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Hastings and St Leonards Local Strategic Partnership

Minutes 16 October 2017

Present:

Statutory Sector

Councillor Peter Chowney	Hastings Borough Council
Councillor Rob Lee	Hastings Borough Council
Simon Hubbard	Hastings Borough Council
Shabana Bayjou	Hastings Borough Council
Richard Watson	NHS

Community & Voluntary Sectors

Marie Casey	Hastings Community Network
Carole Dixon	Education Future Trust
Mike Thompson	Optivo
Yvonne Powell	ARK
Emily Williams	Opportunity Area Fund
Stuart Gallimore	East Sussex County Council

Business Sector

Clive Galbraith	Green Insurance
Drew Knight	General Dynamics

<u>1</u>	<u>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (CHAIR)</u> Apologies were received from Steve Curry, Naiomi Ridley, Annie Wheelan, Paul Frost, Jackie Everard, Clive Cook, Steve Manwaring, Sean Dennis and Sarah Feather	
<u>2</u>	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> There were no declarations of interest	
<u>3</u>	<u>MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING (CHAIR)</u> The minutes and matters arising from the previous meeting on 17 th July 2017 were read and agreed.	
<u>4</u>	<u>OVERVIEW OF HASTINGS EDUCATION RESULTS - UNVALIDATED PROVISIONAL RESULTS</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stuart Gallimore gave a presentation of the Hastings education results • There has been a major change in the curriculum countrywide for secondary schools • County comparisons are now available, however National comparison figures have not yet been confirmed • There is a significant variation across the county and an issue with resilience within the borough • Hastings has not yet closed the gap in the county results and the fact the gap is widening is a real issue • Historically it has been a struggle for children to be ready to start school but this has now been improved considerably • It is important to look at how money is split so that key areas are targeting and to consider why some gaps are closing whilst some are not • KS2 determines whether primary school leavers are ready to engage in secondary school and Hastings is still below county and national level and it could be that the Opportunity Fund can be used to improve this • Results in English and Maths with A-C grades has dropped in both the county and in Hastings with Hastings still behind the county level • Concern about fallback being towards the end of primary school and moving up to secondary school where some children appear to get disengaged and some seem to switch off when it gets closer to exam time • It was agreed that it would be useful to have figures for county with Hastings taken out of the equation • It is clear that the subject of resilience needs to be looked at as well as what can be done to recruit staff with excellent leadership skills and to maintain them. It was suggested that Opportunity Area funds could be used to encourage people into the town and into our schools 	
<u>5</u>	<u>ARK - PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yvonne Powell from ARK gave a presentation on progress and challenges • Some improvements have been made in grades for Maths and English but there is still room for improvement • There are challenges in recruitment and retention of good teachers and leaders but they are working together with Teach First to look at how to 	

	<p>improve the situation and hope to have an open day in Hastings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some improvement in Key Stage 5 but leadership is still a problem, particularly in Maths and Science • Would like to recruit staff and then train and develop them to be the future leaders – some staff are moved forward too quickly rather than coaching and encouraging them to enable them to build their capacity and remain in post • Some challenges in parents engaging with schools and this relationship also needs to be encouraged by bringing them together. This should also encourage attendance which is an issue which can involve people being sent out to bring the children in, however, it is vital that parents are involved in their child's education • Need to look at other Opportunity Areas to look at what Hastings can do to encourage more recruitment in Hastings • SH said he would be happy to commissioning a piece of work to look at what we can do to encourage people into Hastings with the skills that are required in key areas including of GPs/Planning Officers as well as teachers <p>AP: SH to look further into how we can improve recruitment and retention in key areas within Hastings, including people who are now looking to change careers</p>	
<u>6</u>	<u>BREAK - 10 MINUTES</u>	
<u>7</u>	<p><u>SCCH OVERVIEW OF RESULTS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Sharpe gave a presentation regarding the results of SCCH and confirmed that the headline level had seen improvements • There had been an increase in A Levels reaching the target grade • Good progress had been made this year in GCSE maths but there was a concern with regard to other subjects • Further investment in staff is currently in place • 75% of students went on to higher education or apprenticeships • Local competition for students is great as there are 3 establishments trying to get students to enrol with them • AP: Jim Sharpe and Yvonne Powell to liaise and discuss courses being offered by each establishment to see if anything can be done about duplication of courses 	
<u>8</u>	<p><u>OPPORTUNITY AREA FUND</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emily Williams gave a presentation on the Opportunity Area Fund • The programme is about social mobility and where a child starts in life and ends up • 12 areas with some common themes • Hastings is 282 out of 324 on the Social Mobility Commission List • Need to determine 3-4 areas which need to be focused on • 10-12 voluntary members including local enterprise, further education, health sector etc will be on the Board and will have an independent chair • 3 year programme with a working document in place • There will be a dedicated enterprise adviser in each school • Priorities include quality of teaching and leadership, literacy and maths particularly in early years, maths KS3 and into KS5 and mental health and resilience • £22m will be put towards essential life skills to prepare students for the world of work 	

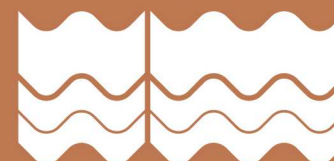
<u>9</u>	<u>REGENERATION UPDATE</u>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The attached document was circulated for information 	
<u>10</u>	<u>EXECUTIVE DELIVERY GROUP NOTES</u>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The attached document was circulated for information 	
<u>11</u>	<u>EAST SUSSEX STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP NOTES - 6TH JULY 2017</u>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The attached item was circulated for information 	
<u>12</u>	<u>URGENT ITEMS</u>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were no urgent items to discuss 	
<u>13</u>	<u>NEXT MEETING DATE - MONDAY, 29TH JANUARY 2018</u>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next LSP meeting is scheduled for Monday, 29th January 2018 at 10am in the Council Chamber at Muriel Matters House 	

Educational Attainment in Hastings

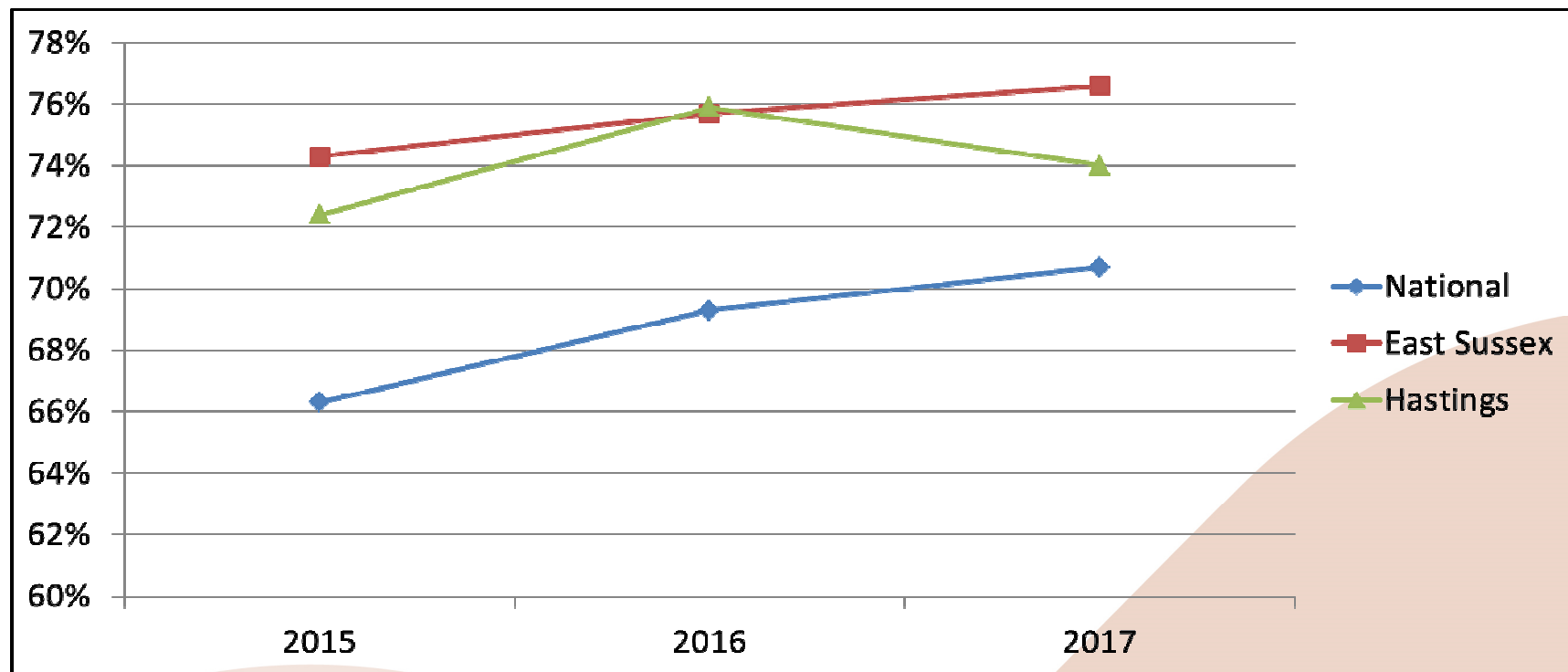
Presentation to the Hastings LSP

Stuart Gallimore, Director of Children's Services
East Sussex County Council
October 2017

