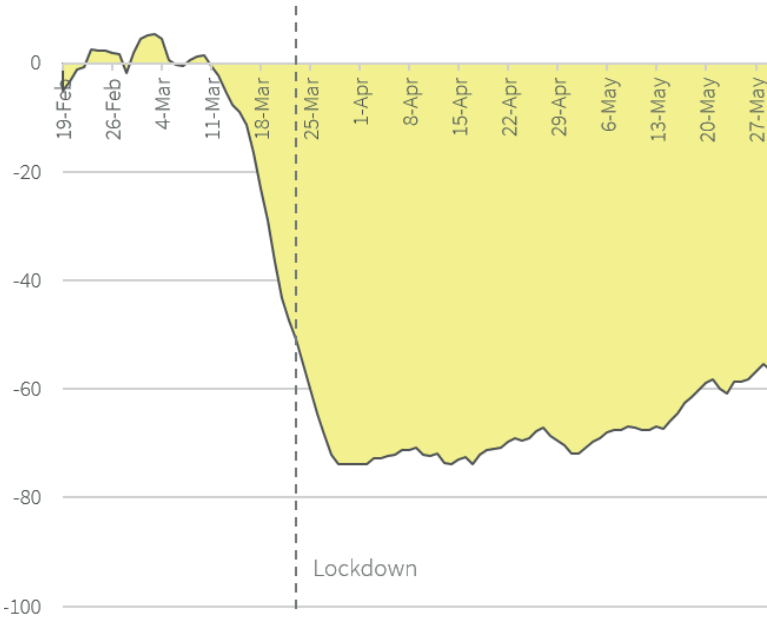
These charts are extracts from the [COVID-19 Impact Assessment Report](#) produced in July 2020. The first shows the impact on the workforce in terms of lost job, lost hours/pay and furlough, and it shows that the impact is greatest on those in the 18-24 age group. The

second graph displays the level of activity across the public transport network using Google mobility statistics. The mobility data shows that movement was down by around 75% during the first lockdown in the spring of 2020

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Source: Hatch analysis of YouGov data



Source: Google Mobility data, Hatch analysis

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Response to COVID 19 – driving the Economic recovery

Leading the Regional Recovery

Whilst many of the headline figures for employment and output were broadly in line with other parts of the UK, it was clear that action was required.

Using the key findings from Economic Impact Assessment as a robust evidence base, a Sustainable Recovery Plan was developed. The Sustainable Recovery Plan suggested actions and interventions targeted at where they would have a maximum impact. It was crucial that the recovery plan must be agile and be able to adapt to sudden changes in government response and /or the possibility of local lockdown scenarios. This foresight was to prove crucial with national lockdowns following in November and a further one in January, from which the country is currently emerging from. The actions outlined in the Recovery Plan were aligned to the five strategic themes agreed in 2019; International, Creative, Connected, Talented, Resilient.

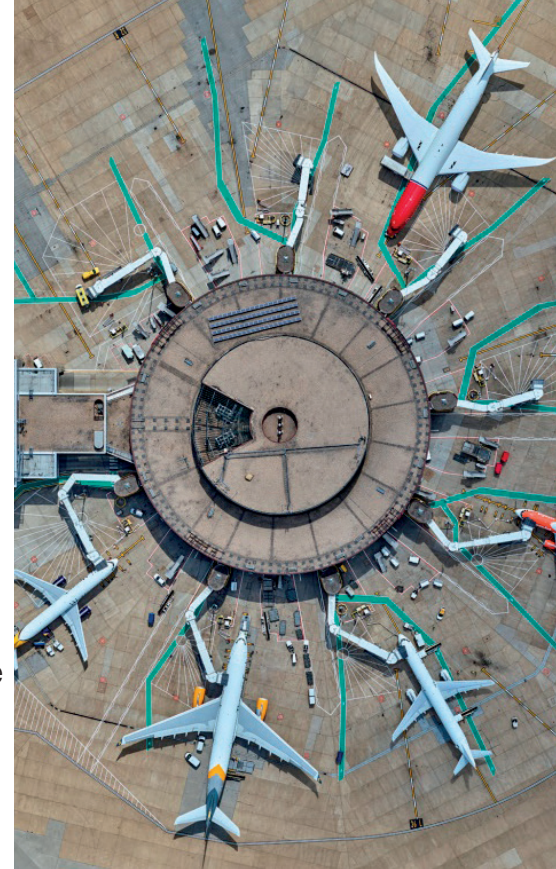
Since the plan was agreed in October, activity has occurred at pace. These are some of the key actions;

International

- Establish a Global place narrative for the City Region
- Focus on education, arts, retail and green
- Use universities and research hubs to attract domestic and international investment into the region.

Creative

- Ensure Businesses will continue to be supported to grow by the Business Hot House programme being run by the University of Chichester and C2C's Growth Hub
- Build on success of flexible workspaces within the region such as Platf9rm, Plus X and the Sussex Innovation Centre
- Work with partners such as Visit England, Experience West Sussex and Visit Brighton to support the visitor sector promoting the region for staycation breaks and holidays
- Lobby national government for a Tourism Sector Deal for the region.



Response to COVID 19 – driving economic recovery

Connected

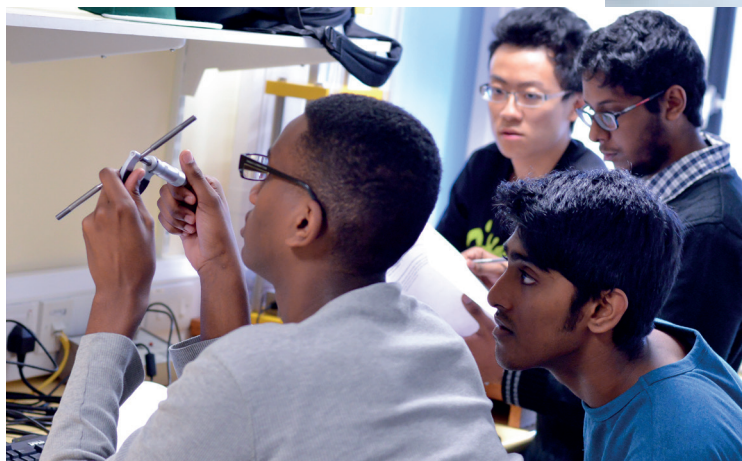
- Expedite the roll-out of full-fibre and use the region as a test-bed for businesses and innovators to develop new ideas
- Continue development of the Greater Brighton Digital Action Plan and stimulate the adoption of digital technologies and skills among non-digital businesses and residents
- Work with the business sector to support local training providers to provide digital skills training required for vacant positions
- Lobby for improvements to the main transport corridors; Brighton Mainline, A27, A259, M23/A23 and A29
- Support public transport providers to encourage users back onto the networks in a safe and socially distanced way.

Talented

- Provide skills support alongside the phasing-out of the Job Retention Scheme to support the transition into new jobs, particularly in the low carbon/clean tech/circular economy sectors, to catalyse a green recovery
- Focus on groups most impacted by the crisis e.g. young people

Resilient

- Position Greater Brighton as a region that champions and leads on sustainable growth
- Support the University of Brighton's leading role in the national Clean Growth UK Programme
- Create a Greater Brighton hydrogen hub to accelerate private sector production of green hydrogen
- Support partners to deliver retrofit programmes for homes and buildings at a regional scale, working with leading private and community sector providers
- Support all new housing with green energy and support working from home
- Support C2C's efforts with partners in the public and private sector to create a world-class innovation centre within Crawley.



Recovery through green growth

GB10 Pledges

To show commitment to declaring a national climate emergency, Greater Brighton partners took action in the autumn of 2020 by launching its GB10 pledges. These pledges promise to use our combined authority, lobbying power, expertise and knowledge to becoming a carbon neutral region, through championing a major programme of projects on environmental action and clean growth. The Greater Brighton city region pledges to help tackle the climate change crisis and place itself at the centre of partnership efforts to effect real change.



- 1. Kelp (carbon capture)** – A scheme to reintroduce a 10-mile kelp forest off the coast of Sussex could remove 70,000 tonnes of carbon per year from the atmosphere and help prevent coastal erosion.



- 3. Zero emission fleets (low carbon)** – Plans are being developed to replace traditional engines with low carbon vehicles as part of contract renewal, to improve air quality, cut noisy engines, and reduce carbon emissions. Greater Brighton pledges to bring fresh impetus into this process so that 50 per cent of all Greater Brighton vehicles are low carbon by 2025.



- 2. Water recycling (water preservation)** – Local water resources are finite and recycling water to new homes in the Northern Arc development in Burgess Hill will save significantly on the amount needed to be taken from already stressed chalk aquifers underground.



- 4. EV charging points (infrastructure network)** – We are working to establish a network of Electric Vehicle charging points so that every resident in the region is within a convenient distance from an energy source for their electric vehicle by 2030.



