

This **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING** is made this                    day of September 2015

between **BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL** ("BHCC") of King's House Hove BN3 2LS acting in its capacity as the Lead Authority for the **GREATER BRIGHTON ECONOMIC BOARD** ("GBEB") and **WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL** of County Hall West Street Chichester PO19 1RQ, **EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL** of County Hall St Anne's Crescent Lewes BN7 1VE and **SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL** of County Hall Penrhyn Road Kingston Upon Thames Surrey KT1 2DW (together "3SC").

1. BHCC is the Lead Authority for the GBEB, a combined board which comprises the Greater Brighton Economic Joint Committee ("GBEJC") and the Greater Brighton Business Partnership ("GBBP").
2. The members of GBEJC sitting as a joint committee in accordance with section 102(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 are BHCC, Adur District Council, Worthing Borough Council, Lewes District Council and Mid Sussex District Council and the members of GBEB are University of Sussex, University of Brighton, City College Brighton & Hove (as the further education representative representing further education across the Greater Brighton area), Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership ("C2CLEP"), Brighton & Hove Economic Partnership, Adur & Worthing Business Partnership, Coastal West Sussex Partnership and South Downs National Park Authority.
3. 3SC is a group of 26 local authorities comprising the three County Councils of East and West Sussex and Surrey and their respective District and Borough Councils. GBEB and 3SC are each working up a bid and devolution prospectus ("Devolution Bids") in response to the Government's call for devolution proposals, with the aim of meeting the requested date for initial submission of 4<sup>th</sup> September 2015.
4. GBEB and 3SC acknowledge that key areas for the GBEB Devolution Bid and the 3SC Bid raise issues of common interest and will benefit from close cooperation both in terms of their development and realization, the discussions with the Government and in working on the relationships with respective partners and stakeholders. There will also be specific elements of each proposition which will give rise to issues of shared concern and mutual benefit and in respect of which close work at operational and political levels will be important.
5. GBEB and 3SC are also committed to ensuring that they maintain effective cooperation on the planning, consultation and public and partner engagement in relation to their respective Devolution Bids and will seek to work together on communication plans.
6. GBEB and 3SC acknowledge that they shall work together and closely align areas of economic development and devolution interest within their Devolution Bids and seek to make them complementary, with a view to (a) strengthening the overall devolution proposals within the two Devolution Bids, (b) supporting the delivery of C2CLEP's Strategic Economic Plan and equivalent Plans for Local Economic Partnerships related to 3SC (c) continuing constructive ongoing dialogue in respect thereof in the period following submission of the Devolution Bids.


7. GBEB and 3SC shall continue to co-operate with each other in respect of the Devolution Bids and issues subsequently arising and shall collaborate together to (a) ensure effective delivery of proposals in the Devolution Bids relating to or impacting on the Greater Brighton area relating to transport, infrastructure and skills, (b) ensure that appropriate governance arrangements are developed which enable the effective delivery of the respective proposals with the Devolution Bids and (c) support the continued delivery of C2CLEP's Strategic Economic Plan.
8. GBEB and 3SC will work closely together in relation to the reviews of Governance arrangements for their respective Devolution Bids, will ensure full and timely consultation over such reviews and will endeavor to ensure that the eventual Governance models further complement the delivery of the ambitions that underpin them
9. For the avoidance of doubt if it is considered appropriate to do so this Memorandum may be appended to each Devolution Bid.


Signed on behalf of BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY  
COUNCIL as Lead authority for the GREATER  
BRIGHTON ECONOMIC BOARD

Authorised Officer .....

Signed by the Leader of BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL .....

Signed by the Leader of ADUR DISTRICT COUNCIL ..... 

Signed by the Leader of WORTHING BOROUGH COUNCIL ..... 

Signed by the Leader of LEWES DISTRICT COUNCIL ..... 

Signed by the Leader of MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL ..... 