

Hastings and St Leonards Local Strategic Partnership Agenda

Monday, 26 January 2015 at 10.00 am

Council Chamber - Town Hall, Queens Road, Hastings TN34 1QR

If you are attending the Town Hall for this meeting, please enter the building via the Community Contact Centre entrance.

For further information, please contact Jenny Ling tel: 01424 451844 or email: jling@hastings.gov.uk

	Page No.
1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence (5 mins) Chair	
2. Notification of Urgent Items	
3. Declarations of Interest	
4. Minutes and Matters Arising (5 mins)	
a) Minutes from the Last LSP Meeting on 20th October 2014 to approve	1 - 8
b) Matters Arising <u>FOR DISCUSSION</u>	
5. Crime and Community Safety	
a) The Future of Policing in Hastings (10 mins) Chief Supt. Neil Honnor, Sussex Police	
b) Crime Figures for Hastings (5 mins) District Commander, Paul Phelps, Sussex Police	
c) PREVENT - Counter Terrorism (10 mins) PC David Law, Sussex Police	
d) Changes to Anti-Social Behaviour (10 mins) Mike Fagan, HBC Discussion (30 mins) Break	
6. Fulfilling Lives Project (10 mins) Jo Rogers and Nikki Homewood, BHT Discussion (10 mins) <u>FOR DECISION</u>	

7.	Draft Terms of Reference for the LSP - for approval (5 mins) Chair <u>FOR INFORMATION</u>	9 - 12
8.	Director of Public Health Report (5 mins) Martina Pickin, ESCC	13 - 14
9.	Regeneration Update	15 - 16
10.	Family Keywork	
11.	Seawater Bathing Quality Update	
12.	Executive Delivery Group Notes 17th December 2014	
13.	East Sussex Strategic Partnership Notes 30th Oct 2014 <i>Next ESSP meeting is in Hastings Town Hall 3rd Feb 2015, 10am-12pm. Observers are welcome to attend.</i>	17 - 20
14.	Urgent Items	
15.	Next Meeting Date: Monday 27th April 2015, venue to be confirmed	

Agenda Item 4a

Hastings and St Leonards Local Strategic Partnership

Minutes 20 October 2014

Present:

Statutory Sector

Alan Blackwell	Sea Change Sussex
Cllr Nick Bennett	East Sussex County Council
Councillor Jeremy Birch	Hastings Borough Council
Clive Cooke	Sussex Coast College Hastings
Simon Hubbard	Hastings Borough Council
Emma Cuppini	Hastings and Rother CCG
Jenny Jones	Hastings Academy
Cllr Matthew Lock	Hastings Borough Council
Mark Phillips	Ark William Parker Academy
Mike Thompson	Amicus Horizon

Community & Voluntary Sectors

Ron Bennett	Big Local North East Hastings
Marie Casey	Hastings Community Network
Carole Dixon	Education Futures Trust
Julie Eason	Hastings Community Network
Georgiana de Lussy	Big Local North East Hastings
Steve Manwaring	Hastings Community Network
Mark Turczanski	Hastings Community Network

Business Sector

Clive Galbraith	Chamber of Commerce
Drew Knight	General Dynamics

In Attendance:

Shabana Bayjou	Hastings Borough Council
Stuart Gallimore	East Sussex County Council
Virginia Gilbert	Hastings Borough Council
Paul Griffiths	Hastings Academies Trust
Richard O'Callaghan	Environment Agency
Jane Hartnell	Hastings Borough Council
Liz Lewis	Environment Agency
David Tyler	Southern Water
Jackie White	Amicus Horizon
Fiona Wright	East Sussex County Council

Apologies for absence were received from:

Bruce Campbell	Job Centre Plus
Kim Goodall	DWP
Nigel Cusack	ESFRS
Paul Frost	University of Brighton in Hastings