5. Rewilding (water erosion) – There is rewilding activity across the region, such as Wildflower Lewes and Where the Wild Flowers Grow in Worthing projects, and the University of Sussex is working on research on rewilding and rain garden projects. By allowing landscapes to develop naturally encourages biodiversity and makes them more resilient to changing climate.



8. Public Buildings (solar) - Members are committed to reducing our reliance on fossil fuels by decreasing our energy use in public buildings 50% by 2030 by installing efficiency refits and solar panels.



6. Integrated home visits (efficiency) – A one-stop visit by experts is an effective way of helping to reduce water consumption and improve energy efficiency, cutting bills and helping the environment.



9. Innovation (research & innovation) – A Greater Brighton Innovation Forum to drive forward local project delivery, build partnerships and aid local capacity building and learning has been set up.



7. Low Carbon Heating (low carbon) – Decarbonisation of the housing stock is a firm priority - heating is responsible for 40% of Greater Brighton's carbon emissions and on average 55% of home energy costs.



10. Lobby - Greater Brighton pledges to press central government to increase water and energy efficiency standards for new and existing buildings to reduce bills, cut carbon emissions and increase climate resilience.

Recovery through green growth

Recovery through our Energy and Water Plans

To 'grow back greener' after lockdown, the projects and ambitions in both the Energy and Water plans will support Greater Brighton to do that.

Energy Plan

Participants in the Greater Brighton Energy Plan have over 30 investible energy projects under way. These projects will reduce energy demand, cut carbon emissions, and bring community benefits, and also contribute to a resilient energy system for the future. Some projects innovate with novel technologies and new ways of integrating energy systems, other projects seek to scale up and coordinate well-known interventions.

Water Plan



Greater Brighton is partnering Southern Water to begin a pilot project which will introduce recycled water to 3,500 homes (in toilet cisterns and, possibly, garden hose supplies) on a new estate at Northern Arc, Burgess Hill. The water will be to an acceptable standard but not drinking quality. This will keep more than 60 million litres in the environment every year and mean cheaper bills for residents. Longer-term, we hope the proof-of-concept from the Northern Arc development will mean this approach can become embedded across Greater Brighton through local plans.

Greater Brighton will continue to support Southern Water in delivering up to 50,000 water efficiency home visits once lockdown is lifted. At least 10 per cent of these, or one pilot project per local authority will be the subject of combined visits to examine energy efficiency as well. It is estimated householders could save up to £78 a year on bills this way.

Hydrogen Sussex



Born out of the Greater Brighton Energy Plan, Hydrogen Sussex launched in February 2021, and puts the region at the forefront of a hydrogen fuel revolution. The group is made up of Local authorities, businesses, and organisations from across the region and beyond, including a world leading engineering firm, airports, ports, a bus company, utilities companies, Coast-to-Capital LEP, and the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS).

By pooling expertise and lobbying power Hydrogen Sussex aims to position the clean fuel as a mainstream energy carrier to help the drive to become a zero carbon economy.

The bid to encourage the development of hydrogen comes as one of the group's members, Shoreham Port, announces it has begun work on an ambitious new partnership with H2evolution to create a green hydrogen hub. A planning application will shortly be developed to establish a 20-megawatt electrolysis plant to the south of the Port's famous lock gates.

Upgrading our infrastructure for a post-COVID world

Digital

The Covid-19 pandemic has shifted, possibly permanently, the way we do things, including the way we work and the way we purchase goods and services. This has increased the need for ultrafast (full-fibre) digital connectivity and next-generation digital services.

In January 2020, the Board approved an ambitious Digital Action Plan for Greater Brighton which identified that the Digital arena cuts across 11 thematic areas including, Business, the Internet of Things, Retail, Visitors and Transport. The existence of the West Sussex Gigabit Programme, a strong cluster of creative digital businesses, the 5G Testbed and funding secured to establish a 5G ring, provide a strong platform on which to move forwards.

The need identified was to accelerate the creation of services that will allow businesses and residents to maximise the opportunities that ultrafast fibre enables. As we look to regrow and rebuild following Covid-19, the importance of this has been further elevated. There exists a huge opportunity for sectors such as retail, hospitality and the visitor economy to use the new technologies to develop products, services and experiences relevant to a post-covid economy.

The Digital Action Plan has been reviewed and refreshed in light of the Covid pandemic, and the exciting and essential work will continue at pace during 2021.



Transport

During the Covid-19 pandemic there has been an upsurge in active travel across the region. Following Government advice in the first lockdown last spring, people have sought to avoid public transport and at the same time try and get exercise whilst there was limited or no access to gyms, pools and other sports activities.

The Greater Brighton local authorities were quick to respond, by creating new cycle lanes and other designated safe spaces for cyclists and walkers. In late 2020 Brighton & City Council secured £2.37m for improvements to walking and cycling in the city from the Active Travel Fund (previously Emergency Active Travel Fund). Five schemes have been proposed, and public consultations will run through February and March. The latest award followed an award of around £660k from Tranche 1 of the fund. In November 2020 a recommendation was made to extend the successful BTN Bikeshare scheme beyond the boundary of Brighton & Hove City Council along the coast to Adur and Worthing.

The Greater Brighton Economic Board is committed to public transport as being an efficient and environmentally friendly way of residents moving around the City Region and beyond. The Board will support public transport providers to encourage users back onto the networks in a safe and socially distanced way as we emerge from the current lockdown.

The priorities corridors for the region remain Brighton Mainline, M23/A23, A27, A259 and A26. Greater Brighton is represented on the Transport for the South East (TfSE) South Central Radial Area Study Forum, which is an opportunity to make clear to TfSE and other regional stakeholders the challenges, priorities and opportunities for transport within the Greater Brighton region.



Vision statement

A growing, **modern economy** that is **international, creative, connected, talented** and **resilient**

Our aspirations



International

Attracting inward investment through Business Managers scanning for potential opportunities and promoting region

Open for Business – forging new connections with business post Brexit

Being ready to prepare a bid for announcement of a High Potential Opportunity (HPO.)

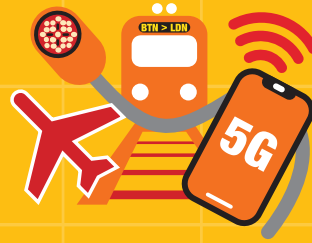


Creative

Continue to support university led growth and recovery programmes including the Business Hot House

Seek new opportunities for business growth projects in tourism and creative industries to transform the pace of growth in these sectors

Develop Innovation Ecosystem for the region as a catalyst for growth.



Connected

Delivering on the Greater Brighton Digital Action Plan including piloting the Citizens WIFI rollout and expanding across region

Continue at pace to deliver full fibre broadband throughout the region

Lobby Network Rail to progress improvement plans to the Brighton Mainline

Lobby for improvements to other crucial road and rail infrastructure through Transport for the South East.



Talented

Work together to share ideas and best practice on the decarbonisation of council homes across Greater Brighton and maximise opportunity to shape education, training and the supply chain development in this area

Develop a Skills Needs Analysis for the region and bring partners together to develop a Skills Strategy that meets the changing need across sectors

Workforce development.



Resilient

Support partners to deliver decarbonisation retrofit programmes for homes and buildings at a regional scale

Following the GB10 pledges, work closer with the One Public Estate partners to determine how to maximise the opportunity for sustainable redevelopment

Rapidly progress work to establish Greater Brighton as a hydrogen hub.

Remarks from the Chairman

It's been an unprecedented 12 months for everyone of the 1.1 million people living in the City Region.

The COVID pandemic has brought huge challenges to all of our residents, forced many businesses to adapt to new ways of working overnight and placed massive demands on our public services.

But despite all of this, the resilience shown by our City Region has been hugely impressive.

The collective spirit, the flexibility, the innovation - all have been apparent as residents, businesses and other stakeholders have worked together to help us emerge from this unprecedented period.

While I know it's not been easy for everyone, I have been heartened by the way that businesses in particular have adapted and pivoted to keep going, some of which we have featured on our communication channels in the past 12 months.

In order for the City Region to truly meet its potential though there is more that we can do.

As Greater Brighton leaders in the fields of government, business and academia, it is only

right that our response to COVID remains the number one priority.

We will work together creatively to make Greater Brighton a region that the government wants to work with and invest in.

We will also continue pushing forward strong attractive pitches for investment to unlock key strategic growth sites and develop new technology.

We will also work closely with MPs and other bodies to ensure our voice is heard, never more important at a time in which the Government's 'levelling up' programme sees more funding heading north.

While we remain focussed on supporting key sectors and areas to bounce back from the pandemic, we must also look to the future, thinking about what Greater Brighton needs in five, ten, 25 years from now to grow and thrive.

A central strand will be inward investment and selling Greater Brighton as a place where people and businesses want to be based.

We will be stepping up this work, capitalising on the first-class transport links we have, our proximity to London, excellent education

establishments and stunning coastal and countryside setting.

I also am pleased to say that I - along with other Greater Brighton members - remain committed to the GB10 pledges, which have the potential to transform our environment for generations to come.

