

Title **State of the City Report Update**

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Background

This paper is intended to update the Local Strategic Partnership on the State of the City report. A request was made by members of the City Council's Strategic Leadership Board and the Public Service Board for a report profiling Brighton and Hove, providing a snapshot of the city in terms of its characteristics and key issues, with an ultimate aim of creating a shared sense of priorities. This State of the City report will form part of the evidence base to support decisions about future commissioning priorities for the city.

Aim

The report will provide an impartial and factual "snapshot" reference source of information about the city, its characteristics and the issues it faces, in a manageable format. It will not include evaluative statements about whether an issue is, or should be, a city priority but comparisons to other cities, the region (where available) and national statistics will enable judgements to be made.

The report will be useful for a variety of audiences including planners, strategists and commissioners, service providers in statutory, community and voluntary sectors and advocates working across the city. They will be able to use it as a ready source of information, to quickly get up to speed with the "big picture" and to gain an overview of the city and the main issues.

Project ownership

The report is being compiled by the Performance and Analysis team within the City Council, drawing on published data, information and intelligence about the city. Ultimately the Strategic Leadership Board will sign-off the report for publication.

Format

The report will be organised in to thematic chapters with easy to read "at a glance" summaries and a live data set which underpins the report offering more detail as required. It is intended that the main body of the report will be around 50 pages when printed, making it easily accessible and readable. It will be made available on the Brighton and Hove Local Information Service

(BHLIS) website as well as via a link to the LSP website and to the BHCC website.

Timescales and reporting

A draft version of the report will be issued to the Strategic Leadership Board this month, for wider circulation and approval for publication in June 2011. It is envisaged that publication will take place in July.

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