1	<p><u>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></p> <p>Marie Casey welcomed everyone to this meeting of the LSP Board and introductions were made.</p> <p>Suzy Lawrence-Strachan from the Down's Farm Community Centre gave a short briefing on the facilities and functions of the centre and its role in the local community.</p> <p>Marie thanked Suzy and other volunteers for the use of the building and the provision of refreshments.</p>	
2	<p><u>NOTIFICATION OF URGENT ITEMS</u></p> <p>Marc Turczanski requested an update on the community trigger provisions of the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act which come into force today. A key element of the Act is the introduction of a "community trigger", which gives victims the right to request a review of their case to ensure relevant agencies are working together to practically resolve the matter and address service recovery issues when needed.</p> <p>Cllr Birch reported that proposals have been considered at HBC Cabinet and referred to full Council for adoption. It recommends that the community trigger threshold for Sussex would be initiated when an individual has made three complaints of anti-social behaviour or hate crime in a six month period. The full report is available on the HBC website.</p> <p>Mike Thompson also reported that Amicus Horizon have been making provision to support residents who may be affected.</p> <p>It was suggested that the Safer Hastings Partnership would be further discussing the way forward and after their next meeting a briefing note may be available for circulation to the Board and its Executive Delivery Group.</p>	
3	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></p> <p>With reference to the discussions on Education:</p> <p>Steve Manwaring declared his position on the Board of the Hastings Academies Trust, the Education Futures Trust and a governor of the Baird Primary Academy.</p> <p>Simon Hubbard declared his position on the board of the Education Futures Trust and as a governor of South Coast College Hastings.</p> <p>Julie Eason is a governor of the Hastings Academy.</p>	
4	<p><u>MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING</u></p>	
4a	<p><u>MINUTES FROM THE LAST LSP MEETING ON 21ST JULY 2014 TO APPROVE</u></p>	

	<p>The minutes of the last Board meeting held on 21st July 2014 were approved as an accurate record with the following amendment:</p> <p>(4) Ron Bennett requested that the minutes be changed to reflect that the Big Local project is operating in <i>North</i> East Hastings not East Hastings as stated.</p>	
4b	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>(3b) Heron House - At the last EDG meeting Bruce Campbell reported that the Job Centre will not be required to vacate its premises at Heron House as there is a contractual agreement for them to remain for at least another 3 years.</p> <p>(5) DESSS - Steve Manwaring reported that an initial meeting has been held to identify and contact small grants providers in the area to promote the Discretionary East Sussex Support Scheme. Cllr Birch reported that any underspend from last year will be reinvested in the current years allocation. Julie Eason queried how this underspend was allowed to accrue. There were many applications submitted but high proportions were unsuccessful. Cllr Birch agreed to look into this further.</p> <p>(6) Strategic Transport - Cllr Birch reported that County Council's bus service consultation has now concluded and the outcomes are expected to be announced in December. Stagecoach have already committed to run a couple of routes previously identified as at risk on a commercial basis, although others may still require additional subsidies in order to continue operating.</p> <p>(9) GP First – Mark Turczanski reported that he has contacted NHS England for more information about the GP first scheme. The programme is being rolled out nationally but lead locally by individual practices. So far, there have not been any further reports of patients being negatively affected by this new way of working but continued monitoring will be necessary. Emma Cuppini from the Hastings and Rother Clinical Commissioning Group committed to look into any potential effect on vulnerable groups and report back.</p>	<p>Cllr JB</p> <p>EC</p>
5	<p><u>KEY FINDINGS FROM EDUCATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY CONFERENCE</u></p> <p>Steve Manwaring gave a report on the outcomes of the last Hastings Community Network event around Education and Accountability. Centred on the local community, the event focussed on what further steps can be taken from early years to adulthood to ensure the best educational offer and achievement.</p> <p>Areas of particular emphasis were pupil movement between schools, exclusions, how to promote services to pupils and their families, links between the voluntary sector and agencies and how to promote the local Credit Union.</p>	

