

Hastings and St Leonards Local Strategic Partnership

Minutes 30 January 2017

Present:

Statutory Sector

Cllr Peter Chowney	Hastings Borough Council
Clive Cooke	SCCH
Steve Curry	Sussex Police
Julie Gilbert-King	EFRS
Simon Hubbard	Hastings Borough Council
Chris Pole	University of Brighton
Mike Thompson	Amicus Horizon
Richard Watson	Hastings and Rother CCG
John Williams	Sea Change Sussex

Community & Voluntary Sectors

Marie Casey	Hastings Community Network
Carole Dixon	Education Futures Trust
James Leathers	Hastings Community Network
Steve Manwaring	Hastings Community Network
Catherine Orbach	Hastings Community Network
Naomi Ridley	Hastings Community Network
Marc Turczanski	Hastings Community Network
Annie Whelan	Hastings Community Network

Business Sector

Sean Dennis	Let's Do Business
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In Attendance:

Shabana Bayjou	Hastings Borough Council
Stephen Dodson	Hastings Borough Council
Victoria Spencer Hughes	Public Health England
Natasha Tewkesbury	Hastings Borough Council
Faisal	Hastings Youth Council
Huda	Hastings Youth Council

Apologies for absence were received from:

Cllr Nick Bennett
Clive Galbraith
Jacqui Everard
Paul Frost
Andrew Knight

East Sussex County Council
Chamber of Commerce
Hastings Community Network
University of Brighton
Chamber of Commerce

<u>10</u>	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>	
	None	
<u>11</u>	<u>DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT, PERSONAL RESILIENCE - VICTORIA SPENCER HUGHES, ESCC (10MINS PLUS 10MINS QUESTIONS)</u>	
	<p>Victoria Spencer Hughes was in attendance to present the latest annual Director of Public Health Report which this year focusses on Wellbeing and Resilience. The report outlines a wide range of health indicators but also includes data on crime, ASB and the economy. The statistics are also broken down by ward and at GP practice level and are available online. Surveys will be repeated in 2018/19 for comparison.</p> <p>The Board thanked Victoria for the presentation and noted the content of the report. They queried how the information can be used or expanded upon to inform commissioning of services to improve outcomes for the town's residents.</p> <p>Richard Watson confirmed that the CCG do have funding available which could be used to tackle health inequalities if a specific intervention can be identified although other partner resources may also be available. Further partnership discussions will be necessary to investigate the potential for this and how we can work more effectively to pool the resources available. 'Quick win' actions may also be identified for example to challenge the high fear of crime in areas where crime levels are falling. Action: Subgroup to be established – Richard Watson</p> <p>Victoria confirmed that the Public Health team are using the data to target resources and can advise other agencies if required.</p>	
<u>12</u>	<u>HIGHER EDUCATION IN HASTINGS - CLIVE COOKE, SCCH (10 MINS)</u>	
	<p>Clive Cooke reported that the college Board of Governors have agreed to develop a university centre for Hastings subject to negotiations. The new structure will be referred to as Sussex Coast College and University Centre Hastings. The fifth floor will be developed to become a dedicated University Centre space and new courses offered. Further expansion into the Havelock Road premises is also being considered subject to negotiations. The College will now work with a wider group of stakeholders to implement these changes with help from the Hastings and Rother Taskforce and the LSP.</p> <p>LSP welcomed the developments and confirmed their commitment to help progress this agenda. However, they also expressed concerns that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student numbers can be increased without significant improvements in the offer such as accommodation or student union facilities especially in the light of full fees being charged • The buildings assigned to the University should continue to be utilised for HE purposes and not allowed to lie empty for any period of time. A letter has been sent to the UoB outlining this request and a copy to be sent to the Board (Action: Shabana) <p>Chris Pole confirmed receipt of the letter, a response will be issued in due course. He also confirmed that the University of Brighton will make the Havelock Road site available to the new University Centre in the short term, possibly longer if there is a demand. However, a</p>	

	considerable sum of money has been invested in this premises, Priory Square and Lacuna place and the University may need to consider their options to recoup this expenditure in future.	
<u>13</u>	<p><u>MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING (CHAIR)</u></p> <p>Chief Inspector Steve Curry introduced himself as the new Divisional Commander for Hastings.</p> <p>LSP mins – To be circulated for approval Matters Arising - None</p>	
<u>14</u>	<p><u>YOUNG PEOPLE'S HEALTH - YOUTH COUNCIL REP AND VICTORIA SPENCER HUGHES, ESCC</u></p> <p>Faisal ? and Houda ? from the Youth Council gave a presentation to the Board on Energy drinks and their effect on young people, they are supporting a petition to regulate the consumption of these drinks by children.</p> <p>The Board noted the information with interest and praised the proactive approach of the Youth Council on this and other matters.</p> <p>Victoria committed to feedback this information to public health colleagues and check up on any guidelines that may be in place with regard to energy drinks and young people. What policies or messages schools are conveying on this subject is also of interest. The results of the 2015/16 'are you different' survey does provide some background data although not all schools submitted responses.</p> <p>The Board agreed that education over regulation is the preferred approach and recommended that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The LSP Board work with schools to bring this issue forward and encourage participation in surveys to collate better data for future • Ensuring the anonymity of participants may help increase response rates • Restrictions of sales of energy drinks to young people in local shops and schools could be championed by the Board with the help of the MP if necessary • The potential effects of stimulants in young people's mental health should not be ignored – <p>ACTION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Chowney agreed to write a letter to the MP. • Carole Dixon to raise at Heads Meeting. 	
<u>15</u>	<p><u>MY HASTINGS - STEPHEN DODSON AND NATASHA TEWKESBURY (15 MINS)</u></p> <p>Stephen Dodson and Natasha Tewkesbury gave a presentation on the Myhastings online facility which enables residents to manage a number of Council services including reporting a missed bin collection, paying Council Tax or reporting dog fouling or flytipping. Although not essential, setting up an account is the best way to use the system most effectively and this can be done using the following link: https://my.hastings.gov.uk/</p> <p>The Board welcomed this facility recognising the potential to:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • strengthen links with partners • signpost to external services and partners to ensure strong links • reduce contact for all <p>they recommended that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measures are taken to ensure the site is as inclusive as possible for those with literacy or language barriers • The site be promoted to residents in the private rented sector as well as housing association residents <p>Stephen gave reassurance that accessibility of the site has been thoroughly considered and is icon based to ensure ease of use for all. A promotional campaign will be launched imminently to promote the facility as widely as possible and gave a reminder that assistance is always available in the contact centre. More information will come to the Board as the site is developed and rolled out.</p>	
<u>16</u>	<p><u>NEXT MEETING DATE: 24 APRIL 2017</u></p> <p><u>NEXT MEETING DATE: MONDAY, 24 April 2017</u> Council Chamber, Muriel Matters House</p>	