Hydrogen power, coastal kelp beds and zero-emission fleets are not just things for the future, they are being created now - which is down to the work that we're doing collectively.

By continuing to work together, we can make sure that Greater Brighton bounces back stronger in years to come.



Daniel Humphreys
Leader of Worthing Borough Col



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Subject:	Greater Brighton Investment Programme – Progress Update		
Date of Meeting:	27 April 2021		
Report of:	Chair, Greater Brighton Officer Programme Board		
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FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT

- 1.1 The purpose of the Investment Plan Update is to provide the Greater Brighton Economic Board (“the Board”) with an update on progress on the Greater Brighton Investment Programme (“the Investment Programme”) since the Board’s last meeting on 26 January 2021.
- 1.2 Updates are included on the Local Growth Fund (LGF) allocations made as part of the Growth Deal Rounds 1, 2 and 3. The period covered by this report is 1 January 2021 to 31 March 2021.
- 1.3 This cover report provides some context on the LGF Funding Rounds and narrative updates on the Investment Programme projects. Further details on the individual projects can be found in the Investment Programme Update report at Appendix 1.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

3. CONTEXT/BACKGROUND INFORMATION

LGF Growth Deal Rounds 1 & 2

- 3.1 A total of approximately £90m was allocated to projects across the City Region from LGF Growth Deal rounds 1 & 2. These projects will deliver a total investment of approximately £376m into the City Region, unlocking an estimated 14,000 jobs, 8,200 homes and 450,000m² of employment floor-space. Current active projects are listed below with a summary of progress since the last update.
- 3.1.1 Flood Alleviation Scheme (Newhaven) £7.5m

The majority of works are now completed, making use of scheduled rail possessions in December 2020 and March 2021. However, due to restrictions, work was not fully completed on power cable relocations. The project team is

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continuing to work with Network Rail, with a view to completing this additional work via a further rail possession in June 2021.

3.1.2 Port Access Road (Newhaven) £10.0m

Construction commenced early January 2019 and was substantively complete by end 2020. The road is not yet open, due to the need to construct two short link roads to different areas of Newhaven Port. These are being funded by the Port operator. Work on the northern link road has now commenced and is expected to be complete by Summer 2021.

3.1.3 New England House Growth Centre (Brighton) - £4.9m

21 Jan 2021 Policy & Resources Committee approved the preparation and submission of a new preferred design option for refurbishment of existing building and new 2 storey roof extension as a planning application. In conjunction with the adjacent Longley House development, 5,888m² of new employment floorspace would be provided, close to the City Deal target of 7,090m². Design team largely appointed, although design work has currently been put on hold to allow for completion of all necessary survey work. Design work should recommence in June when this work has been completed.

3.1.4 Digital Catapult & 5G Testbed (Brighton) - £1.8m

The latest Technology Accelerator Programme was completed in March, later than planned due to the impact of Covid. The 6 companies on the programme included Photogram (AI camera technologies), Reality Check (immersive storytelling technologies), Rippla (live music streaming), and Make Amplify (large scale immersive events). Preliminary activity on the Ring & Testbed project has now commenced together with preparatory work on the DCMS-supported, DC-led programme with the music industry, whose regional partners are Brighton Dome & Festival and Wired Sussex.

Other recent activity included a project with local radio station Platform B and music venue the Green Door Store to create and test a virtual version of the venue as a broadcast platform and training for visual artists in using virtual gallery spaces to connect with audiences and customers.

3.1.5 Circus Street Innovation Centre & Regeneration (Brighton) - £2.7m

Substantial progress has been made on both the office block and The Dance Space (the final 2 buildings to be completed) as well as offsite and onsite public realm works.

3.1.6 Plus X (Brighton) - £7.7m

Plus X remained operational with reduced capacity due to COVID-19 and the need to ensure a safe and secure working environment. Covid has impacted memberships but the management team continues to promote the facilities and is confident that numbers will pick up as conditions improve. The Brighton Research Innovation Technology Exchange (BRITE) programme is up and

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running and taking members. BRITE is a business innovation programme for ambitious and established businesses primarily based in the Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership region. The project completed the fit out of the BRITE floors creating additional space for SMEs on flexible short-term licenses as well as video conferencing and podcasting facilities, and meeting rooms. Work on the wider development continued to progress well. The student blocks on Preston Barracks have been completed, cladding works to early phase residential blocks is underway, and construction of the final residential blocks will commence shortly. The University of Brighton's adjacent development is also at an advanced stage. The main structures of all five student blocks on the Mithras House site were completed and the new academic building is weathertight.

3.1.7 Valley Gardens – Phase 3 (Brighton) - £8.0m

The third public consultation exercise for Valley Gardens Phase 3 has completed in late 2020, which will inform the detailed design stage.

Following a tendering process that completed in late 2020 through the council's new Transport Professional Services Framework the next stage of the scheme design commenced in January 2021.

It is now planned for the detailed design of the scheme and the construction contract procurement will be completed by end of this calendar year.

3.1.8 Adur Tidal Walls & Western Harbour Arm Flood Defences (Shoreham-By-Sea) – £10.5m

The New Sussex Yacht Club building is completed.

SYC served notice to vacate the redundant Yacht Club in April.

Demolition contract is being procured.

3.1.9 A2300 Corridor Improvements (Burgess Hill) - £17.0m

See 4.13 below

LGF Growth Deal Round 3

- 3.2 In February 2017 Coast to Capital announced that it has secured £66m through Round 3 of the Growth Deal. All six projects put forward by the Board were allocated funding - totalling £48.77m. The project updates are as follows:

Worthing Central Phase 1 (Worthing) - £5.6m

3.2.1 Teville Gate:

There has been no further update since last meeting and the last position is as follows:

Main developments:

- Construction commenced on new office building for Teville Gate House and topping-out took place on 01/04/2020.
- Mosaic Capital's planning application was considered by planning committee on 04/03/2020 and resolution to grant permission subject to S106

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- Homes England provided a letter committing to support the project with funding of £6m for affordable homes.

3.2.2 Union Place:

An S106 agreement has been drafted. Appointment of Agent to market and dispose of site. The disposal strategy has been reaffirmed.

3.2.3 Decoy Farm (Worthing) - £4.8m

Award of the remediation contract to Keltbray. Pre-construction phase complete. Construction phase mobilisation, welfare/site set-up, environmental controls and waste treatment system in place.

Translocation of reptiles, vegetation clearance and site-wide destructive survey and ecological works have completed.

Remediation works carried out and now complete as specified, to programme and within budget as at 31st March 2021. Landfill materials have been sorted and screened and the treated landfill wastes removed from site. Entire site and development platform levelled, geotextile membrane and aggregate capping layer installed.

Air monitoring, soil sampling and laboratory testing for validation report is complete. Borehole decommissioning is complete. Groundwater monitoring and hydraulic modelling will continue.

3.2.4 New Monks Farm & Airport (Shoreham-By-Sea) - £5.7m

There has been no further update since the last meeting and the last position is as follows:

ADC, WSCC, and developers finalised the S106 agreement and planning decision letter was issued on 06/02/2020

Works continue on site on flood drainage, remediation, and ground preparation works for the development.

3.2.5 Growth Location (Burgess Hill) - £14.9m

Northern Arc: Work is continuing on-site with housebuilder Countryside Properties. Work on both the Eastern Bridge and Link Road and the Western Link Road is set to continue, with the whole on these links scheduled for completion by the end of 2021

Place and Connectivity: Work continues on delivery of the first of the phase 1 schemes including public art and other public realm improvements to the underpass at Wivelsfield Railway station. Detailed design work continues for highway improvements at Burgess Hill and Wivelsfield Stations, public realm improvements for Church Walk / Church Road, and access & connectivity improvements for Victoria Business Park. Site clearance activities are complete on all Town-wide and Green Circle routes.

A2300 corridor improvements: Construction began in spring 2020 and is ongoing. The project remains on schedule for completion by October 2021.

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Employment space, The Hub: The second phase of development (a 5,000m² warehouse for Roche Diagnostics) was completed in early February. Outline planning permission for the remaining 40,000m² has been approved, and issued.

Digital Infrastructure: Works to implement the Digital Infrastructure across and around Burgess Hill, including a southern link to Brighton and a northern link via Horsham to Crawley, are well progressed despite Covid-19 challenges. A number of Dig-Once opportunities have been identified. Works have progressed at pace with over 13.8km of duct infrastructure installed across Burgess Hill. This includes 10.3km (92%) of the duct in the Local Full Fibre Network (LFFN) project and an additional 3.5km delivered through Dig Once on the A2300. The programme on plan to deliver completed network by 31st March 2021 with works commenced and completed in Brighton for connection to Brighton Digital Exchange.

One public estate (OPE) 7: The Brow - redevelopment of an extended Brow site in Burgess Hill will provide enhanced accommodation for the emergency and primary care services and to create space for 440 new homes (led by WSCC). Consultants Faithful and Gould have completed a draft viability study which is currently being reviewed alongside engagement and discussion with other stakeholders.