	<p>The University of Brighton who co-hosted the event identified two strands for further research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying good practice models of accountability in other areas • Pupil premium resources and how they are utilised <p>The conference was a great success overall and a follow up event is now planned to take place in 2015.</p> <p>The next quarterly HCN event will explore demographic changes and community cohesion.</p>	
<u>6</u>	<u>SUPPORTING EDUCATION LOCALLY</u>	
6a	<p><u>ARK WILLIAM PARKER ACADEMY - ONE YEAR ON</u></p> <p>Mark Phillips, Principal of the William Parker Academy was in attendance to update the Board on the Academy’s progress. He reported that the two main areas of focus have been academic attainment and safeguarding children.</p> <p>Good progress has been made in both these areas: GCSE attainment A-C increased from 42% to 59% although more work is needed to improve English and Maths performance and humanities subjects. The sixth form, run jointly with Helenswood, has been relaunched with a continuing focus on A level attainment.</p> <p>A lot of work has been undertaken around the culture of the school including a strong anti-bullying programme, a mentoring scheme, interaction between year groups and the reintroduction of Personal and Social Education to the curriculum.</p> <p>Work to improve attainment and culture will continue but equally important challenges to address are pupil literacy and recruitment and retention of quality staff. Converting the previous ‘inadequate’ Ofsted rating to ‘satisfactory’ will be the first step toward what will hopefully be continued improvements.</p>	
6b	<p><u>HASTINGS ACADEMIES TRUST - PROGRESS TO DATE</u></p> <p>Paul Griffiths, Dean of Regional Education and Academies Development and Chief Executive of the Hastings Academies Trust, gave an update on the work of the University as education providers and academy sponsors. The Trust aims to provide high quality education, address underperformance and maximise attainment; its work has expanded greatly with student numbers steadily growing.</p> <p>The Trust also recognises challenges to achieving its aims such as reducing in year admissions, capacity for special needs provision, providing social and mental health support to students, reducing the proven attainment gap between free and non-free school meals, recruitment and retention of staff and parental engagement.</p>	
<u>7</u>	<u>EDUCATION IN HASTINGS</u>	

Stuart Gallimore and Fiona Wright from East Sussex County Council were in attendance and gave a presentation to the Board including information on:

- Background information and provisional results for 2014 Key Stage 4
- Follow up actions as a result of the Ofsted inspection carried out in June.
- The Excellence for All Strategy which details the aims and targets for improvements up to 2015.

Stuart highlighted that the legislation clearly states the County's accountability to ensure all children in East Sussex receive a good education, whether schools are academies or not. Despite Ofsted's 'ineffective' ruling earlier this year, the Excellence for All Strategy is recognised as the right path for improvement.

EDUCATION DISCUSSION

The Board thanked all three speakers for their contributions, a general discussion ensued. The importance of good schools and educational attainment was recognised as integral to achieving regeneration and its impact on the community as a whole and all partners voiced their commitment to supporting these aims.

A number of concerns were raised including:

- Destination figures for students are key indicators of success, do we collate these statistics?
- What value the Academies add and why recruitment is not improving.
- Clive Galbraith raised his concerns that the Education for All Strategy is not easy to understand and is overly reliant on targets; there is very little about employment.
- What measures are being taken to support pupils at risk of being excluded?

Paul Griffiths said that increasing the numbers of University students will hopefully give them a sense of belonging to the area and make them more likely to put down roots, leading them into employment and retaining their skills. Close working between teacher training and student unions will also help.

Having one spokesperson for all academies is being explored to give a more cohesive impression.

Stuart Gallimore gave his assurance that the EFA Strategy is fit for purpose but did recognise the need for more focus on skills to gain employment and engagement with local businesses.

Fiona Wright recognised the problems with in year admissions and assured the board that work is ongoing with schools across the county to try to resolve this. A working group has been set up in Hastings to explore how to reduce school 'hopping'. Resources to prevent exclusions is part of the overall budget for individual schools, they are able to tackle this themselves or buy in expertise from County.

	<p>Jenny Jones also championed the work being undertaken by the academies and other education providers throughout the town. The figures are important but also is the quality of work being carried out which boosts confidence and success for students. She did however concede that resources to support the complex range of social and educational needs for many children are stretched.</p> <p>Information on College Central and exclusions was requested, Fiona Wright agreed to bring this to a later meeting. The Board as a whole recognised that as important as education is, it is part of a bigger picture and how all partners can work together contribute to improvements in a broader perspective is key to making progress in regenerating the town.</p>	FW
9	<p><u>SEAWATER BATHING QUALITY</u></p> <p>Virginia Gilbert from Hastings Borough Council, David Tyler from Southern Water and Richard O’Callaghan and Liz Lewis from the Environment Agency were in attendance for this item.</p> <p>Virginia reported that a number of measures have been undertaken to improve seawater quality tests at Hastings, initial results show that some progress has been made but the outcome of the official tests may still find that we do not meet the required standards.</p> <p>David Tyler gave a presentation outlining further work which has begun to identify problematic ‘dual manholes’ and misconnected properties particularly in the upper Hastings catchment area. Southern Water has limited enforcement powers but is working closely with partners to address these issues.</p> <p>Our minimum aim is to achieve a ‘satisfactory’ outcome when Defra undertake their official testing next year although we will have a better idea of our progress when sampling results are received next month.</p> <p>The Board welcomed the measures that have been implemented, they questioned the main risks in achieving a satisfactory rating. How other alternative solutions and value for money are being considered was also queried.</p> <p>Richard O’Callaghan said that the ratings will be based on four years’ worth of data and so even if next year’s readings are within the acceptable levels, sustaining these improvements will be the real challenge. The weather will also have an impact on our success as heavy rainfall will result in a higher level of bacterial contamination out at sea.</p> <p>A cost/benefit analysis has been carried out on other options in the interest of achieving the best and most sustainable outcome for the best price. Alternative solutions include diverting the Alexandra Park stream and extending the seaward outfall pipe. Southern Water is continuing to collate data; it is possible that these options may be furthered in the future but are currently not considered suitable short term solutions.</p>	

