

Draft Minute Extract from Joint Governance and Audit – 6 February 2014

Greater Brighton City Deal & Greater Brighton Economic Board

Before the Committees was a report by the Strategic Director (JM) and the Solicitor to the Council, copies of which had been circulated to all Members and a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of these Minutes as Item 5.

The report sought approval from Members of both Councils for the establishment of the Greater Brighton Economic Board, the approval of its governance arrangements and the delegation of powers to that Board.

The Solicitor to the Council introduced the report to the Committees and briefly outlined the proposed governance arrangements. Members were informed of an amendment to the recommendations following release of previously unknown financial figures.

It was established by members that the costs to the governance arrangements were attributed to individual authorities based on working age populations. It was commented that the potential rewards from being part of the city deal outweighed the outlay for governance costs. Members noted that the project was in its infancy and that the leaders would be pursuing new funding opportunities brought about by the city deal.

Members noted a typographical error from within the report that paragraph 5.2 in the heads of terms should read 'GBEJC shall comprise the bodies specified in paragraphs 5.1(i) to (vi); and GBBP shall comprise the bodies specified in paragraphs 5(vii) to (xiv)'.

Resolved:

that the contents of the report and the proposed governance arrangements set out in Appendix 1 be noted;

Recommendation:

That Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council be recommended to:

- i) Approve the establishment on 1st April 2014 of the Greater Brighton Economic Board constituted in accordance with the Heads of Terms specified in Appendix One, subject to all other bodies represented on the Board agreeing that it be so established;
- ii) Approve the appointment on 1st April 2014 of a joint committee to be known as the Greater Brighton Economic Joint Committee constituted in accordance with the Heads of Terms specified in Appendix One, subject to

all other bodies represented on the Committee agreeing that it be so established;

- iii) That the Councils delegate authority to the Chief Executive and Strategic Director, Mr Mitchell, to take all measures necessary for or incidental to the establishment of the Greater Brighton Economic Board and the Greater Brighton Economic Joint Committee and their ongoing management and administration;
- iv) Confirm the appointment of both Leaders of Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council as representatives of their respective authority on the Greater Brighton Economic Joint Committee and the Greater Brighton Economic Board;
- v) Approve agreement that the right to request that a decision of the Board be called in pursuant to paragraph 1.3 of the call-in protocol set out at appendix one, schedule one, be exercised at the behest of any three members of the Council;
- vi) That the Councils delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer to amend the Councils' constitutions to reflect the above resolutions.