Land adjacent to Burgess Hill station - Officers are progressing to agree an engagement strategy with the other key stakeholders, Network Rail and The Arch Company (the principal landowner at the site). Provisional approval of an initial OPE Phase 8 funding top up award of £50k has been given, split 50/50 between grant and loan funding. Network Rail have also committed an initial £25k funding to the next stage of the work programme. As the scheme is at the design stage Covid-19 has not had an impact at this time.

Goddards Green Waste Water Treatment Works: Phase 1 of the project has been completed delivering most of the odour reduction benefits. All the £4m LGF-funding has been spent, and the project is now continuing at pace funded through the £6.54m HIF grant. Covid-19 caused a slight delay to the project, resulting from staff in Southern Water's supply chain being furloughed and from the overseas suppliers of some components temporarily closing their factories. Whilst this delay is anticipated, any arising issues are being managed closely with Southern Water.

3.2.6 Black Rock /Waterfront (Brighton) - £12.1m

The scope and outputs for the Waterfront project have now evolved in to two projects, with the agreement of the Local Enterprise Partnership. A revised series of outputs has been agreed for the Black Rock project which focus upon two key phases of enabling (underway) and future permanent development (to be progressed with a target of 2026 for completion).

The aim of the project to regenerate the Black Rock site is now underway, with a successful planning application achieved in June 2020 and 4 works packages at various stages of contractual commitment. The first two works packages, to deliver improvements to Dukes Mound junctions and begin work to the new beach boardwalk, have appointed contractor's and are underway. The Sea Wall and Marina Link followed by the works to existing heritage and Kemptown

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Gardens will begin in summer 2021. Two works packages have started on site. The Local Enterprise Partnership endorsed the revised project supported by a revised set of outputs up to and including to 2026. The finalised outcomes are to be agreed once a Development Brief is agreed for the site in late 2021.

LGF Growth Deal Unallocated Funds Rounds 1 & 2 – December 2016 Call

- 3.3 In December 2016 Coast to Capital announced that it had approximately £46.65m of unallocated funds available to support capital growth projects. The Greater Brighton Economic Board put forward eight bids, five of which received funding totalling approximately £9.9m. The project updates are as follows:

3.3.1 Adur Civic Centre (Shoreham-By-Sea) - £1.8m

Phase 2: Public consultation on proposed development by Hyde Housing took place on 20/02/2020 and detailed design work is underway with a view to the planning application being submitted in Summer 2020.

Issues have arisen from Hyde Housing due to Covid19 and will delay exchange and submission of the planning application.

3.3.2 Springman House (Lewes) – £2.0m

There has been no further update since the last meeting and the last position is as follows:

Following the purchase of the site by Lewes District Council, plans have been drawn up with the East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service Sussex Police and the South East Coast Ambulance Service. NSQL, the majority landowner at the NSQ site, has confirmed that it will sell its land to a third-party developer – Human Nature. On 10th December 2020, the Council's Cabinet agreed heads of terms for the sale of its land to this developer. The Council will now work with Human Nature to understand their plans and timescales for development of the NSQ site, including the fire station.

3.3.3 Railway Quay (Newhaven) - £1.5m

Flood defence works on site now completed and negotiations underway with existing tenant re: relocation. Initial masterplan has been prepared and discussions undertaken with potential tenants. LDC has secured £1.3m from the Getting Building Fund to convert the former UTC building into a maritime and sustainable technology hub, offering education / training space and commercial facilities for SME's. Discussions with DfE are ongoing around lease arrangements. This has been augmented by a commitment of £500k from LDC towards the estimated £1.8m project costs.

Railway Quay is progressing, with £500k secured from Towns Fund Accelerated Project Funding to deliver new visitor, community, and sustainability facilities, including a café and active travel hub. Planning consent has been granted and work commenced in early March 2021. Target completion is May 2021.

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3.3.4 Heritage Centre Stage – Corn Exchange & Studio Theatre (Brighton) - £3.0m

The Council's appointed Management Contractor, Westridge Construction Limited, is progressing emergency and remedial works to achieve weatherproof buildings. All structural remedial works to the two-hundred-year-old Corn Exchange timber frame and roofing works have been completed to secure the building envelope. Finishing and completion works are progressing with the installation of the Corn Exchange oak wall boarding substantially completed. While the direct impact of Covid-19 has reduced with no subcontractors leaving site during the second or third lockdown, further delays remain a risk and on site measures including physical distancing, track and trace venue check-in, increased cleaning regime and visitors asked to wear facemasks are in place. Practical Completion is now anticipated in February 2022.

LGF Growth Deal Unallocated Funds Rounds 1 & 2 – July 2017 Call

- 3.4 In July 2017 Coast to Capital launched a new funding round for unallocated funds from rounds 1 & 2. In December 2017, Coast to Capital announced that a total of £27 million had been allocated in the areas of Housing, Regeneration & Infrastructure; Business, Enterprise & Skills; and Transport. Around £12m of the total is supporting projects from across Greater Brighton:

- Crawley College STEM & Digital Centre (Crawley) - £5.0m
- Pelham Campus Redevelopment (Brighton) - £5.0m
- Ricardo Hybrid Powertrain (Shoreham-by-Sea) - £1.5m
- Charleston Trust Centenary Project (Lewes) - £0.6m

LGF Growth Deal Unallocated Funding – June 2019 Call

- 3.5 In June 2019 Coast to Capital announced that it had approximately £9.1m of unallocated funds available to support capital growth projects. Funds would specifically target projects that contribute towards the Coast to Capital Gatwick 360 Strategic Economic Plan (SEP); to deliver economic outputs as detailed within the 8 priorities SEP, or to support medium term delivery of the Strategy. This call was open for Expression of Interest (EOI) applications from Tuesday 11th June 2019 until 12noon on Tuesday 2nd July 2019.

- 3.6 A total of 6 projects from across the Greater Brighton region were awarded funding:

- Developing Land Based Skills and Skills Resilience in People (Plumpton College) - £831,265
- Gigabit Coast: Adur & Worthing (Adur & Worthing Councils) – £2,000,000
- Haywards Heath College (Chichester College Group) – £1,200,000
- Crawley Growth Programme Phase 3 (Crawley DC/West Sussex CC) - £820,000
- Brighton 5G Fibre Ring (Brighton & Hove City Council) - £832,647
- Littlehampton Town Centre Public Realm Improvement Scheme (Arun District Council) - £564,274

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In addition, West Sussex County Council were awarded £2,000,000 for the Converged Fibre Connectivity Programme, which will have an impact across the West Sussex Districts.

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 None required.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

- 5.1 None required.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 The Board is asked to note the contents of this report.

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 7.1 There are no direct financial implications associated with this report regarding the progress made in the fourth quarter of this financial year on approved schemes within the Greater Brighton Investment Programme. Schemes already included within the Greater Brighton Investment Programme have approved business cases in place with funding options identified and these have been reported to their respective bodies. The progress of each scheme is detailed within the Investment plan Update Report in appendix 1. Unallocated LGF Growth Deal Funds of £9.1m were available from June 2019 with 6 bids (totalling £6.248m) being awarded to schemes within the Greater Brighton region, these are shown at paragraph 3.6 above. Future or revised business plans will be reported accordingly within the timescales of the project timetables.

Finance Officer Consulted: Rob Allen, Principal Accountant

Date: 14/04/21

Legal Implications:

- 7.2 None.

Lawyer Consulted: Joanne Dunnyaglo, Senior Property Lawyer

Date: 14/4/21

Equalities Implications:

- 7.2 None arising from this report. Equalities issues will be addressed on a project-by-project basis.

Sustainability Implications:

- 7.3 None arising from this report. Sustainability issues will be addressed on a project-by-project basis.

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Any Other Significant Implications:

7.4 None.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Greater Brighton Investment Update Report April 2021

Background Documents:

None

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Greater Brighton Economic Board

Investment Programme Update Report

April 2021

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Adur Civic Centre – Shoreham



Aims & Objectives

Adur District Council have led on the development of a two phase scheme for the former Council offices in Shoreham. Phase 1 involved the development of a 30,000 sqft (gross) office building which is now complete and let to local business Focus Group following £9.89m of Council investment.

For Phase 2 the Council have identified Hyde Housing as the preferred bidder for the site (Hyde Housing) and are working to finalise contracts. A planning application is anticipated in Spring 2020 for 173 homes (100% affordable in line with Hyde Housing’s strategic partnership with Homes England) and ground floor commercial space.

Key Facts

Delivery Partners: Adur District Council. Willmott Dixon, Hyde Housing Group

Funding (all years)

Total LGF Funding	£1.71m
Total Public Funding	£0.0m
Total Private Funding	£9.89m
Total Other Funding	£0.00m
Total Funding	£11.60m

Outputs

- Phase 1 North Site -30,000sqft of employment space
- Phase 2 South Site – 987sqm of employment space and 171 residential units

What happened in the last period?