10	<u>REGENERATION UPDATE</u> The accompanying report supplied for information was noted.	
11	<u>FAMILY KEYWORK UPDATE (FORMERLY FAMILIES WITH MULTIPLE PROBLEMS)</u> The accompanying report supplied for information was noted.	
12	<u>EXECUTIVE DELIVERY GROUP NOTES 22ND SEPTEMBER 2014</u> The EDG notes will be made available on the website as soon as they are available.	
13	<u>NEXT AND FUTURE MEETING DATES:</u> Future meeting dates were noted as: 26 th January 2015 27 th April 2015 20 th July 2015 19 th October 2015 25 th January 2016 25 th April 2016	

This page is intentionally left blank

Agenda Item 7

LSP Draft Terms of Reference

This is the constitution of the Hastings and St. Leonards Local Strategic Partnership (LSP).

This constitution does not change, replace, substitute or amend in any way the statutory duties or other responsibilities of partners.

It does not change, replace, substitute or amend in any way partners organisations' own management or accountability frameworks, or prevent any individual partners' organisation from pursuing its own individual actions.

Local Strategic Partnership members shall work together and individually in the spirit of trust, fairness and mutual co-operation. The work of the partnership is rooted in a spirit of cooperation and we affirm the value of acting in partnership with others to improve the lives of those who work and live in Hastings.

Roles and Authority

The main general role of all Members of the Partnership will be to take a town-wide perspective and to develop consensus in the best interests of the town as a whole.

Members will be recognised for their valuable contribution in bringing ideas, knowledge and expertise to the process.

Whilst recognising that decisions about the use of resources will still remain the preserve of individual partners, there is a need to establish consensus endorsement of strategic issues, while encouraging opportunities for better ways of working, joint working, delegation and joint or shared resources where appropriate. Members will need the appropriate authority to speak on behalf of their relevant organisations (proportionate to their role within the organisation).

Legal Status

The LSP is an informal partnership. It does not have legal status to enter into contracts and will act through partner organisations as appropriate.

Hastings Borough Council will act as the Accountable Body for financial matters on behalf of the LSP. All accounting arrangements will be made under the supervision of the Head of Corporate and Democratic Services.

Key Tasks

- Be Strategic, Representative and Effective
- Identify and report strategic issues, which the Hastings and St Leonards Local Strategic Partnership should be aware of
- Provide strategic leadership on any Borough wide issue, identified by partners and agreed by the LSP, where no other appropriate existing organisation or partnership can be identified
- Act to bring together intelligence, expertise and community and business support to identify priorities and develop solutions to maximise the town's economic opportunities and address barriers to regeneration
- Motivate partners to look for new ways to improve
- Ask challenging questions about and scrutinise performance
- Deal honestly and robustly with under-performance

- Minimise bureaucracy and build upon existing structures — helping to demonstrate that we have reduced and not added to the ‘bureaucratic burden’
- Focus on the needs of the whole Borough, with an inclusive concern for all citizens, especially the marginalised and disadvantaged
- Consider what is in the best interests for the common good of Hastings and St. Leonards and weigh this along with the interests of individual organisations on the Board and their sector when making decisions

LSP Membership

- The LSP will consist of senior representatives from those organisations playing a lead role in the town.
- The composition of the Board will be as *inclusive as practicable* covering a full range of “key players” balancing this with a realistic maximum size of partnership necessary for it to be effective and strategic.
- The Board will need to secure the involvement of all the appropriate key players, including the public, private, community and voluntary sectors. This should allow engagement of residents, community, other public sector and business interests that cannot be represented directly on the Local Strategic Partnership.
- Each member of the Board can name one alternate to attend in his / her place
- LSP Board members agree to champion and communicate the partnership arrangements of the LSP throughout their organisation, partnership and sector.
- If a member of the LSP changes to a different employer or loses his or her position, then their membership of the LSP will automatically cease with immediate effect.