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County Council

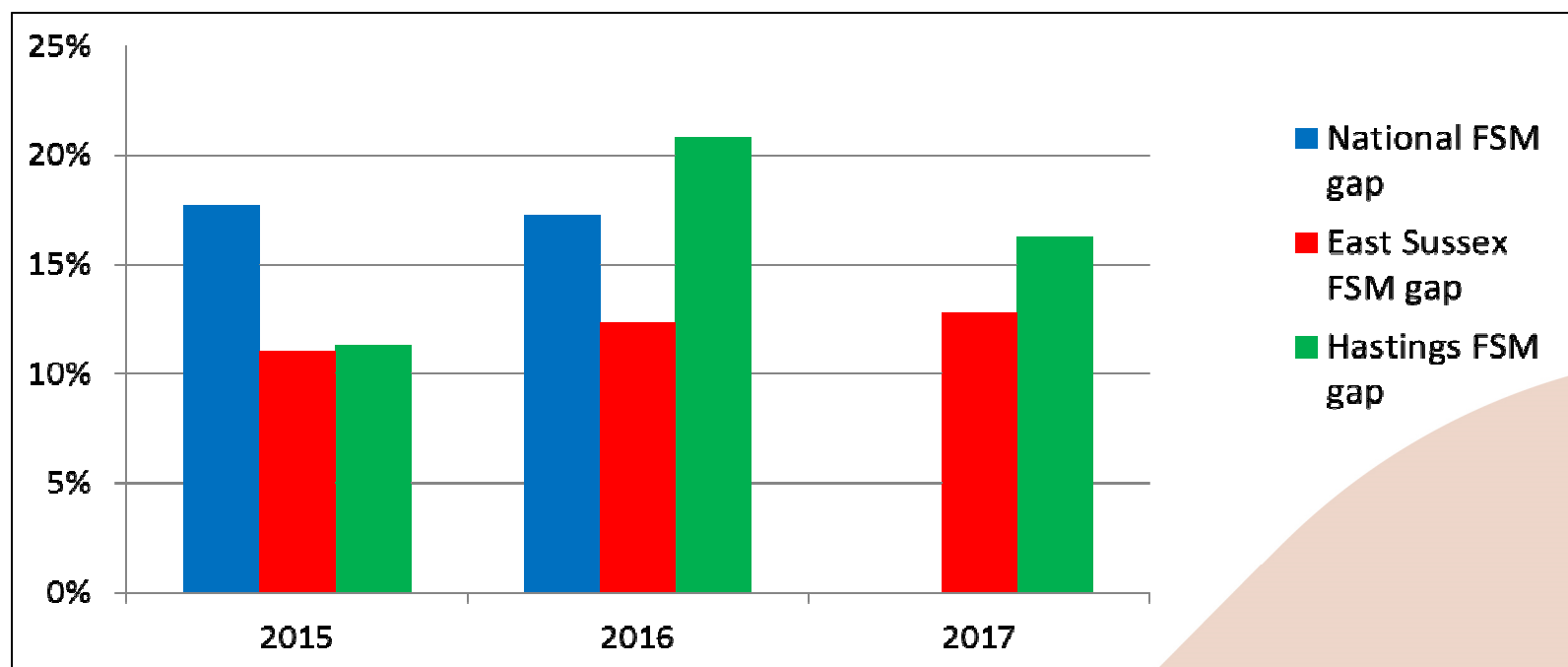


EYFSP Percentage of children achieving a good level of development



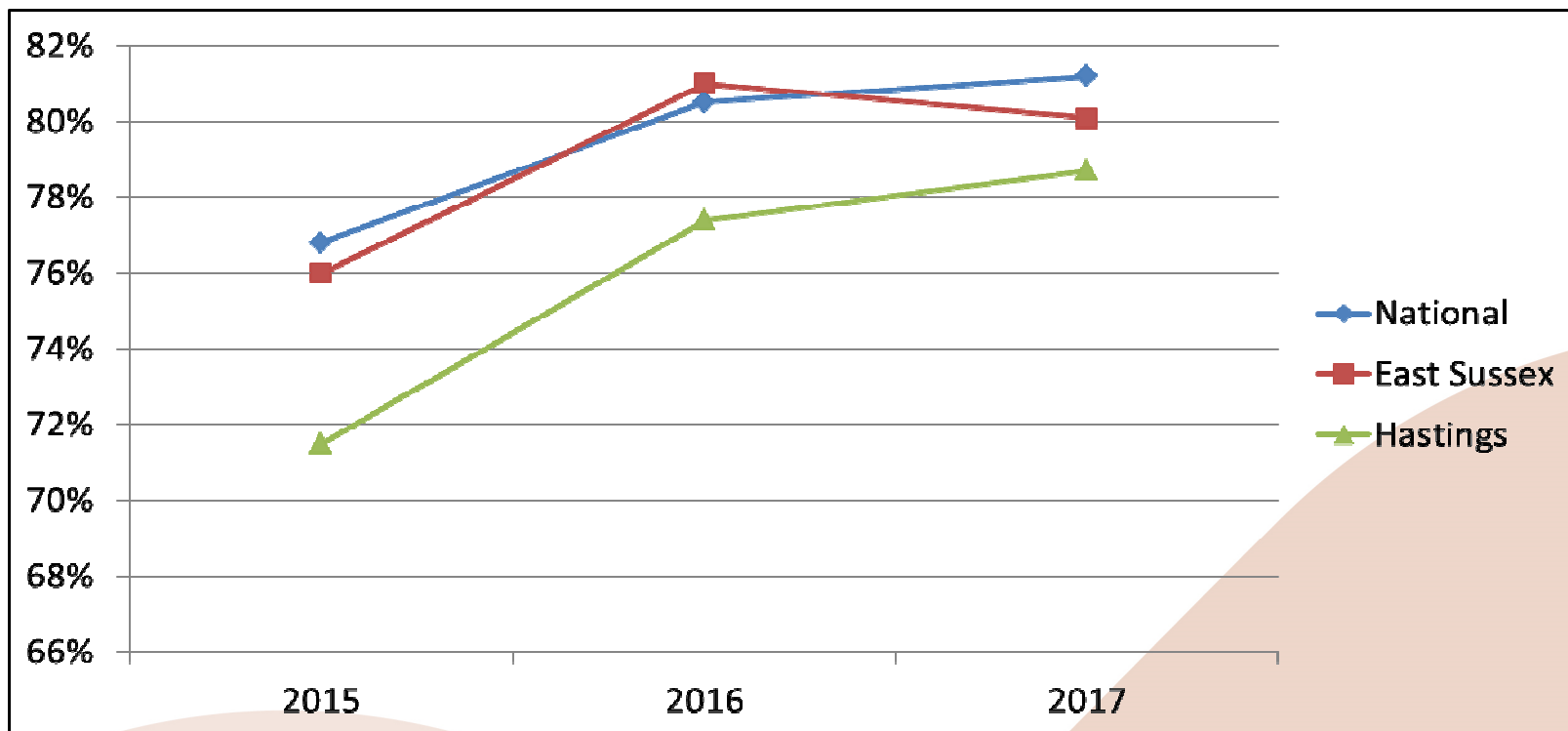
	2015	2016	2017
National	66.3%	69.3%	70.7%
East Sussex	74.3%	75.7%	76.6%
Hastings	72.4%	75.9%	74.0%

EYFP Percentage gap between children eligible for FSM achieving a good level of development and their peers



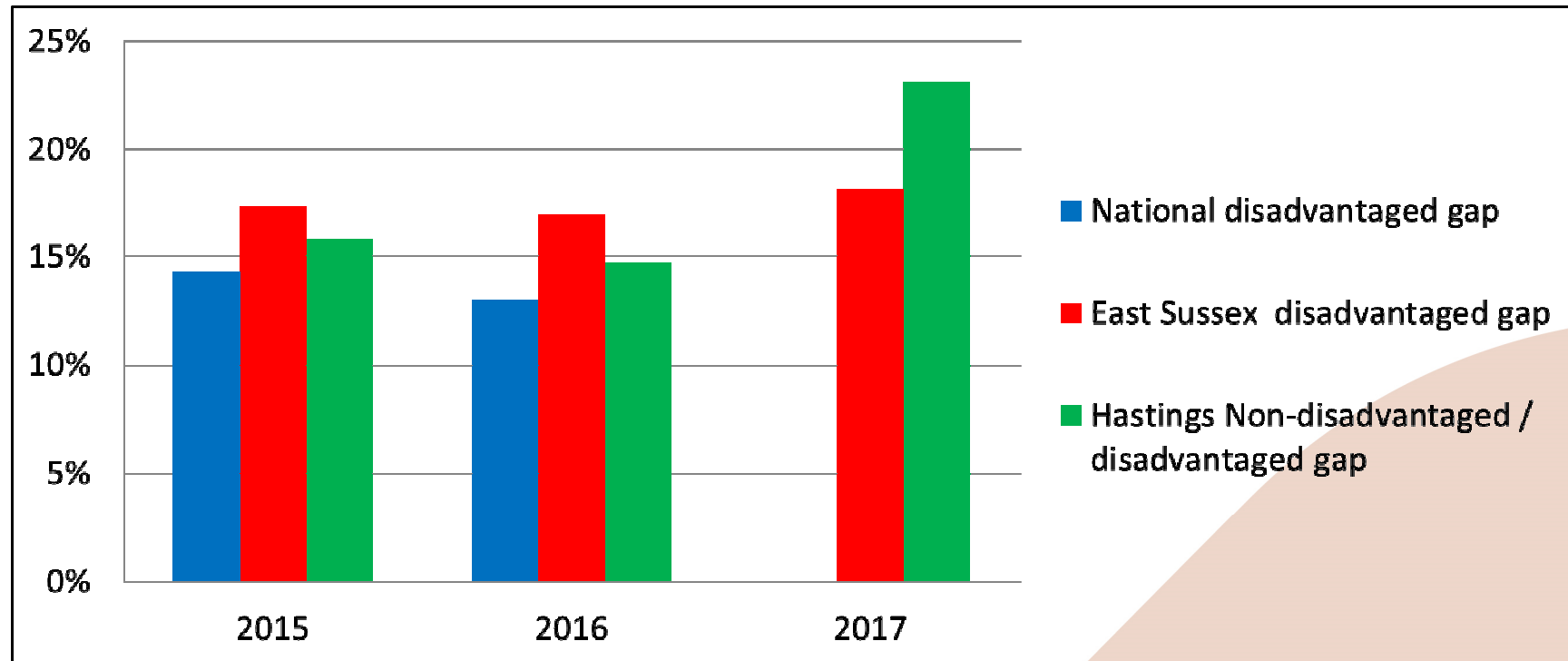
	2015	2016	2017
National FSM gap	17.7%	17.3%	
East Sussex FSM gap	11.0%	12.4%	12.8%
Hastings FSM gap	11.3%	20.8%	16.3%