No update has been received for quarter January to March 2021. The last report is as follows:

Phase 2: Public consultation on proposed development by Hyde Housing took place on 20/02/2020 and detailed design work is underway with a view to the planning application being submitted in Summer 2020.

Issues have arisen from Hyde Housing due to Covid19 and will delay exchange and submission of the planning application.

Target Milestones (Phase 2)

- Planning Application:** Spring 2021
- Planning Determined:** Autumn 2021
- Start on site:** Spring 2022
- Completion:** by April 2024 (Homes England deadline)

Burgess Hill Strategic Growth Programme



Artist's impression

Aims & Objectives

The programme will deliver transformative change to the town, secure major growth and significant improvements in housing, jobs, infrastructure, and social and community facilities. To support the programme the following grant funding has been secured:

- **£17 million** from the Local Growth Fund (LGF) to support A2300 corridor improvements comprising an upgrade to a dual carriageway, junction improvements, and the provision of a footway and cycleway linking to the National Cycle Network.
- **£10.9 million** LGF funding for a Place and Connectivity package of sustainable transport schemes including improvements to Burgess Hill and Wivelsfield railway stations, public realm improvements, and an inter-urban cycle route between Haywards Heath and Burgess Hill.
- **£4 million** LGF and a further **£6.5 million** Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) to improve the Goddard's Green Waste Water Treatment works, unlocking land to develop a further 256 homes.
- Up to **£2.2 million** from the Government's Local Full Fibre Network fund and **£2 million** LGF and **£1.6 million** retained business rates to support the implementation of new digital infrastructure for Burgess Hill which in turn will stimulate the market for internet service providers.
- **£165k** from One Public Estate for design and feasibility studies to redevelop 'The Brow' and land adjacent to Burgess Hill Station.
- **£1 million** Access for All funding to improve accessibility at Wivelsfield Station.

Key Facts

Delivery Partners: Mid Sussex District Council, Homes England, West Sussex CC, Burgess Hill Town Council, Coast to Capital, Department of Transport, and developers.

Funding (all years)

LGF Funding	£33.9m
Homes England funding	£370.5m
DCMS & other digital funding	£3.8m
OPE Funding	£165k
Access for All	£1.0m
WSCC Funding	£3.34m
MSDC Funding	£3.69m
Total Public Funding	£416.39m
Total Private Investment	£643.3m
Total Funding	£1,059.7m

Following their acquisition of the Northern Arc land parcels, the Council has an approved Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) with Homes England which confirms an investment of £162m in strategic infrastructure.

Outputs

5,000 new homes, a Science and Technology Park (up to 100,000m² employment space), two business parks, 15,000 new jobs (including construction jobs), a major town centre regeneration (offering retail space, commercial leisure space including a cinema and a bowling alley, a hotel as well as new homes), improvements to the A2300 corridor, a package of public realm and sustainable transport schemes, new schools, increased GP capacity, improved leisure facilities, full-fibre digital infrastructure.



What happened in the last period?

Northern Arc: Work is continuing on site with housebuilder Countryside Properties. Work on both the Eastern Bridge and Link Road and the Western Link Road is set to continue, with the whole on these links scheduled for completion by the end of 2021

Place and Connectivity: Work continues on delivery of the first of the phase 1 schemes including public art and other public realm improvements to the underpass at Wivesfield Railway station. Detailed design work continues for highway improvements at Burgess Hill and Wivelsfield Stations, public realm improvements for Church Walk / Church Road, and access & connectivity improvements for Victoria Business Park. Site clearance activities are complete on all Town-wide and Green Circle routes.

A2300 corridor improvements: Construction began in spring 2020 and is ongoing. The project remains on schedule for completion by October 2021.

Employment space, The Hub: The second phase of development (a 5,000m² warehouse for Roche Diagnostics) was completed in early February. Outline planning permission for the remaining 40,000m² has been approved, and issued.

Digital Infrastructure: Works to implement the Digital Infrastructure across and around Burgess Hill, including a southern link to Brighton and a northern link via Horsham to Crawley, are well progressed despite Covid-19 challenges. A number of Dig-Once opportunities have been identified. Works have progressed at pace with over 13.8km of duct infrastructure installed across Burgess Hill. This includes 10.3km (92%) of the duct in the Local Full Fibre Network (LFFN) project and an additional 3.5km delivered through Dig Once on the A2300. The programme on plan to deliver completed network by 31st March 2021 with works commenced and completed in Brighton for connection to Brighton Digital Exchange.

One public estate (OPE) 7: The Brow - redevelopment of an extended Brow site in Burgess Hill will provide enhanced accommodation for the emergency and primary care services and to create space for 440 new homes (led by WSCC). Consultants Faithful and Gould have completed a draft viability study which is currently being reviewed alongside engagement and discussion with other stakeholders.

Land adjacent to Burgess Hill station - Officers are progressing to agree an engagement strategy with the other key stakeholders, Network Rail and The Arch Company (the principal land-owner at the site). Provisional approval of an initial OPE Phase 8 funding

top up award of £50k has been given, split 50/50 between grant and loan funding. Network Rail have also committed an initial £25k funding to the next stage of the work programme. As the scheme is at the design stage Covid-19 has not had an impact at this time.

Goddards Green Waste Water Treatment Works: Phase 1 of the project has been completed delivering most of the odour reduction benefits. All the £4m LGF-funding has been spent, and the project is now continuing at pace funded through the £6.54m HIF grant. Covid-19 caused a slight delay to the project, resulting from staff in Southern Water's supply chain being furloughed and from the overseas suppliers of some components temporarily closing their factories. Whilst this delay is anticipated, any arising issues are being managed closely with Southern Water

Target Milestones — Various (project-specific).

Circus Street – Brighton



Proposed scheme as at 24 March 2021 (office building in foreground)

Aims & Objectives

The mix of residential, business, education and cultural occupiers on the site will bring a wide variety of people into the area, benefitting existing local businesses. Economic impact studies indicate that the development will create approximately 232 predominantly local jobs. It will generate £1 million in council tax, new business rates contributions and new homes bonuses. It would encourage student and new resident population spending in and around the site and would boost the local economy by more than £10m each year due to a multiplier effect.

The main office building will be a new centre for innovation and enterprise that will maximise the potential for linking the University’s research functions and private organisations that will cohabit in the building. This Innovation Hub will, in turn, create and support fledgling new business in the City and generate opportunities for students, graduates and university staff to work alongside SMEs and larger organisations.

The Dance Space provide a new HQ for South East Dance as well as 3 studios (one for public performances) and office space for other cultural industries. The growing artistic community in Brighton has no dedicated space for dance and it is estimated that 60,000 people will use the space every year. It will become a cultural and community hub, where people gather to collaborate, participate, watch and learn.

Key Facts

Delivery Partners: U+I plc (Cathedral Brighton), Brighton & Hove City Council

Funding (all years)

Total LGF Funding	£2.70m
Total Public Funding	£0.40m
Total Private Funding	£106.57m
Total Other Funding	£0.00m
Total Funding	£109.67m

Outputs

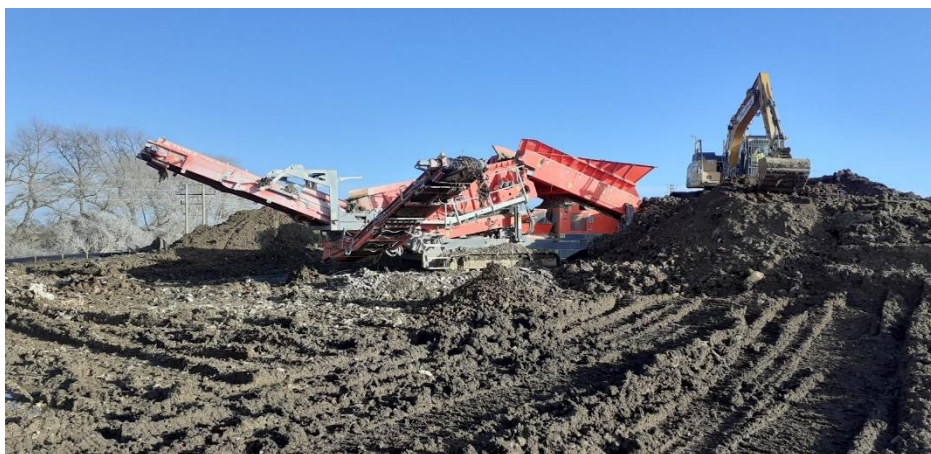
142 new homes; 387 additional jobs and 232 net additional jobs after displacement and substitution; 30,000 sq ft. office building; 450 student accommodation bed spaces; “The Dance Space” (dance studios, offices, public performance space and HQ for South East Dance); start-up workshops, retail units and restaurant; public realm to include a square and landscaped courtyards.

What happened in the last period?

Substantial progress has been made on both the office the office block and The Dance Space (the final 2 buildings to be completed) as well as offsite and onsite public realm works.

Target Milestones End Date: Summer 2021

Decoy Farm - Worthing



Aims and Objectives

An ambitious plan to upgrade an environmentally challenging but sizable plot of allocated employment land that has stood unused for over three decades. The completed project will boost employment opportunities and economic performance in the entire Coast to Capital LEP region.

