



Title: Partnership Feedback

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Name	City Sustainability Partnership
Date of meeting	11 September 2014
Date of next meeting	20 November 2014
1	The numerous red flags against environmental performance are an ongoing concern for the partnership and it is keen to be involved in the creation of the new performance plan. At present there is little or no quantitative analysis of the impact of various projects on targets – something that needs to happen in the new plan. The CSP is also keen for the CMB to be taking a strong lead on tackling these problem areas, particularly carbon reduction.
2	Discussions are underway to formalise governance changes to the Biosphere Board, following successful designation for Brighton & Lewes Downs by UNESCO as a World Biosphere Reserve. This will involve phasing out the City Sustainability Partnership to avoid duplication, and also re-looking at the Governance of the One Planet City programme and the relationship with the Downland Advisory Board and other partnership bodies.
3	Prompted by Senior Council staff, who attended as part of a development programme, Partners reflected on what they valued about the CSP. This included: the ability to challenge and influence decision-making and strategic planning; that the partnership was independent and apolitical; the mixture of grassroots and corporate organisations; networking; sharing each other's expertise and giving feedback; the meeting of different sectors also gave valuable insights for research. Significant achievements included lobbying for the city's Transport Partnership to be set up and the Biosphere designation.
Additional Information	
Chris Tomlinson, Development Manager with Eon, updated members on the Rampion Windfarm development which secured approval in July. Benefits to the local community include employment opportunities for local suppliers, tourism and education.	

Name	Economic Partnership
Date of meeting	02.09.14
Date of next meeting	02.12.14 Full Partnership 18.11.14 Executive
1	The Partnership considered the proposals for additional housing on the urban fringe as part of the City Plan. The proposals were unanimously supported and the Partnership subsequently wrote to the leaders of the political parties urging them to support the proposals at P&R Committee. It also wrote to the Planning Inspector responsible for the examination in public – Laura Graham – indicating its support.
2	The Partnership also considered the proposals by RBS to enhance the public realm in North Street and unanimously endorsed the proposals. It has written to the City Council Planning Department formally offering its support.
3	The Partnership received a presentation for the Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership on the allocation of £38m of funding from the Growth Fund which is in addition to funding already allocated from the City Deal.

Name	City Employment & Skills Steering Group (CESSG)
Date of meeting	20 th November 2014
Date of next meeting	22 nd January 2015
1	<p>Wave 2 Growth Hub Regional Growth Fund Programme Update</p> <p>The W2GH (£1.79 RGF) includes the Greater Brighton City Region Business Grants Programme and a suite of business support options ('Business Growth Toolkit') across the Coast to Capital (C2C) geography linking businesses to expertise held within the universities and specialist organisations experienced in helping to drive growth. Latest update is given below.</p> <p>Overall targets by March 2017 include:</p> <p>No. of jobs created (400 – combination of jobs from grants and business support programmes)</p> <p>The grants have proved very popular despite the requirement to have between 75% and 80% of the funding in place to be eligible for the grant.</p> <p>November 2014: 20 offers of RGF grants have been made within the Greater Brighton Area. The grant scheme is now closed.</p> <p>Examples of location / type of business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lighting design / distribution – Brighton & Hove • Functional Skills Training Centre – Brighton & Hove • 2 x Healthcare technology companies – Shoreham Airport, Slinfold • Sensor equipment for marine industry – Haywards Heath • Industrial and medical adhesives – Lancing • Psychometric software for careers guidance – Crawley • Disability home adaption service – Brockham • 2 x growing Breweries– Brighton & Hove, Horsham • Environmentally-friendly soap manufacture – Brighton & Hove • Community Football Club – Lewes • Independent Vehicle Repair Garage – Bognor Regis • Community Playcentre - Walberton West Sussex • Motorcycle engineering - Partridge Green West Sussex

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 x Accountancy businesses – Reigate, Hove • Charity bicycle recycling business – Worthing • Online airport taxi booking system – Redhill <p>Innovative hair accessory products - Caterham Total RGF: £968,458</p> <p>The grant scheme has exceeded the agreed job targets by 186%.</p> <p>Jobs from grants (if all delivered by the end of the programme): 186 FTE (target from grants = 65 FTE).</p>
2	<p>There are now mutual representatives on the Learning Partnership and the City Employment & Skills Strategy Group (CESSG). Cheryl Finella, Economic Development Manager, is the CESSG representative on the Learning Partnership and Pinaki Ghoshal, Executive Director of Children's Services, is a member of the CESSG.</p> <p>In November a workshop took place at Brighton & Hove City Council involving staff involved with employment and skills. The purpose of the workshop was to better understand what the employment and skills issues are citywide. This will inform the new City Employment & Skills Plan.</p>
3	<p>CfBT Education Trust (Centre for British Teachers) has the contract to deliver the National Careers Service in the 'South Central' area which incorporates Brighton & Hove City. They presented to the CESSG the key elements of the new service which went live from 1st October. A key part of CfBT's remit is to understand and map IAG provision in the area. A sub-group of the CESSG offered to meet with the CfTB to help input into the mapping work and avoid any unnecessary duplication in service delivery and support locally.</p>