Percentage of Year 1 pupils working at expected level of Phonics



	2015	2016	2017
National	76.8%	80.5%	81.2%
East Sussex	76.0%	81.0%	80.1%
Hastings	71.5%	77.4%	78.7%

Percentage gap between Disadvantaged Year 1 pupils working at the expected level in Phonics and their peers

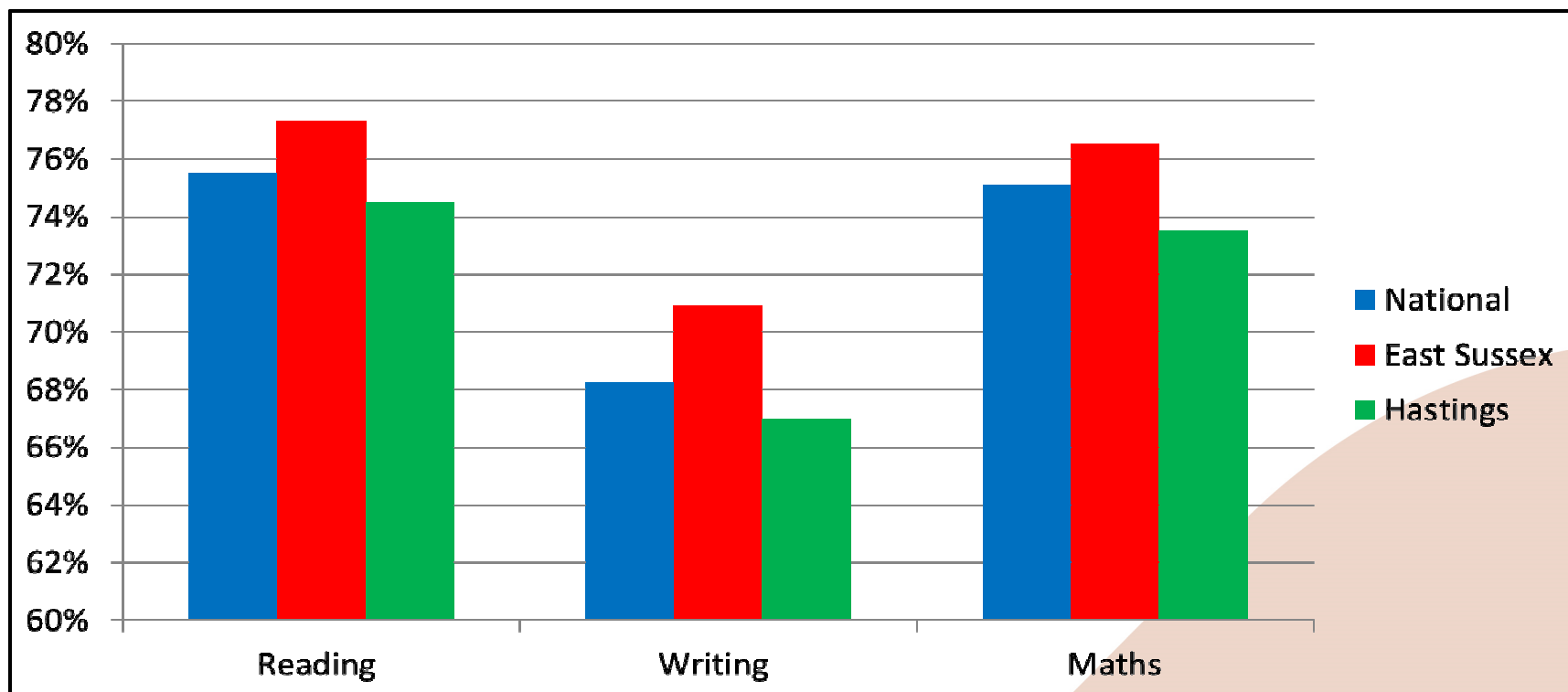


	2015	2016	2017
National disadvantaged gap	14.3%	13.0%	
East Sussex disadvantaged gap	17.3%	16.9%	18.1%
Hastings Non-disadvantaged / disadvantaged gap	15.8%	14.7%	23.1%

New Assessment Measures at Key Stage 1

- % of pupils working at the **expected standard** in English reading, English writing and Maths
- % of pupils working at a **greater depth within** the expected standard in English reading, English writing and Maths
- Pupils working below the expected standard in each subject will be given one of the following categories:
 - Working towards the expected standard
 - Foundations for the expected standard
 - Below the standard of the pre-key stage (reported with P-scales)

Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard at Key Stage 1 in 2017

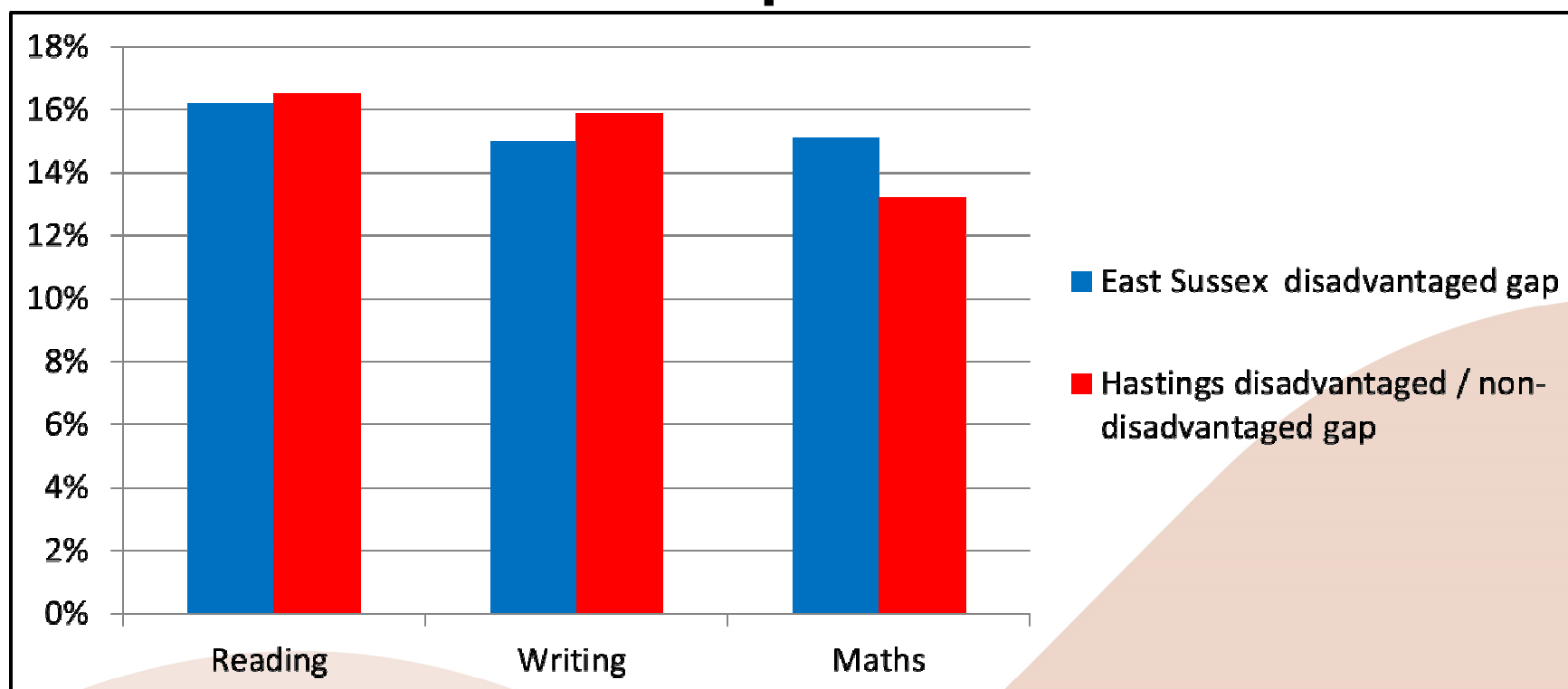


	Reading	Writing	Maths
National	75.5%	68.2%	75.1%
East Sussex	77.3%	70.9%	76.5%
Hastings	74.5%	67.0%	73.5%

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Percentage gap between disadvantaged pupils achieving the expected standard at KS1 2017 and their peers

