

Title:	New Reference Group for Brighton & Hove Connected
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Purpose/Key Messages:	To inform the Brighton & Hove Connected (BHC) partnership of the changes to the way in which BHC is run, and the progress of the City Vision project
Significance to BHC and Delivering SCS outcomes:	See report below
What is BHC being asked to do?	Note the new way in which the partnership is run, and engage with the setting of the city vision process
Next steps and report back mechanism:	BHC will be kept up to date with progress of this group going forward

1. Overview:

Due to a number of changes to the way that the Brighton & Hove Connected (BHC) partnership is administered, it has been agreed that a new Reference Group for the partnership is set up. This group replaces the current Brighton & Hove Connected Chairs Group. This group takes will take on a twofold role:

- To take the lead on the direction of the Brighton & Hove Connected Partnership Board
- To help steer the work on developing a city vision, whilst retaining political oversight of the process.

This new Reference Group will report into the BHC Partnership. Rather than having a specific chair for the BHC Partnership as has been done in the past, the partnership can be facilitated/chaired by a member of the reference group on a rotation basis.

2. Reference Group Members:

The membership of the reference group has been taken from the current BHC Partnership Board, but is presently limited to no more than 7 members. These are as follows:

- Leader of the Council (Chair)

- 2 Business sector representatives
- 2 Community Works representatives
- 2 Public sector representatives

3. A Vision for Our City

One of the recommendations from the recent Local Government Association (LGA) Peer Review was as follows:

“Clarify the shared vision for Brighton and Hove as a city and the role of the council in delivering it”

The LGA recognised that:

- The council holds the only democratic mandate to lead the city
- Noted it was the council’s role to lead the work to clarify the vision for the city
- Outline how the council will contribute to it
- The vision is able to transcend political cycles to enable greater confidence and buy in from stakeholders.

To shape this vision and the policy framework, the Policy, Partnerships & Scrutiny Team at Brighton & Hove City Council will be engaging the city’s stakeholders to take this forward

The Reference Group will steer the work of the city vision while understanding that the BHC Partnership and Full Council will need to sign it off and champion it going forward. It is planned that the majority of the work for this project will be done by autumn 2018.

The BHC Partnership will be kept up to date on progress and engaged in the development of this project.

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