Members will be identified within categories:

Membership
Public Sector (16)
Hastings Borough Council (2)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leader • Leader of the Opposition
East Sussex County Council (2)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet Member • Chief Executive (or Director-level nominee)
Seachange Sussex (1)
Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) Rep (1)
Education Futures Trust (1)
Sussex Coast College Hastings (1)
Ark Academies Trust (1)
Hastings Academies Trust (1)
University Of Brighton – Hastings Campus (1)
Hastings & St. Leonards Area Primary Headteachers’ (1)
Amicus Horizon (1)
Sussex Police (1)

East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service (1)
Job Centre Plus (1)
Business Sector (3)
Let's Do Business (1)
Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce (2)
Community and Voluntary Sector (10)
Hastings Community Network (6)
Area Representatives (4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Hastings • Central • South St. Leonards • North St. Leonards
TOTAL 29

Chairing Arrangements

The Chair of the LSP rotates every two years between the public sector, the voluntary & community sector and the business sector.

The role of the Chair is to Chair and manage the meetings of the LSP Board, creating an environment where all members are able to make a full contribution to the LSP's business

The Chair is supported by Vice-chairs from the two other sectors.

The Vice Chair(s) can deputise for the Chair as and when required.

The Council's Corporate and Democratic Services team will provide policy and secretariat support to the LSP Board.

This page is intentionally left blank

Agenda Item 8

Briefing Note re Director of Public Health Annual Report 2014/15

This annual report focuses on how we can build resilience by growing the assets of wellbeing across East Sussex. Assets are any factor (or resource), which enhances the ability of individuals, communities, and populations, to maintain and sustain health and wellbeing and to help to reduce health inequities. This includes the skills and capacities of the individuals, the formal and informal networks and associations, the institutions, the land and other physical assets within a community.

It looks at how we can identify, better understand and support development of existing and potential new community assets. It focuses on identifying the key features of asset-based approaches and how we can make further progress in a sustainable manner. It initially focuses on describing what an asset based approach involves and how it is different from focusing on deficits in the current services and support people receive. It describes how individuals can play a significant role in increasing community resilience. The report describes how systematic processes can be used to support this work and monitor its impact particularly in developing sustainability.

Based on a review of the evidence, this report recommends further work to enhance community resilience which seeks positively to develop, harness and mobilise the assets, capacities and resources available to individuals and communities to enable them to gain more control over their lives and circumstances and to meet primary prevention, health, wellbeing and social care support needs.

The second part of this report sets out a relatively new way to measure the wellbeing and resilience of communities. It describes a tool – Wellbeing and Resilience Measure (WARM) – that has been designed to support local agencies and communities to better understand, plan and act. WARM provides a way of understanding and identifying an area's strengths, such as levels of social capital, confidence amongst residents, the quality of local services or proximity to employment; as well as vulnerabilities such as isolation, high crime, low savings and unemployment. The tool identifies these factors using routinely available information.

WARM has been calculated for East Sussex at ward and district and borough level and also modelled at clinical commissioning group and GP practice level. All the WARM maps at ward and GP practice level are available to download as separate documents above.

The report concludes by summarising the approach outlined in the report and, drawing on the evidence and best practice, looks at the ways in which the skills, knowledge, connections and resource of individuals, communities and organisations might best be captured, harnessed and strengthened. The report makes ten recommendations for supporting community resilience in East Sussex.

Link to:

- Report: Growing Community Resilience in East Sussex, December 2014.
- Supplement: WARM Mapping by GP Practice
- Supplement: WARM Mapping by Electoral Ward