Funding (all years)

Total LGF Funding	£4.84m
Total Public Funding	£4.84m
Total Private Funding	£15m
Total Funding	£25m

Key Facts

Delivery Partners: Worthing Borough Council, West Sussex County Council, Private Sector, Coast to Capital LEP.

Outputs

- **Phase 1:** To remediate the 7 hectare former landfill site, unlocking it for commercial development.
- **Phase 2:** To deliver up to 13,536sqm of employment floorspace by developing new commercial units to meet existing and future industrial demand.

What happened in the last period?

- Award of the remediation contract to Keltbray. Pre-construction phase complete.
- Construction phase mobilisation, welfare/site set-up, environmental controls and waste treatment system in place.
- Translocation of reptiles, vegetation clearance and site-wide destructive survey and ecological works completed.
- Remediation works carried out and now complete as specified, to programme and within budget as at 31st March 2021. Landfill materials have been sorted and screened and the treated landfill wastes removed from site. Entire site and development platform levelled, geotextile membrane and aggregate capping layer installed.
- Air monitoring, soil sampling and laboratory testing for validation report is complete. Borehole decommissioning complete. Groundwater monitoring and hydraulic modelling will continue.

Disposal/Development Strategy:

- Development analysis report completed.
- Pre-application pack submitted and planning advice meetings held.
- Development and market leasing strategy, masterplan order of cost estimate and outline business case being prepared.
- Preparation and consultation of outline planning application in progress.

Target Milestones

- Autumn 2020 – Remediation contract awarded.
- Winter 2020 – Contract underway to carry out the specified earthworks, ground excavation, processing, sorting and screening of landfill wastes. Site levelled, geotextile membrane and capping layer installed.
- Spring 2021 – Phase 1 - remediation of the former landfill site complete. Full use of LEP funding achieved by the 31st March 2021 deadline.
- Summer 2021 – Phase 2 - Outline Planning Application ready for submission and Strategic Outline Business Case to be presented to JSC.

Digital Catapult – Brighton



Funding (all years)

Total LGF Funding	£0.50m
Total Public Funding	£1.00m
Total Private Funding	£0.50m
Total Other Funding	£0.00m
Total Funding	£2.00m

Outputs

10,000 businesses receiving information about emerging technology opportunities; 1,000 businesses receiving non-financial support; 250 businesses assisted to cooperate with universities and other research institutions; 100 businesses supported to introduce new products or services to the market or the firm; 30 hackathons, boot-camps or pit-stops; and 10 in-depth collaborative R+D projects.

What happened in the last period?

The latest Technology Accelerator Programme was completed in March, later than planned due to the impact of Covid. The 6 companies on the programme included Photogram (AI camera technologies), Reality Check (immersive storytelling technologies), Rippla (live music streaming), and Make Amplify (large scale immersive events). Preliminary activity on the Ring & Testbed project has now commenced together with preparatory work on the DCMS-supported, DC-led programme with the music industry, whose regional partners are Brighton Dome & Festival and Wired Sussex.

Other recent activity included a project with local radio station Platform B and music venue the Green Door Store to create and test a virtual version of the venue as a broadcast platform, and training for visual artists in using virtual gallery spaces to connect with audiences and customers.

Aims & Objectives

To enable businesses to develop and exploit new products and services utilising emerging technologies (AA/VR, 5G, AI, etc), in order to improve productivity, develop better employment prospects and increase GVA in the region. The Digital Catapult Centre Brighton (DCCB) provides opportunities for start-ups and small businesses to connect with university research knowledge, work with large corporations, access innovation expertise and to engage with two core emerging technology platforms - the Immersive Lab and the 5G testbed. The 5G testbed received additional funding and the initial development and engagement activity is taking place at DCCB, hence the project date extension.

Key Facts

Delivery Partners: Wired Sussex, University of Brighton, University of Sussex, BHCC, American Express

Black Rock - Brighton



Aims & Objectives

The scope and outputs for the Waterfront project have now evolved in to two projects, with the agreement of the Local Enterprise Partnership. A revised series of outputs has been agreed for the Black Rock project which focus upon two key phases of enabling (underway) and future permanent development (to be progressed with a target of 2026 for completion). The aim of the project to regenerate the Black Rock site is now underway, with a successful planning application achieved in June 2020 and 4 works packages at various stages of contractual commitment. The first two works packages, to deliver improvements to Dukes Mound junctions and begin work to the new beach boardwalk, have appointed contractor's and are underway. The Sea Wall and Marina Link, followed by the works to existing heritage and Kemptown Gardens will begin in summer 2021. Completion remains targeted for early summer 2022 when the new event space will open. The Development Brief for the Black Rock site will be developed over the coming 9 months to synchronise with work on the Eastern Seafront Masterplan.

New infrastructure and a more developable site, will be accompanied by a temporary events space to support Covid recovery and a new temporary BMX pump track. A new play area and restored Reading room and Temple will also create more of a destination

for visitors and residents. Long term development will be governed by a Development Brief which will be progressed during 2021/22.

Key Facts

Delivery Partners: Brighton and Hove City Council Major Projects and Regeneration Team are leading the project..

Funding (all years)

Total LGF Funding	£12.11m - underway
Total Public Funding	£12.611
Total Private Funding	Subject to final Business Case
Total Other Funding	£600k S106
Total Funding	£12.611m

Outputs

A revised economic impact assessment is currently underway to assess final outputs for the redeveloped Black Rock Site under a range of future scenarios. These will be included in the next update.

What happened in the last period?

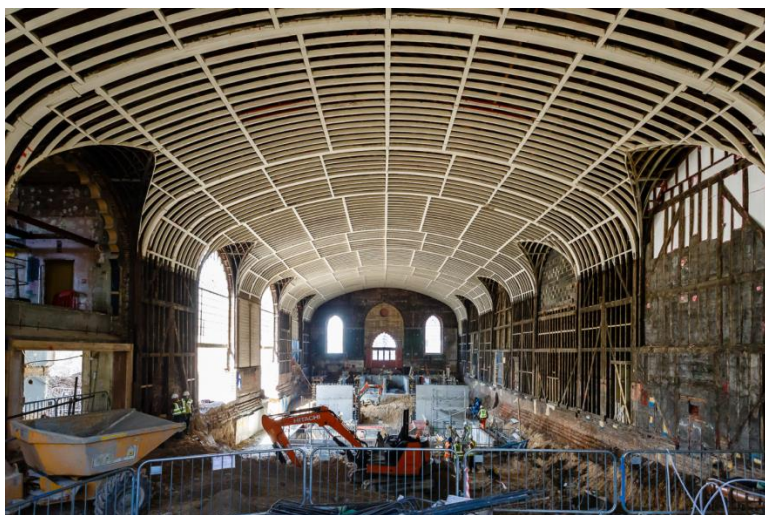
Two works packages started on site. Local Enterprise Partnership endorsed the revised project supported by a revised set of outputs up to and including to 2026. The finalised outcomes to be agreed once a Development Brief is agreed for the site in late 2021.

Target Milestones

1. Planning application submission – February 2020 Achieved
2. Planning consent – June 2020 Achieved
3. Commence start on site – Sept/Oct 2020 3 months behind but now achieved
4. Phased Completion – November 2021 – May 2022



Heritage Centre Stage - Brighton



Aims & Objectives

New Business Model & Commercial Strategy that increases future resilience by improving commercial performance and reducing running costs;

- Enhanced contribution to Brighton's cultural tourism by a strengthened City Centre & Cultural Quarter offer
- Returning the Royal Pavilion Estate to a world class heritage destination & protecting the heritage
- Achieving the long-term vision for both organisations
- Evidence-based improved Visitor/ Audience experience, and improved learning, access & participation).

Key Facts

Delivery Partners: Brighton & Hove City Council & Brighton Dome & Brighton Festival

Funding (all years)

Total LGF Funding	£3.00m
Total Public Funding	£21.70m
Total Private Funding	£5.70m
Total Other Funding	£0.00m
Total Funding	£30.40m

Outputs

Employment: created and/or safeguarded - 337

Businesses assisted: financial and non-financial - 624

New floor space constructed/refurbished: learning - 157 m² new floor space constructed/refurbished, Commercial - 2,652 m²

Carbon reduction 39.961 tonnes of CO₂.

What happened in the last period?

The Council's appointed Management Contractor, Westridge Construction Limited, is progressing emergency and remedial works to achieve weatherproof buildings. All structural remedial works to the 200 year-old Corn Exchange timber frame and roofing works have been completed to secure the building envelope. . Finishing and completion works are progressing with the installation of the Corn Exchange oak wall boarding substantially completed. While the direct impact of Covid-19 has reduced with no subcontractors leaving site during the second or third lockdown, further delays remain a risk and on site measures including physical distancing, track and trace venue check-in, increased cleaning regime and visitors asked to wear facemasks are in place.. Practical Completion is now anticipated in February 2022.