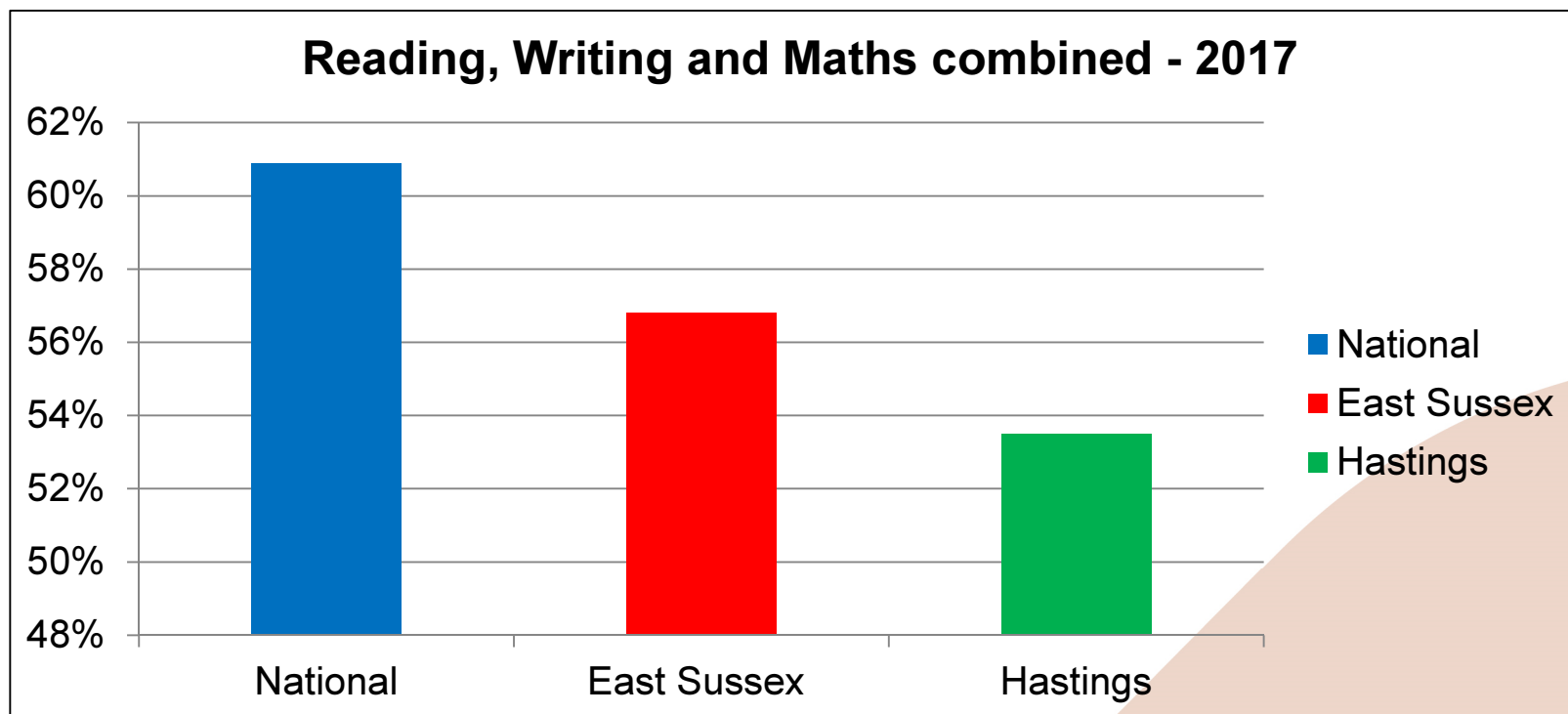


	Reading	Writing	Maths
East Sussex disadvantaged gap	16.2%	15.0%	15.1%
Hastings disadvantaged / non-disadvantaged gap	16.5%	15.9%	13.2%

New Assessment Measures at Key Stage 2

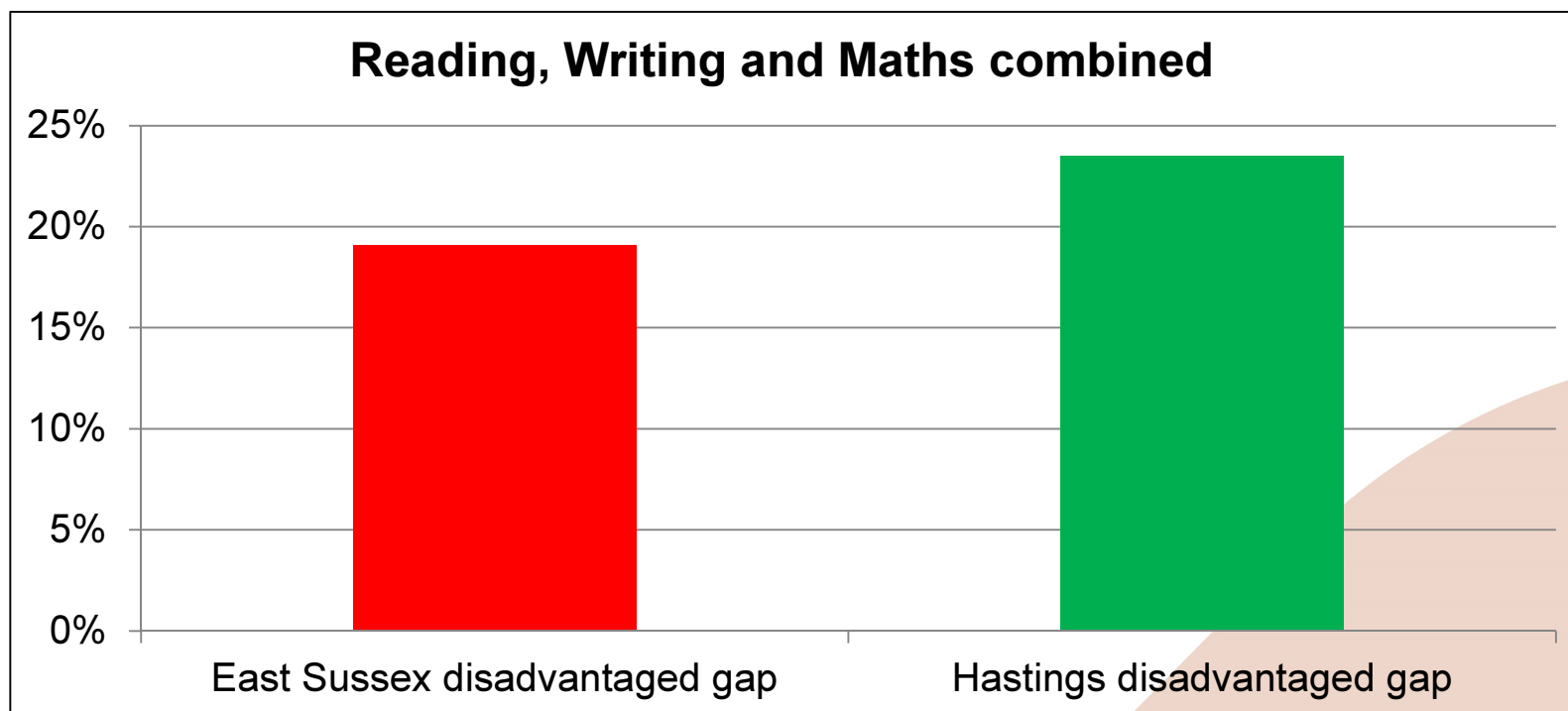
- Percentage of pupils achieving the **expected standard** in reading, writing and mathematics (separately and combined)
- **Average scaled score:**
 - in English reading at the end of key stage 2;
 - in mathematics at the end of key stage 2;
- Percentage of pupils who are **working at greater depth** within the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics;
- **Average progress** in reading, writing and in mathematics.

Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard at Key Stage 2 in 2017



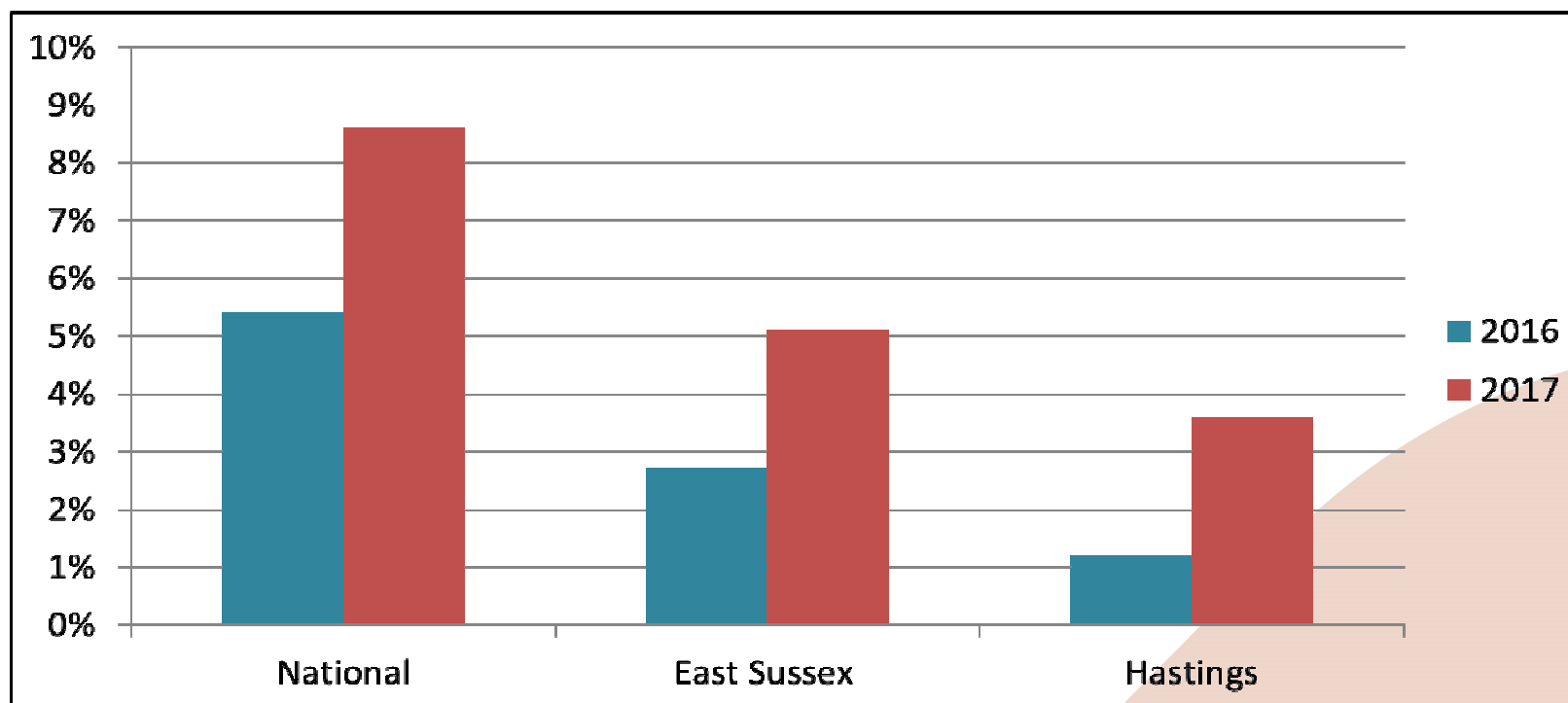
	Reading, Writing and Maths combined
National	60.9%
East Sussex	56.8%
Hastings	53.5%

