

# Crawley Borough Council

## Consideration Report for Delegated Decision by Leader of the Council

Expected Date of Decision 31 July 2019

### Approval Required for Arun District Council to become a Member of the Greater Brighton Economic Board

Report of the Head of Economy and Planning - PES/334

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#### 1. Purpose

- 1.1 On 29 October 2018 Arun District Council wrote a letter to the Chair of the Greater Brighton Economic Board ("the Board") formally requesting to join the Board.
- 1.2 At the Greater Brighton Economic Board Meeting on 26 March 2019, a decision was agreed that Arun District Council should become a constituent member of the Board, joining the Greater Brighton Economic Joint Committee.
- 1.3 Extending the membership of the board triggers a variance in the Board's Heads of Terms that will require the formal ratification of all Joint Committee members; Adur District Council, Brighton & Hove City Council, Crawley Borough Council, Lewes District Council, Mid Sussex District Council and Worthing Borough Council. Each member will need to individually ratify the membership of proposed new members in accordance with their own internal committee processes.
- 1.4 In addition, at the Greater Brighton Economic Board Meeting on 26 March 2019, several other changes to the Board's Heads of Terms were agreed. As per the change of membership, these changes to the Heads of Terms will need to be ratified by each member of the Joint Committee.
- 1.5 The Leader of Crawley Borough Council represents the Council on the Board.

#### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Leader of the Council is recommended to:

Approve the membership of Arun District Council to the Greater Brighton Economic Board, subject to formal agreement of Arun District Council and a formal final decision by the Board.

#### 3. Reasons for the Recommendations

- 3.1 For Arun District Council to become a member of the Board and so gain access to the benefits of Board membership

## **4. Background**

- 4.1 The Greater Brighton Economic Board was founded in April 2014 as part of the Greater Brighton City Region's City Deal with Government.
- 4.2 The Board comprises the Greater Brighton Economic Joint Committee ("GBEJC"), on which the local authorities are represented; and the Greater Brighton Business Partnership ("GBBP"), on which the Cost to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership, business, university and further education sectors are situated.

## **5. Description of Issue to be resolved**

- 5.1 There are a number of changes to the Heads of Terms that the Board agreed on 26 March 2019. These are as follows:
- Change to (Membership) to reflect the recommendation that Arun District Council be formally invited to join the GBEJC.
  - Change (Chair) to reflect the agreed departure from a 1-year fixed-term Chair with the requirement to rotate annually, to allowing a sitting chair to stand for re-election.
  - Amendment to (Time and Venue of Meetings) to reflect the current practice that Board meetings move around the City Region and do not always take place in the geographical area of the Lead Authority (currently Brighton & Hove City Council).

## **6. Background Papers**

PES/260 - Proposal for Crawley Borough Council to join the Greater Brighton Economic Board (Full Council, 18.10.17)

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