<http://www.eastsussexjsna.org.uk/publichealthreports>

This page is intentionally left blank

Agenda Item 9

HASTINGS & ST LEONARDS LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

BRIEFING NOTE ON REGENERATION

Employability & Apprenticeships

- Employability Forum met December 2014 to review the progress of the Own Grown initiative and its priorities for 2015, Local Economic Partnership/EU funding opportunities, and the Hastings Into Work partnership.
- Academies Employability Action Plan – Heads have agreed to sign Academies/Business engagement charter. Dates agreed for CV/interview speed dating sessions with pupils and business representatives.
- Two Business Breakfasts held in Old Town and St Leonards with 30 attendees in total. Workshop on social media, funding finder and commitments to pledge to Own Grown. Further breakfast planned in January for Town Centre, linking in with Business Improvement District work.
- Two sector-based Creative Cafes delivered in partnership with Culture Shift with a total of 135 Academy pupils engaged. Pupils work in a café style setting with businesses on practical tasks relating to a particular sector (eg drafting a week's staff rota for a hotel). A further two creative cafes are planned for spring/summer terms.
- Own Grown Challenge – 2,014 pledges achieved on 20th November 2014. As of 5th December currently tracking at 104%.HBC taking a leading role in managing the project, including 1-2-1 brokering, social media/publicity
- Own Grown 2015 target – as a partner in county-wide apprenticeship challenge You're Hired: East Sussex – 500 apprenticeship pledges from businesses, 500 pledges from young people who wanted assistance to be ready to take up an apprenticeship across 5 boroughs over 5 months. Alongside this, Own Grown will continue to actively engage and broker other types of pledges (such as work experience, work with schools, mentoring etc.) with businesses.
- January – July 2015 Own Grown will audit/measure and evidence the impact of the previous 2 years' of pledges for the purpose of potentially bidding for European funding for 2016.

Evening and Night Time Economy and Student Town

- Preparations are under way for a 'Hastings Exchange' forum event at the University of Brighton to engage with local business. It is jointly organised with HBC to discuss the broad topic of making the most of Hastings as a University Town. This will target the service economy including the evening and night time offer and will address key issues to promote what the University can offer the local community and businesses in terms of opportunities to engage. Student voices will also be heard, and experience will be drawn from similar seaside towns where a university campus has integrated well. It will be held in March 2015.

- Hastings Town Centre Management and HBC have held three meetings with town centre businesses to progress proposals to establish a Business Improvement District (BID) in the area. A steering group has been established, chaired by David Padmore (McDonalds franchise), which is meeting monthly. A survey has also been distributed to 235 businesses and an awareness raising session is being held at Sussex Coast College Hastings at a business breakfast 8-10am January 30th 2015.

Hastings Community Network Update

CULTURE EXCHANGES 6th October 2014 Jerwood Gallery, Hastings

Culture reflects our way of life, providing a lens through which we see ourselves and is central to the way we develop a sense of identity within our community. It's a vehicle for self expression and creativity as well as an important contributor to health, a sense of wellbeing, and inclusion in community life. Forty Six people attended the event, sixteen from arts organisations, twenty four from the voluntary and community sector and six from the statutory sector came together to explore the value of culture and its potential impact on health and wellbeing, social wellbeing and inclusion, education, economic regeneration and tourism. It also provided a space for discussion and exchanges between community groups and arts organisations and explore opportunities to work together.

Community Cohesion will be the focus of the next HCN event in March. This is being planned in partnership with HBC.

Agenda Item 11

Update for the Local Strategic Partnership Bathing Water Quality (Hastings) January 2015

Actions since your last meeting:

Sewer and Misconnection Investigations

Southern Water's programme is proceeding at a rapid pace now. The focus is directed at correcting faulty dual manholes (where foul and surface water sewers run side by side), particularly in the former private sewer networks which were adopted in 2011 but are poorly understood.

There are not very many more misconnected households uncovered so far. It may be that most have already been identified and corrected but the search continues.

Southern Water is issuing very optimistic statements that their current programme, if assisted by reasonable weather during the 2015 season, will be sufficient to assure the Hastings will meet the new standard. The EA is more cautious at this stage, although they also detect improving trends, as there is not enough statistical evidence yet.

Alexandra Park

The final phase of Alexandra Park treatment works is scheduled to begin in February and be completed before the start of the 2015 season. This will involve diversion of much of the water flow in the lower park through the ponds with the introduction of 'floating islands' of vegetation for purification. A supplier has been identified and predictions of the purification that can be achieved through the three ponds are very encouraging.

Longer term solutions

An independent assessment of the feasibility of an extended outfall or diversion of the stream into the sewer network is about to be commissioned. These are viewed as the most reliable options for a predictable year on year level of quality, protecting bathing water from the adverse effects of severe weather. This is not, however, an option for 2016.