Gap between disadvantaged pupils working at the Expected Standard at Key Stage 2 and their peers in 2017



	Reading, Writing and Maths combined
East Sussex disadvantaged gap	19.1%
Hastings disadvantaged gap	23.5%

Percentage of pupils Working at a higher standard in Reading, Writing and Maths at Key Stage 2 in 2017



	2016	2017
National	5.4%	8.6%
East Sussex	2.7%	5.1%
Hastings	1.2%	3.6%

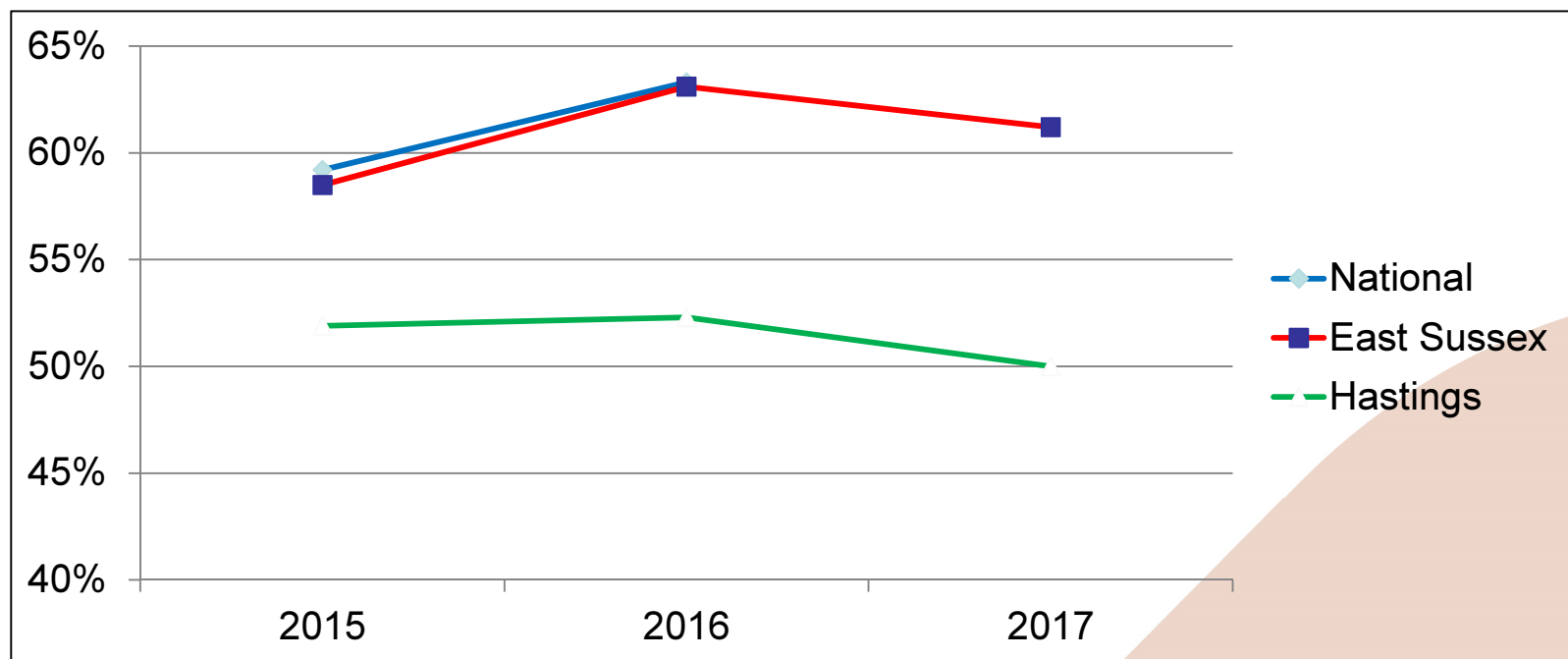
New KS4 Measures: Attainment 8

- Calculated from a suite of 8 qualifications. Point scores are awarded for each grade [A* = 8 to G = 1]. English and Maths are double weighted.
- Pupil scores are then used to calculate a mean score for the school.
- The 2017 Hastings Attainment 8 Score is 40.4 compared to the East Sussex Score of 45.0.

New KS4 Measures: Progress 8

- The pupil Progress 8 score is defined as their Attainment 8 score, minus their *estimated* attainment 8 score.
- Pupil scores are used to calculate a mean score for the school.
- A score of 0 will be the national average and a school with a score below -0.5 will be below the floor standard.
- KS4 Progress 8 data for 2017 is not yet available.

Percentage achieving the Basics measure (A*-C / 9 - 4 in English and Maths)

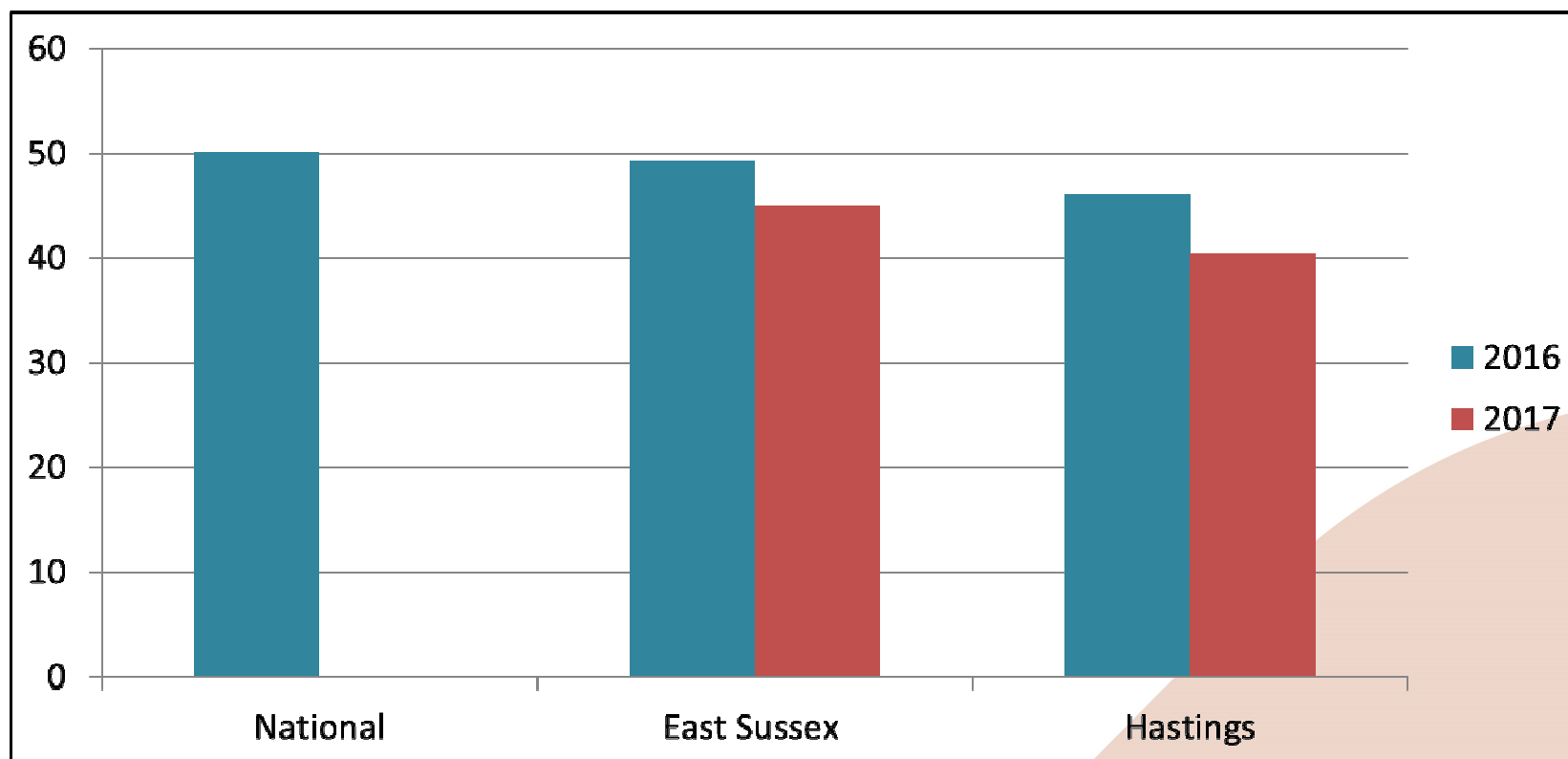


	2015	2016	2017
National	59.2%	63.3%	
East Sussex	58.5%	63.1%	61.2%
Hastings	51.9%	52.3%	50.0%