Target Milestones

End Date: February 2022

New England House - Brighton



Funding (all years)

Total LGF Funding	n/a
Total Public Funding	11.1 million
Total Private Funding	n/a
Total Other Funding	n/a
Total Funding	n/a

Outputs

Upgrade building, including providing a net additional 7,090m² of new employment floor-space. Following the land deal with Legal & General on the adjacent Longley Industrial Estate, some of this City Deal floorspace output will provided on the Longley site, with the remainder forming part of a proposed extension to New England House.

What happened in the last period?

21 Jan 2021 Policy & Resources Committee approved the preparation and submission of new preferred design option for refurbishment of existing building and new 2 storey roof extension as a planning application. In conjunction with the adjacent Longley House development, 5,888m² of new employment floorspace would be provided, close to the City Deal target of 7,090m². Design team largely appointed, although design work has currently been put on hold to allow for completion of all necessary survey work. Design work should recommence in June when this work has been completed.

Target Milestones

1. Planning application: Late 2021
2. Commence works on site: Mid 2023
3. End Date: Late 2024.

Aims & Objectives

Upgrade and expand New England House so that it becomes a credible and highly visible hub for Greater Brighton's streative, digital and IT (CDIT) businesses.

Key Facts

New England House (NEH) is a business centre, built by the local authority in the early 1960s to provide workspace for industrial businesses. Over time, it has been subdivided ito around 120 units. It is actively marketed as a centre for CDIT businesses and is much in demand for its relatively affordable workspace.

The building is in urgent need of refurbishment – especially its exterior. Under the Greater Brighton City Deal, BHCC was awarded £4.9 million in 2014 towards the refurbishment and expansion of NEH to consolidate its role as a flagship for the city's CDIT sector.

Delivery Partners: Brighton & Hove City Council

New Monks Farm - Shoreham-By-Sea



Aims & Objectives

The project is to develop a strategic employment and housing growth centre in Shoreham. Its main components are: (a) The provision of a new and improved signalised 6-arm junction on the A27 which will unlock housing and employment space by allowing access to and from the wider area and the specific development sites; (b) The building of 600 new homes and 10,000m² employment floor-space at New Monks Farm.

Key Facts

Delivery Partners: New Monks Farm Development Ltd, Highways England, West Sussex County Council (WSCC) and Adur District Council (ADC).

Funding (all years)

Total LGF Funding	£5.70m
Total Public Funding	£5.7m
Total Private Funding	£144m
Total Funding	£150m

Outputs

1. A £150 million capital investment;
2. The delivery of 600 new homes, 30% of which will be affordable;
3. 876 gross new jobs;
4. £2.8m in public sector receipts from council tax revenues, new homes bonus and new business rates; and £11.5m additional annual GVA to the Adur economy

What happened in the last period?

There has been no update for quarter January to March 2021. Ther last report is as follows:

ADC, WSCC, and developers finalised the S106 agreement and planning decision letter was issued on 06/02/2020

Works continue on site on flood drainage, remediation, and ground preparation works for the development.

Target Milestones

Commence On Site: Spring 2020

Delivery of New Junction to the A27: December 2022

Completion of Development: December 2028

Plus X – Brighton



Aims & Objectives

The 'Plus X' seven storey innovation hub is a U+I Plc concept, a model they have delivered successfully elsewhere. As a key element of the comprehensive mixed-use redevelopment it provides a unique, high quality workspace model, tailored to the unique needs of Brighton's creative and entrepreneurial businesses, particularly those designing and making physical products. It aims to be somewhere inspiring, functional, sustainable and flexible in its design. It is an innovative provision of shared workspaces and facilities that promote collaboration and facilitate serendipity. The shared spaces range from events spaces to prototyping labs, meeting rooms and cafe/break out spaces, something that will attract both small and larger tenants.

Key Facts

Delivery Partners: Brighton & Hove City Council (Delivery Body), U+I Group Plc (Developer) and University of Brighton (together the partners in the overall mixed-use development across the combined sites).

Funding (all years)

Total LGF Funding **£7.7m**

Total Public Funding **£0.00m**

Total Private Funding **£12m**

Total Funding **£19.7m**

Outputs

Contractual outputs: 4,645m² of new employment space, 500m² of high specification prototyping labs/workshops, 107 onsite jobs, £5.427m of match funding.

Non-contractual outputs: 300 other jobs, £250,000 follow-on investment, 99 businesses supported.

What happened in the last period?

Plus X remained operational with reduced capacity due to COVID-19 and the need to ensure a safe and secure working environment. Covid has impacted memberships but the management team continues to promote the facilities and is confident that numbers will pick up as conditions improve. The Brighton Research Innovation Technology Exchange (BRITE) programme is up and running and taking members. BRITE is a business innovation programme for ambitious and established businesses primarily based in the Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership region. The project completed the fit out of the BRITE floors creating additional space for SMEs on flexible short-term licenses as well as video conferencing and podcasting facilities, and meeting rooms. Work on the wider development continued to progress well. The student blocks on Preston Barracks have been completed, cladding works to early phase residential blocks is underway, and construction of the final residential blocks will commence shortly. The University of Brighton's adjacent development is also at an advanced stage. The main structures of all five student blocks on the Mithras House site were completed and the new academic building is weathertight.

Target Milestones – Complete development End Date: Dec. 2022.



Railway Quay - Newhaven



Aims & Objectives

The Newhaven Enterprise Zone (EZ) is a collaboration between Lewes District Council and Coast to Capital LEP that aims to shift the town towards a higher-value economy over the next 25 years. The EZ covers eight key strategic sites (79ha) in a mixture of public and private ownerships, offering a mix of greenfield sites and the opportunity to develop, refurbish and intensify economic activity across a number of brownfield sites formerly used by heavy industry. The focus of the EZ is on growing the emerging 'clean, green and marine' sectors in particular. Over the 25-year lifespan of the EZ, it is estimated that 55,000m² of new commercial floor-space will be created, 15,000m² of existing commercial floor-space will be refurbished. This will create / sustain up to 2,000 FTE jobs.

Key Facts

Delivery Partners: Lewes District Council.

Funding (all years)

Total LGF Funding	£1.5m
Total Public Funding	TBC
Total Private Funding	TBC
Total Other Funding	TBC
Total Funding	TBC

Outputs

New commercial floor-space, job creation and land remediation. Details currently being finalised.

What happened in the last period?

Flood defence works on site now completed and negotiations underway with existing tenant re: relocation. Initial masterplan has been prepared and discussions undertaken with potential tenants. LDC has secured £1.3m from the Getting Building Fund to convert the former UTC building into a maritime and sustainable technology hub, offering education / training space and commercial facilities for SME's. Discussions with DfE are ongoing around lease arrangements. This has been augmented by a commitment of £500k from LDC towards the estimated £1.8m project costs.

Railway Quay is progressing, with £500k secured from Towns Fund Accelerated Project Funding to deliver new visitor, community and sustainability facilities, including a café and active travel hub. Planning consent has been granted and work commenced in early March 2021. Target completion is May 2021.

Target Milestones

End Date: TBC.

Springman House – Lewes



Aims & Objectives

The project involves the formation of new fire and ambulance station facilities. The project will deliver modern new premises for both services.

Key Facts

Delivery Partners: Lewes District Council are the lead delivery body in partnership with East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service (ESFRS), Sussex Police and the South East Coast Ambulance Service.

Funding (all years)

Total LGF Funding	£2.00m
Total Public Funding	£4.34m
Total Private Funding	£0.00m
Total Other Funding	£0.00m
Total Funding	£6.34m

Outputs

By enabling the development of a new blue light facility on the site of Springman House, this project will unlock the £180m North Street Quarter scheme - a major, strategic mixed-use development in Lewes. Relocating the Community Fire Station from its existing premises on North Street, Lewes will enable the delivery of 416 new homes and 13,000m² of commercial floor-space, through the £180 million North Street Quarter (NSQ) regeneration scheme, and enable Lewes' "blue light" services to be co-located.

What happened in the last period?

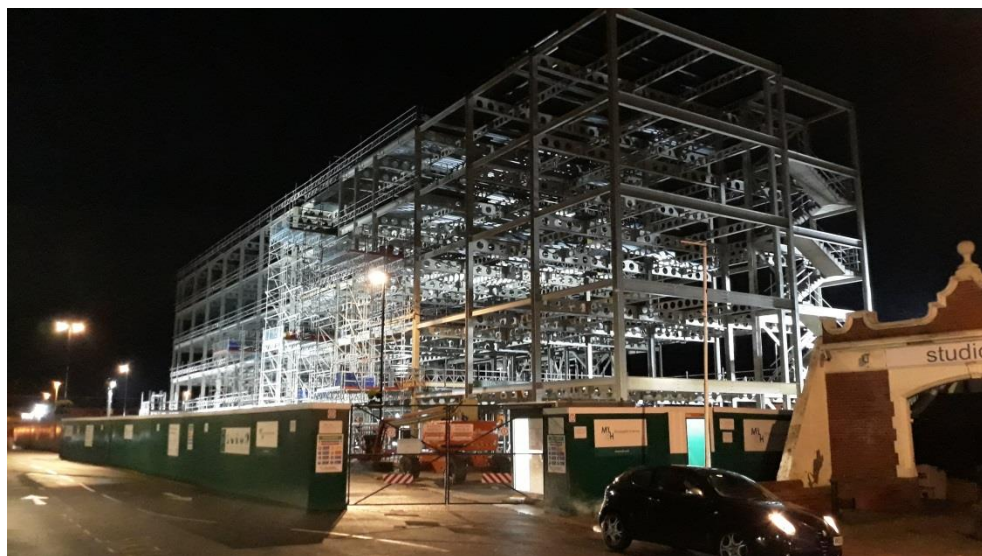
Following the purchase of the site by Lewes District Council, plans have been drawn up with the East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service Sussex Police and the South East Coast Ambulance Service.