Current assessment

Both the EA and Southern Water agree that bathing water quality is improving slowly but steadily. Both agree that reasonable weather in 2015 will result in a sufficient or even a good rating for Hastings. It is vital that we complete the purification works in Alexandra Park and that Southern Water complete the 2015 programme to offset the effect of any weather problems this summer.

Virginia Gilbert, Head of Leisure, HBC

This page is intentionally left blank

Agenda Item 13

Meeting Notes

Thursday 30th October 2014

Civic Community Hall, Hailsham

IN ATTENDANCE

ESSP Members present:

Cllr. Keith Glazier (Vice Chair)
Kim Goodall
Neil Honor
Graham Kane (on behalf of Katy Bourne)
Jeremy Leggett
Steve Manwaring
Andrea Saunders
Keith Stevens (Chair)
Alan Streets (on behalf of Amanda Philpot & Ashley Scarff)

Michael Turner
Gary Walsh

East Sussex County Council
Job Centre Plus
Sussex Police
Sussex Police & Crime Commission
Action in Rural Sussex
SpeakUp Representative
Surrey and Sussex Probation Trust
Sussex Associations of Local Councils
Eastbourne, Hailsham & Seaford, and
Hastings & Rother CCGs, and High
Weald Lewes Havens CCG
Environment Agency
East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service

Also in attendance (official observers):

Andy Arnold (speaker)
Louise Barr
Indea Cadman-Rivers
Elizabeth Curtis (speaker)
Sarah Feather
Ian Fitzpatrick (on behalf of Rob Cottrill)
Isabel Garden (on behalf of Charles Lant)
James Harris (speaker)
Becky Shaw
Jon Wheeler

East Sussex County Council
DCLG
East Sussex County Council
East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service
East Sussex County Council
Eastbourne Borough Council
Wealden District Council
East Sussex County Council
East Sussex County Council
East Sussex County Council

Apologies for absence:

Cllr Carl Maynard
Cllr Chris Dowling
Gill Cameron-Waller
Cllr Jeremy Birch
Katy Bourne
Rob Cottrill
Steve Hare
John Hodges
Richard Homewood
Charles Lant
Amanda Philpot

Ashley Scarff
Cllr Bob Standley
Cllr David Tutt

Rother District Council
East Sussex County Council
Wealden District Council
Hastings Borough Council
Police and Crime Commissioner
Eastbourne Borough Council
SpeakUp Representative
Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce
Hastings Borough Council
Wealden District Council
Eastbourne, Hailsham & Seaford, and
Hastings & Rother CCGs
High Weald Lewes Havens CCG
Wealden District Council
Eastbourne Borough Council

NOTES

1) Welcome and Apologies

Keith Stevens welcomed Amanda Saunders, Kim Goodall, Michael Turner and Louise Barr, who gave a brief overview of her role, as new members of ESSP and thanked Chris Wick and Ron Francis for their contribution to the ESSP. Keith also welcomed ESSP members, delegates, observers, guests and speakers. Apologies were given and those attending on behalf of others were identified. Keith also thanked Wealden District Council for hosting ESSP at Hailsham Civic Community Hall for the meeting.

2) Urgent items of business

None

3) Notes of the meeting held on 29 April 2014 and Matters Arising

Minutes were agreed as an accurate record and actions confirmed as completed.

4) Feedback from the Open For Growth Peer Challenge

James Harris, East Sussex County Council, provided an update of the Open for Growth Peer Challenge which covered the rationale behind the Peer Challenge; the main areas of focus; the incorporation of the findings into existing strategy and next steps. He also informed ESSP Board members about how they can continue to engage in the follow up plans resulting from the Peer Challenge report. Cllr Keith Glazier emphasised the importance of continued partnership work as the action plan from the Peer Challenge is finalised and implemented.

5) Bedtime Check Campaign – Elizabeth Curtis, East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service

Elizabeth Curtis, East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service (ESFRS), gave ESSP an update on the marketing techniques and tools used to influence voluntary change in behaviour to the benefit of individuals and society. She informed ESSP that Social Marketing is being embedded at ESFRS with the aim of raising awareness of key risks among different groups of our community. She also highlighted target audiences for ESFRS, the current communication channels and some of their campaigns. Elizabeth encouraged partners to work together to send out key messages across all organisations.

Action: Partner organisations to contact Elizabeth (Elizabeth.Curtis@esfrs.org.uk) if they wish to discuss ideas for shared communications.