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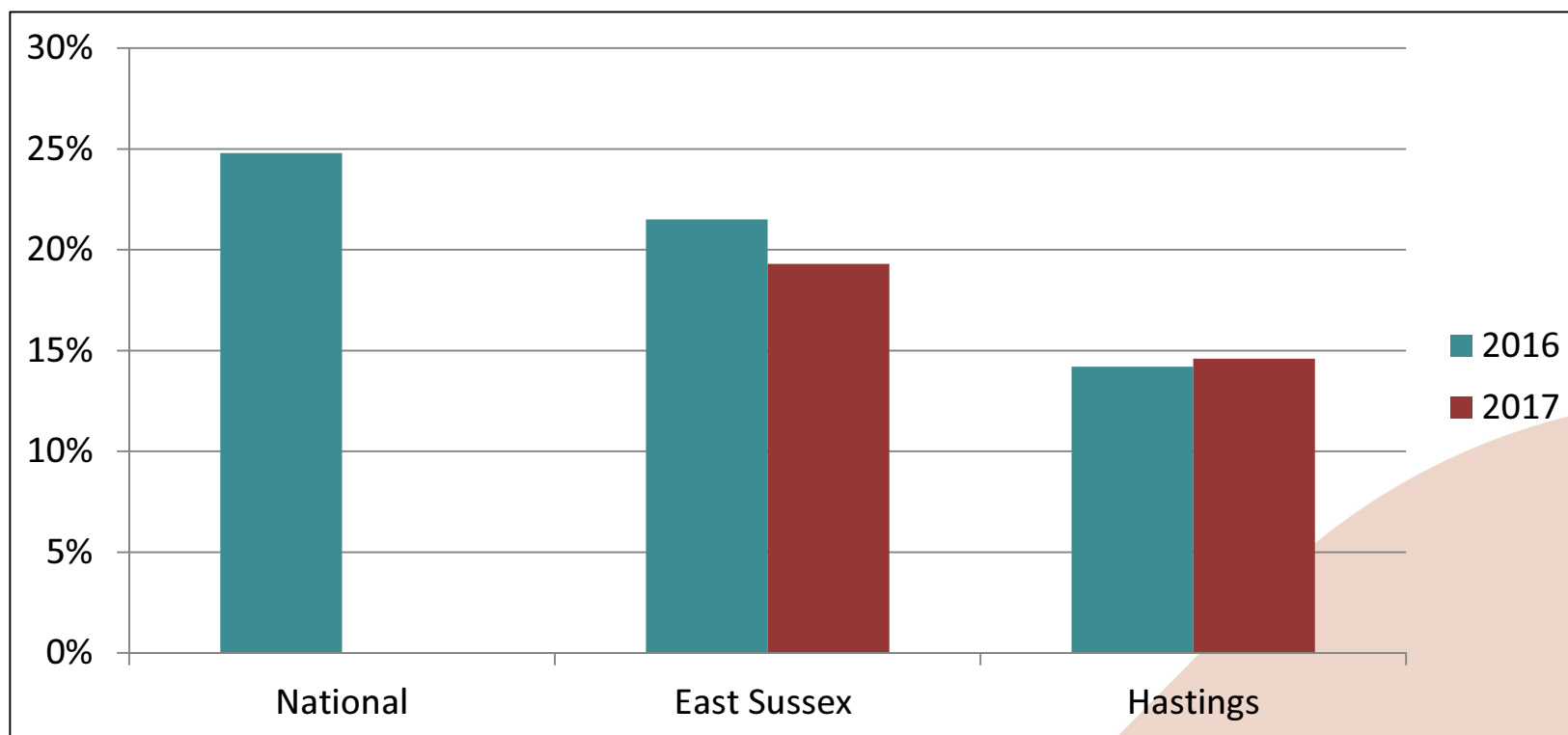


Average Attainment 8 score



	2016	2017
National	50.1	
East Sussex	49.3	45.0
Hastings	46.0	40.4

Achieving Ebacc / Ebacc 9-4



	2016	2017
National	24.8%	
East Sussex	21.5%	19.3%
Hastings	14.2%	14.6%

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Update on Student Outcomes

Academic Year 2016/17

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16-18 overall (inc. E&M)	88.0	79.8	8.2	78.7	9.3
16-18 overall (exc. E&M)	89.6	80.7	8.9	86.0	3.6
19+ (inc. E&M)	93.5	83.0	10.8	91.3	1.4
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Vocational	92.6	87.3	5.3	91.1	1.5
GCSE E&M	85.6	83.3	2.3	78.6	7.0
GCSE E&M A* to C	24.6	21.2	1.0	n/a	n/a
Functional Skills E&M	70.2	69.0	15.2	64.1	6.1
Work Based Learning	80.5	76.7	2.5	70.0	10.5
External Partners	93.0	81.4	12.4	89.2	3.8

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A Level ALPs Value Added

	15/16	16/17	+/-
Average GCSE score on entry	5.64	5.65	0.00
% of students below national average for GCSE score on entry (6.4)	81.0%	81.1%	+0.1%
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Hastings Opportunity Area

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Emily Williams, Head of Delivery

What is social mobility?

Social mobility is the breaking of the link between a child's family background and where they get to in life, with their background and destination often measured by social class (which usually looks at their profession) or by income.'

Opportunity Areas will see local partnerships formed with early years providers, schools, colleges, universities, businesses, charities and local authorities to ensure all children and young people have the opportunity to reach their full potential.



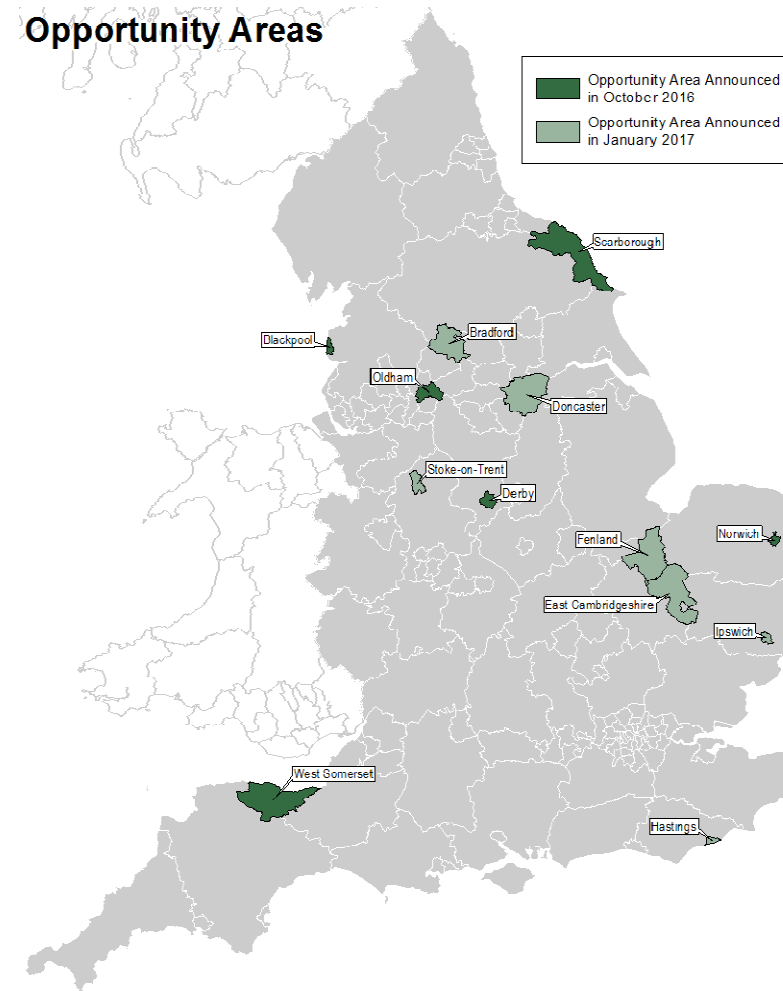
The Opportunity Areas

areas were
announced 4
October 2016:

Blackpool
Scarborough
Oldham
Derby
Norwich
West Somerset

A further six areas were
announced 18 January
2017:

- Doncaster
- Bradford
- Stoke-on-Trent
- Ipswich
- Hastings
- Fenland and East Cambridgeshire



Why these 12 Opportunity Areas?

Based on the Social Mobility Commission's social mobility index and DfE's education data, areas were identified as facing challenges to social mobility.

Other factors were also taken into account in selecting these 12 Opportunity Areas, including:

- **Regional spread**
- **Type of area**
- **Local support**

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The primary purpose of Opportunity Areas is to focus local and national resources on a common goal – to increase social mobility. We want to learn from what works in these initial 12 areas, capturing which challenges all areas share and what is unique to a particular place.

Hastings ranks 282 of 324 on the Social Mobility Commission's index. It is the only Opportunity Area in the South East.

Our approach to driving social mobility in OAs

Delivery plans will be structured around the 6 broad barriers to social mobility.

Early years provision

- Lower income families are less likely to access high quality early years provision that meets their needs and there are large gaps in development for these children at the start of school.

Home learning environment (including parental engagement)

- Children from lower income families are less likely to experience an optimal home learning environment (e.g. language development). This leads to worse child development outcomes from an early age.

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Educational outcomes

- Having started school behind, children from lower income families make less progress and have lower attainment. Lower income children are less likely to access high quality schools and so are less likely to experience high quality teaching.

Aspirations, Advice and Experiences

- Lower income children are less likely to have access to the advice, information and wider experiences that will help them to make optimal choices that will enable them to succeed in the labour market.

16-19 years

- Lower income students make sub-optimal choices, are less likely to access the highest quality provision and have weaker outcomes, are more likely to be NEET and less likely to fulfil their potential.

Post -19 years

- In adulthood, lower attainment creates divides in labour market outcomes; with young people from lower income families less likely to enter top universities and professions and more likely to enter low paid work and be unemployed.

