

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL
GREATER BRIGHTON ECONOMIC BOARD

10.00am 1 FEBRUARY 2022

VIRTUAL MEETING (TEAMS)

DECISION LIST

Part One

42 BLUE/GREEN GOVERNANCE AND INVESTMENT PLAN

- 1) That the Board agree new governance arrangements are needed for a refreshed and revised Infrastructure Panel, reporting into the Board, with an independently appointed Chair (see appendix 1 for draft Terms of Reference).
- 2) That the Board agree to a selection process to nominate a local authority Member and a Business Partner to sit on the revised Infrastructure Panel. The University Business Partners will also nominate a representative to sit on the panel.
- 3) That the Board agree to the establishment of a Scientific, Technical and Advisory Panel (STAP) led by the Universities of Sussex and Brighton to secure research funding and create a roadmap to net zero targets.
- 4) That the Board agree to commission work to prepare a Blue/Green Investment Plan to shape our regional narrative, package up our environmental project pipeline and showcase opportunities for investment.
- 5) That the Board agree to commit existing budget (£40,000) for the commission of the Investment Plan, along with potential seed funding from private sector Infrastructure Panel members, and BHCC funding already identified (£30,000).
- 6) That the Board seek to secure an additional £180,000 from stakeholders so that the total funding for year 1 of the work amounts to £250,000.
- 7) That the Board agree a progress report will be brought to the July 2022 Board meeting.

43 HYDROGEN SUSSEX UPDATE

- 1) That the Board notes the work of Hydrogen Sussex over 2021-22, especially supporting funding bids, stimulating local authorities and commercial stakeholders to work together, and helping to develop skills training.
- 2) That the Board notes and supports the proposal to develop a hydrogen investment proposition and strategy for Greater Brighton and the wider Sussex region.
- 3) That the Board provides funding of £25,000 for Hydrogen Sussex to develop a hydrogen investment case for the region, from existing Board core funding.

45 GREATER BRIGHTON INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

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

NB The above decisions will be implemented after close of business on 8 February 2022 unless they are called in.