6) Environment Strategy Update (requested from April meeting) – Michael Turner, Environment Agency & Andy Arnold, ESCC

Michael Turner, Environment Agency, and Andy Arnold, ESCC, updated ESSP on:

- 1) The indicators that have been adopted to measure the long-term effectiveness of the annual action plans that the ESSP approves each April;
- 2) Progress against these indicators in key areas and gave a particular focus to the issues of fuel poverty in East Sussex.

Action: Michael Turner and Andy Turner to attend future ESSP meeting to present an annual update (April). Sarah Feather/Indea Cadman-Rivers to add item to future ESSP meeting.

7) Transport Update – Jon Wheeler, Team Manager, Strategic Economic Infrastructure, ESCC

Jon Wheeler provided a presentation which focused on the link between transport and delivering the County Council's key priority: supporting economic growth. Jon provided an update on a range of existing Plans/Policy documents.

Jon then presented an update on a number of current projects which are currently underway including the Bexhill Hastings Link Road, North Bexhill Gateway Road and the A21 Tonbridge to Pembury improvements. Jon also discussed the recent Local Growth Deal received by the South East Local Enterprise Partnership and the funding received for East Sussex, the majority of which is for transport infrastructure.

Action: Jon Wheeler to attend future ESSP meeting to present an annual update (December 2015). SF/ICR to add item to future ESSP meeting.

8) Report of the Annual Assembly – Keith Stevens, Chair, ESPP

Keith Stevens gave a report on the Annual Assembly that was held in July. It was noted that feedback was positive. Keith reminded ESSP that part on the WW1 presentation encouraged people to get involved in recording information. Steve Manwaring informed the ESSP that he has worked in collaboration with Dr. Chris Kempshall, First World War Commemorations Project Officer, ESCC, to produce a story on East Sussex Soldiers that were 'shot at dawn' due to breaking or 'perceived' breaking of military laws. Steve also said that it had been really easy to collaborate with ESCC on this project and encouraged other partners to do the same. Steve also reminded ESSP members that although we could do no more for those soldiers that were shot we could all continue to help people that suffer with post-traumatic stress disorder and other mental health problems.

Keith finished the feedback by telling ESSP that there have been plenty of suggestions for next year's Assembly and it is suggested that the event focuses on Community Resilience. There was agreement for this subject.

- 9)** Update papers were circulated for information about the following items:
- Family Keyword – Jeremy Leggett asked if this might come to a future meeting for a verbal update.
 - SPACES

Action: SF/ICR to add Family Keyword as a verbal update to a future meeting.

10) Any Other Business

Gary Walsh, East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service, took the opportunity to remind partners about the planned industrial action by the Fire Fighters Union that would take place for 4 days from 31st October. Information will be circulated to ESSP members.

Action: SF/ICR to circulate information on planned industrial action by ESFRS Fire Fighters Union to all ESSP members.

Becky Shaw notified the Board of changes to the structure of the Probation Service. It was noted that Seetec won the tender to provide services to the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC). The Board were in agreement that the Probation Service should be an item covered at a future meeting.

Action: SF/ICR to put an item covering the Probation Service on to the Forward Plan.

Alan Streets suggested that the Better Together programme would be a good agenda item for a future meeting. Keith Stevens confirmed that this was on the forward plan.

11) Future meetings:

- 3 February, Council Chamber, Hastings Borough Council, Hastings
- 23 April, Council Chamber, County Hall, Lewes
- 8 September, Venue TBC
- 8 December, Council Chamber, County Hall, Lewes

All meetings to take place at 10am.

SUMMARY OF AGREED ACTIONS –	
Item	Action
5	Partner organisations to contact Elizabeth (Elizabeth.Curtis@esfrs.org.uk) if they wish to discuss ideas for shared communications.
6	Michael Turner/Andy Arnold to attend future ESSP meeting to present an annual update (April). Sarah Feather/Indea Cadman-Rivers to add item to future ESSP meeting.
7	Jon Wheeler to attend future ESSP meeting to present an annual update (December 2015). SF/ICR to add item to future ESSP meeting.
9	SF/ICR to add Family Keywork as a verbal update to a future meeting.
10	SF/ICR to circulate information on planned industrial action by ESFRS Fire Fighters Union to all ESSP members.
10	SF/ICR to put an item covering the Probation Service on to the Forward Plan.