OA Governance: partnership boards

The partnership board will work with us in assessing key actions needed in Hastings to improve social mobility, bringing local and regional intelligence and experience to bear in the process

The board (of around 10 – 12 members) will be a range of local representatives from school providers, FE or HE sector representatives, local enterprises, the local authority or the voluntary sector.

The board will have an independent chair, appointed by DfE in consultation with local partners

The board will focus on:

- Problem diagnosis and prioritising the challenges to focus on;
- Specific local success measures for the Hastings delivery plan;
- Interventions in response to the problems – the delivery plan;
- Monitoring and revising the delivery plan as necessary.

What support will Opportunity Areas access?

£72 million of new funding to support targeted, local work in a small number of Opportunity Areas to address the biggest challenges each of these areas face.

An innovation fund to improve teaching and leadership, worth £75 million, for the most challenging areas of the country, including Opportunity Areas.

A Strategic School Improvement Fund will prioritise school improvement support in schools and areas of most need, including Opportunity Areas

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Investing in improving careers and enterprise provision in Opportunity Areas through the Careers and Enterprise Company. Each secondary school will have a dedicated enterprise advisor, leading at least four different work experiences.

Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) Research Schools – £3.5m available to establish hubs of expertise across schools, encouraging research and innovation through interventions proven by EEF to advance social mobility. Ark Blacklands is the Hastings research school.

A range of other DfE funded programmes

What we have learnt so far...

- The proportion of pupils achieving a good level of development in early years is above the national average – there is much to build on
- There are some great examples of partnership working delivering results
- There is a thriving arts and culture scene – and organisations are keen to do more to support schools
- While teacher recruitment is challenging, there is a growing Teach First cohort
- There is a group of local employers that work closely with schools to support careers advice and work experience.

But there are some stubborn issues to address

- Only 25% of pupils eligible for free school meals reach expected standards at end of KS2 and KS4
- There are fewer pupils in good and outstanding schools in Hastings than there are nationally
- Attendance is poor, particularly in primary schools and there is high mobility between schools
- Recruiting high quality professionals across all sectors and at all levels, but particularly middle and senior leadership, is difficult.
- Professionals have observed a rise in the numbers of children and young people presenting mental health issues.
- Attainment at age 19 is low, particularly for pupils eligible for free school meals

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Minute Item 9

Regeneration update for LSP Board – 16th October 2017

Hastings Harbour Quarter

Hastings Harbour Quarter announced plans for a 600 berth harbour and 1300 homes at the eastern end of Rock-a-Nore Road on 1st September. The council's cabinet agreed at its meeting on 11th September to support the development of a strategic case for the construction of a harbour quarter at Rock-a-Nore, including seeking external funding and support to take this forward. There is clearly a lot of work still to be done on this project before it reaches the planning stage.

White Rock Area

Our consultants, White Arkitekter, have completed their masterplan for the White Rock area. This can be accessed via the following link:

https://www.hastings.gov.uk/planning/policy/emergingpolicy_guidance/towncentrewhiteterock/

Connecting Hastings and Rother Together Community-Led Local Development (CHART CLLD)

We are still awaiting the outcome for CLLD- CHART. The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) have now completed their quality assurance processes on our stage 2 applications so the next step is to seek final approval from the South East Local Enterprise Partnership European Structural and Investment Funds (SELEP ESIF) Sub-committee, which will be on the 28th of September.

We envisage hearing the outcome towards the beginning of October and full updates will be circulated.

In terms of timescales for CHART project calls, we are currently expecting the first expression of interest calls to open Mid-March/April 2018 until the end of May 2018. European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and European Social Fund (ESF) calls will all open at the same time. We will be running project development workshops before calls open to support local delivery organisations to scope out project ideas. CHART will welcome partnership project proposals and will be running workshops to support partnership development.

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Minute Item 10

LSP – EDG – Summary Notes

Role of Housing Enforcement Team / Legislation

- Key legislation Housing Act 2004 - Part 1 Hazards, Part 2 HMO Licensing, Part 3 Selective Licensing
- Duty to keep under review the condition of housing stock in the area / take enforcement action in relation to Cat 1 hazards / power to action Cat 2 hazards
- Inspect properties using HHSRS looking for hazards that cause issue to health and safety of resident's e.g. excess cold, fire etc.
- In relation to fire we would be looking at issues such as AFD, MOE, effective compartmentation etc.
- In addition to the Housing Act the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, replaced the two major pieces of fire safety legislation, the Fire Precautions Act 1971 and the Fire Precautions (Workplace) Regulations 1997 as amended. The Order consolidates the fire safety provisions of other legislation under one simplified set of goal based requirements. Risk assessment will be used as the basis for compliance and the responsible person on the premises is held liable in the case of any breach.
- When assessing fire safety in HMOs the principle guidance document is the LACoRS guidance on fire safety in certain types of housing published in August 2008.

Housing Stock in Hastings

- HBC – does not own any council property for social housing
- Data – Housing Stock Condition Survey December 2016
- seven selected wards (the study area consists of Braybrooke, Castle, Central St. Leonards, Gensing, Old Hastings, Ore and Tressell),
- 50% in private rented sector
- 71% of dwellings in the area were constructed before 1919 which is much higher than England as a whole (23%). – with that brings ongoing maintenance / repair issues

Initial Response post Grenfell / Actions Taken

- Supported the joint inspection regime of high rise buildings led by ESFRS .In East Sussex, East Sussex Fire and Rescue (ESFR) have prioritised inspections of high rise premises over six floors. ESFR have also produced an audit tool for local stock owning authorities and housing associations when looking at fire safety in their high rise blocks.
- Resulted in joint visits to 4 Courts (Optivo), Marlborough House (Hyde), Royal Terrace (Optivo), Marine Court (private)
- Four Courts - Housing Enforcement Team did 10% sample visit to individual flats and provided findings to Optivo who are actioning an agreed program of works with ESFRS. Programed to be completed by the end of September 2017.
- Optivo With regard to the old communal air vents, we did replace the communal air vent system with an extraction system within each flat in 2011. The ventilation system is now fully contained within each flat and each flat has its own ducting and extraction. The extraction system doesn't run through the communal ducting as the

old ducting was removed in 2011 and the appropriate fire stopping was installed between each flat.

- Royal Terrace – program of works and new fire alarm system being fitted this financial year
- Letters sent to Housing Associations by Andrew - Whilst the immediate concern obviously relates to tower blocks, there is other social housing in Hastings that is above three floors that may have external cladding fitted. We are therefore seeking, from all social landlords, details about all properties that meet this criteria. In respect of blocks, we require information about what cladding may have originally been used and in any subsequent refurbishment to those properties. We would like to understand whether it is considered flammable, whether it has been tested and whether you believe it presents any risk to tenants.
- Friston House (Home Group Ltd) – confirmed via letter did not have ACM cladding on building
- Licensing Team – have written to all previously additionally licenced properties and asked them to provide a declaration that they have the required fire alarm system in place. Early August sent 900 out, so far 200 have been returned. Will be used to assess prioritise which properties are visited first
- 129 Mandatory licenced HMO's which are inspected before licenced issued and conditions put on the licence.

Ongoing Work

- No specific ongoing inspection regime between ESFRS and housing enforcement linked to the Grenfell response.
- We have ongoing general working relationship, as has already been the case. Protocol for who take the lead in certain buildings
- Frequent referrals and joint working regarding fire precautions at properties and work in partnership to address issues raised. (22 coming to housing enforcement team since beginning of year)
- Legislative requirement to consult on fire precautions in any HMO or common parts of a building
- Any inspection visit to a property results in fire hazard being assessed irrespective of what the complainants initial concern is.
- Follow up by licensing team on licence inspection visits

Meeting Notes

Thursday 6 July 2017
Civic Community Hall, Hailsham

IN ATTENDANCE

ESSP Members present:

Mark Andrews
Cllr. Bill Bentley
Carole Dixon
Jeremy Leggett
Steve Manwaring (Chair)
Cllr. Carl Maynard
David Padwick
Ashley Scarff
Keith Stevens
Mark Streater

East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service
East Sussex County Council
SpeakUp Representative
Action in Rural Sussex
SpeakUp Representative
Rother District Council
Sussex Police
High Weald, Lewes & Havens CCG
Sussex Associations of Local Councils
Police and Crime Commissioner Office

Also in attendance (official observers):

Rupert Clubb
Claire Cordell (speaker)
Sarah Feather
Jo Harper

East Sussex County Council
Little Gate Farm
East Sussex County Council
Eastbourne Borough & Lewes District Councils
Hastings Borough Council
East Sussex County Council
Wealden District Council
East Sussex Better Together

Jane Hartnell
Beth McGhee
Trevor Scott (speaker)
Vicky Smith (speaker)

Apologies for absence:

Cllr. Kim Forward
Cllr. Keith Glazier (Vice-Chair)
Nazeya Hussain

Debbie Piggot

Cllr. Elayne Merry
Andrea Saunders
Becky Shaw
Michael Turner
Dawn Whittaker

Hastings Borough Council
East Sussex County Council
Eastbourne Borough & Lewes District Councils
Kent, Surrey and Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company (Seetec)
Lewes District Council
National Probation Service
East Sussex County Council
Environment Agency
East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service

NOTES

1) Introduction – Trevor Scott, Wealden District Council

Steve invited Trevor Scott, Director of Governance and Corporate Services at Wealden District Council (WDC), to give an introductory presentation on the draft new Wealden Local Plan. Trevor outlined the stages of the Plan's production, spoke about the challenges Wealden had faced in the Plan's development (including environmental constraints posed by Ashdown Forest and other protected environments in the district, public concerns and legal requirements), the level of identified housing need in Wealden, future challenges, and next

steps. Following the presentation, the sensitivity of traffic modelling around Ashdown Forest to technological and behavioural changes was discussed.