NSQL, the majority landowner at the NSQ site, has confirmed that it will sell its land to a third-party developer – Human Nature. On 10th December 2020, the Council's Cabinet agreed heads of terms for the sale of its land to this developer. The Council will now work with Human Nature to understand their plans and timescales for development of the NSQ site, including the fire station.

Target Milestones

End Date: Anticipated 2024, subject to Planning.

Teville Gate – Worthing



Teville Gate House Construction 12/12/2019

Aims & Objectives

Teville Gate (TG) forms part of the Worthing Central Programme (Phase 1) to transform key brownfield sites in Worthing town centre. This project will facilitate the redevelopment of the site by undertaking site preparation works, consisting of the demolition of all buildings within the redline and provision of a temporary surface car park. Thereafter the Council will continue to support the freeholders, Mosaic Global Investments (Mosaic) and Hanson Development to develop out the scheme for office, residential and commercial.

Key Facts

Delivery Partners: Worthing Borough Council, Mosaic Global Investments, Coast to Capital LEP, Hanson Developments & HMRC, Homes England

Funding (all years)

Total LGF Funding	£2.09m
Total Public Funding	£2.0m
Total Private Funding	£79m (wider site) £32m (Teville Gate House)
Total Funding	£81.00m

Outputs

(a) 375 new homes (b) 3,410sqm of commercial floor-space (restaurants, cafes and on-site gym) (c) 6,740sqm of retail floor-space (state of the art supermarket) (d) 493 gross jobs (net jobs 314) (e) Modern car parking infrastructure (over 160 spaces for residents and visitor use) (f) New public realm (approx. 4,000sqm, creating an improved public corridor from Worthing station to the town centre). 70,000sqft office building at Teville Gate House for HMRC.

What happened in the last period?

There has been no update for the quarter January to March 2021. The last report is follows:

1. Construction commenced on new office building for Teville Gate House and topping-out took place on 01/04/2020.
2. Mosaic Capital's planning application was considered by planning committee on 04/03/2020 and resolution to grant permission subject to S106
3. Homes England provided a letter committing to support the project with funding of £6m for affordable homes.

Target Milestones

Planning Application by Mosaic Determined: March 2020

Main Site Commencement: Spring/Summer 2020

HMRC Office Building Completed: December 2020

Union Place - Worthing



Aims & Objectives

Union Place (UP) forms part of the Worthing Central Programme (Phase 1) to regenerate key brownfield sites in Worthing town centre. The Council has entered into a land pooling agreement for the site with partners London and Continental Railways (LCR). The partners have prepared a development strategy for the sites which has been approved at JSC. The development strategy could include direct delivery or selling the consented scheme to a developer.

Key Facts

Delivery Partners: Worthing Borough Council (WBC), London & Continental Railways, Coast to Capital LEP.

Funding

Total LGF Funding	£3.60m
Total Public Funding	£5m
Total Private Funding	£31.4m
Total Other Funding	TBC
Estimated GDV	£70m

Outputs

- 169 - New Homes – 30% affordable
- 610sqm - Commercial Space
- 90 - Guest room Hotel
- 3 /4 Screen – Cinema
- 1072sqm- Flexible Cultural Space
- 245 – Parking spaces

What happened in the last period?

- S106 agreement drafted,
- Appointment of Agent to market and dispose of site
- Disposal strategy reaffirmed

Target Milestones

- Undertaking Marketing of site – April 2021
- Review and shortlist developer options – Summer 2021
- Appoint preferred developer - Summer 2021
- Detailed planning application expected Autumn/Winter 2021

Valley Gardens Phase 3 – Brighton



Proposed scheme

Aims & Objectives

Simplification of traffic network, provision of 'public transport corridor' to the west with general traffic on the western corridor. Enhanced public realm, gardens and materials throughout. The scheme aims to contribute to improved air quality, safety, accessibility, connectivity, improve efficiency and upgrade signals at junctions. Reduce street clutter and provide enhanced greenspace for public enjoyment.

Key Facts

Delivery Partners: C2C Local Enterprise Partnership

Outputs

Match Funding (BHCC) £1.712m, Local Funding £0.414, Total resurfaced roads - 1,588m, Total length of cycle ways - 670m, Area of land experiencing flooding - 63,866m².

Funding (all years)

Total LGF Funding	£6.00m
Total Public Funding	£1.84m
Total Private Funding	£0.0m
Total Other Funding	£0.00m
Total Funding	£7.84m

What happened in the last period?

The third public consultation exercise for Valley Gardens Phase 3 has completed in late 2020, which will inform the detailed design stage.

Following a tendering process that completed in late 2020 through the council's new Transport Professional Services Framework the next stage of the scheme design commenced in January 2021.

It is now planned for the detailed design of the scheme and the construction contract procurement will be completed by end of this calendar year.

Target Milestones

End Date: Autumn 2022

Western Harbour Arm – Shoreham-By-Sea



Proposed scheme

Aims & Objectives

A new flood defence wall and cyclepath to be constructed in Shoreham adjacent to the A259 on Brighton Road where the flood defence is at its most vulnerable point for flooding. ADC purchased a 3.5m strip of land off Sussex Yacht Club through grant funding from Coast 2 Capital LEP. The sale of the land would enable the yacht club to build a new club house and allow the council to demolish the redundant club house where the new flood wall will be located.

Key Facts

Delivery Partners: Adur District Council (ADC), Environment Agency and Sussex Yacht Club, Shoreham Harbour Partnership.

Funding (all years)

Total LGF Funding:	£3.50m
Total Public Funding:	£1.14m
Total Private Funding	£0.00m
Total Other Funding:	£0.00m
Total Funding:	£4.64m

Outputs

- Flood defence scheme to protect residents and businesses
- Cycle path
- New yacht club for Shoreham.

What happened in the last period?

- New Sussex Yacht Club building completed
- SYC served notice to vacant redundant Yacht Club in April
- Demolition contract being procured

Target Milestones

- Demolition of redundant Yacht Club June 2021
- Commencement of Flood Defence construction Summer 2021
- Completion Summer 2022

Newhaven Flood Alleviation Scheme



Funding (all years)

Total LGF Funding	£3.00m
Total Public Funding	£14.50m
Total Private Funding	£0.00m
Total Other Funding	£0.00m
Total Funding	£17.50m

Outputs

3km of flood defences on the east and west banks of the River Ouse comprising concrete walls, earth embankments, sheet steel piles, flood gates.

What happened in the last period?

The majority of works are now completed, making use of scheduled rail possessions in December 2020 and March 2021. However, due to restrictions, work was not fully completed on power cable relocations. The project team is continuing to work with Network Rail, with a view to completing this additional work via a further rail possession in June 2021.

Target Milestones

End Date: June 2021

Aims & Objectives

Build physical infrastructure to provide protection from tidal flooding up to a 1 in 200 year event for 431 homes, 390 businesses, rail and road infrastructure and in addition facilitate regeneration and development under the auspices of the Newhaven Enterprise Zone.

Key Facts

Delivery Partners: Environment Agency, Lewes DC, Coast to Capital LEP, South East LEP.

Port Access Road - Newhaven



Aims & Objectives

Construction of a new road into Newhaven Port.

Comprising approx. 650m of new road, including a new 3 span bridge over the Newhaven to Seaford railway line and Mill Creek, and associated landscaping/environmental works.

Key Facts

Delivery Partners: East Sussex County Council.

Funding (all years)

Total LGF Funding	£10.00m
Total Public Funding	£13.27m
Total Private Funding	£0.00m
Total Other Funding	£0.00m
Total Funding	£23.27m

Outputs

Construction of the Newhaven Port Access Road from the Pargut roundabout to the Port roundabout, unlocking new employment land at East Quay within Newhaven Port.

What happened in the last period?

Construction commenced early January 2019 and was substantively complete by end 2020. The road is not yet open, due to the need to construct two short link roads to different areas of Newhaven Port. These are being funded by the Port operator. Work on the northern link road has now commenced and is expected to be complete by Summer 2021.

Target Milestones

End Date: Mid 2021

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