2) Welcome, Apologies and Urgent items of business

Steve Manwaring welcomed ESSP members, delegates, observers, guests and speakers to the meeting and apologies were given. Steve thanked all Members that replied to Cllr. Keith Glazier's, ESCC and Vice-Chair, email endorsing Steve as Chair and confirmed that he would remain Chair of the Partnership for another two years.

There were no urgent items of business.

3) Notes of the meeting held on 25 April 2017 and Matters Arising

The minutes, were agreed as an accurate record and an update on actions from the meeting was received.

4) Little Gate Farm – Claire Cordell, Little Gate Farm

Steve introduced Claire Cordell, Little Gate Farm, to deliver a presentation on the farm's work to support people with learning disabilities into employment. Claire outlined that the project was set up three years ago to help young people to find paid employment rather than face a lifetime of attendance at day centres. Some progress has been made in recent years to increase the number of adults with learning disabilities in employment: the Government has committed to reducing the employment gap for adults with learning disabilities by 50% and the neighbouring Local Authority areas of Kent and Brighton & Hove have successful schemes in place. Little Gate Farm has built on these successes to provide an innovative rural skills and training centre for adults with learning disabilities and autism.

In the presentation Claire discussed the challenges people with learning disabilities face, how they address the challenges, how their training has developed, what supported employment achieves and how it benefits businesses, the wider community and the learning disabled community. Claire has plans to develop a forum for organisations providing supported employment in East Sussex to develop a more joined up approach in the county, and is encouraging East Sussex organisations to incorporate plans to assist adults with learning disabilities into employment in their strategic plans to maintain momentum.

Following the presentation, a discussion took place in which it was noted that organisations are increasingly recognising that adults with learning disabilities can bring unique skills but many organisations are not aware of the support available to them to provide employment opportunities. It was also noted that although volunteering opportunities can form part of a journey into paid employment, volunteering is not a substitute for paid employment, and the project is not funded to support young adults in volunteering positions.

ACTIONS: All to contact Claire Cordell (littlegatecarefarm@gmail.com) regarding:

- **details of any suitable candidates or employers, particularly local care homes, to take part in the scheme; and**
- **assistance for their organisation supporting adults with learning disabilities into employment.**

Claire Cordell to provide an update on the project at a future ESSP meeting in 2018.

5) Post- Election Discussion – All

Steve introduced the handout, circulated at the start of the meeting, on the announcements in the Queen's Speech expected to impact ESCC and asked partners to provide an update on the anticipated impact of Queen's Speech announcements on their organisations.

Rupert Clubb, ESCC, provided further detail on the key points of the Queen's Speech for ESCC, including:

- Government's plans to consult on proposals to address the funding crisis affecting older people's social care through an Adult Social Care Green Paper in the autumn;
- the promised 100% Business Rates Retention for Local Government was not re-introduced in this Parliament creating uncertainty around Local Government funding, as Authorities' Revenue Support Grant funding will continue to reduce to 2020;
- the Public Sector Pay Cap could be lifted, particularly following the national decision to introduce a 2% pay-rise for the Fire Service;
- possible revisions to the PREVENT Strategy as part of the Counter-Terrorism review; and
- Government are still prioritising Housing growth and investment in infrastructure, but not necessarily in the South East which poses challenges for the future productivity of the region.

Jeremy Leggett, Action in Rural Sussex (AiRS), highlighted the £60m Community Housing Fund that was allocated to District Councils before Christmas. The Department for Communities and Local Government has committed to this fund for the next four years but will not be distributing it in the same way, so AiRS are developing a community-led Housing Advice Service and Hub to allow communities to bid for funding for their own schemes to meet local housing needs. Steve asked for an update on this to be added to the forward plan.

Mark Andrews, East Sussex Fire and Rescue (ESFRS), pointed out that along with growth in housing comes the challenge of meeting response times in emergency situations. Following the fire at Grenfell Tower it is anticipated that the Fire Service will increasingly focus on fire protection.

Jane Hartnell, Hastings Borough Council (HBC), highlighted the uncertainty around the future of certain programmes (particularly fuel poverty and climate change programmes) that currently receive funding from the EU; and that HBC is pleased to see the Domestic Violence Bill in the Queen's Speech because domestic violence is a key concern in Hastings.

Mark Streater, Police and Crime Commissioners Office, and Ashley Scarff, High Weald Lewes and Havens Clinical Commissioning Group (HWLH CCG), said that their organisations would both be challenged by a public sector pay increase and Ashley had concerns regarding the impact that Britain's exit from the EU would have on the NHS workforce. Trevor Scott, WDC, also had concerns that leaving the EU would limit Government's capacity, effectively creating a two year pause in progressing other work.

Rupert Clubb commented on the range of areas that will need to be monitored as Britain exits the EU, including: environmental legislation, the Common Agricultural Policy, skills implications for care, construction, fisheries, and uncertainty in the value of the pound.

ACTION: Sarah Feather/Beth McGhee to add an update on the community-led Housing Advice Service and Hub to the forward plan.

6a) East Sussex Better Together Update – Vicky Smith, East Sussex Better Together and

6b) Connecting 4 You - Ashley Scarff, High Weald Lewes and Havens Clinical Commissioning Group

Steve introduced Vicky Smith, East Sussex Better Together (ESBT), to deliver a presentation on the progress of the ESBT programme which is a partnership between Eastbourne, Hailsham and Seaford Clinical Commissioning Group (EHS CCG), Hastings and Rother

Clinical Commissioning Group (HR CCG), ESCC, East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust and Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, covering the population living in the EHS CCG and HR CCG areas. Vicky updated the Partnership on progress in the ESBT programme since the last update to the ESSP in December 2016. The initial ESBT 150 week programme, set up to galvanise the transformation of health and care services, came to a conclusion in June 2017 and strong progress has been made to redesign care pathways and services that have improved client and patient experience and supported more people.

Much of this transformation is now business as usual and progress has also been made with transitioning to the ESBT Alliance to help the partners act collectively in 2017/18 to deliver further improvements for our local population. This has included developing the following elements of our shadow accountable care system for 2017/18:

- a new formal Alliance Agreement and integrated governance structure;
- a new Strategic Commissioning Board enabling EHS CCG, HR CCG and ESCC to jointly undertake responsibilities for population needs assessment and commissioning health and social care;
- an integrated pilot Outcomes Framework to work with in 2017/18;
- an integrated Strategic Investment Plan for 2017/18 and system-wide financial and performance reporting to ensure funds are aligned; and
- work taking place to explore what locality planning and leadership could look to root the ESBT Alliance delivery model within the context of the wider community based health and care system that supports people's wellbeing.

Vicky highlighted that ESBT has now arrived at a point where we need to consider what the future structure needs to look like to embed all the changes made. This entails undertaking an options appraisal exercise of the legal options for the future ESBT delivery vehicle, and this will be recommended to the sovereign organisations of the ESBT Alliance in July 2017.

Steve then introduced Ashley Scarff to provide details of the Connecting 4 You (C4Y) programme covering the HWLH CCG area. Ashley explained the different partners involved in the C4Y programme and covered how the programme will help to:

- develop a transformation programme to meet the specific needs of the HWLH population;
- develop and introduce a new 'community model of care' for HWLH; and
- develop system leadership to oversee and monitor the whole system of activity and hold the system and each other to account for delivery.

Ashley also highlighted the demographic challenges for HWLH CCG. Mark Andrews outlined ESFRS's support for and role as a partner in the C4Y programme.

A discussion followed in which Mark Streater asked how the victim support service was evolving within the two programmes. Vicky suggested that this could be included as part of the ESBT localities work as it develops to build relationships with the wider network of delivery. Jeremy Leggett asked where the Children's and Adolescent Mental Health Services fitted into the programmes and Ashley explained that this work was carried out across the three CCGs, ESCC and Sussex Partnership Foundation Trust and that this would not change because of ESBT and C4Y. Steve raised that suitable housing will be key to meeting the programme's aim to keep people out of care and in their own homes, and asked about funding for housing adaptations. Ashley confirmed that HWLH will work with Borough and District Councils to ensure housing needs are met, and VS acknowledged the strong partnerships that have historically existed with Housing, and the potential for developing this further as the ESBT Alliance matures as a mechanism for collectively aligning and managing resources and services.

ACTIONS: 6a - Sarah Feather to include the 150 week ESBT video with the minutes.

150 Weeks – East Sussex Better Together' video

6a and 6b - ESBT and C4Y to continue to provide ESSP with updates on the progress of each programme.

7) Assembly Theme

Steve reminded the Partnership that the East Sussex Annual Assembly would take place on Tuesday 7 November, 09.30am-12.30pm, and that the main theme that had been put forward is to focus on crime and safety. Steve emphasised the importance of not replicating other work if this theme is pursued and suggested that the focus could be on 'community confidence', given changes to public sector services and in light of recent national security developments and the Grenfell Tower fire.

All agreed that this was a good way to focus the assembly. Jo Harper outlined that maintaining community confidence was a clear priority for Eastbourne Borough and Lewis District Councils as they merge, and Keith Stevens, Sussex Association of Local Councils, fed back that Parish councils had received lots of queries about fire safety since the fire at Grenfell Tower.

**ACTIONS: All to contact Sarah Feather/Beth McGhee with ideas for topics, discussions and speakers for the Assembly programme.
Steve Manwaring/Sarah Feather/ Beth McGhee to pull together a draft Assembly programme.**

8) Any Other Business

Steve invited Mark Andrews to provide an update on the work of ESFRS since the Grenfell Tower fire. Mark informed the Partnership that very few buildings with outside cladding would be affected in the same way as London high rise buildings and that the full cladding/insulation system and how it was put together had to be considered in safety tests. ESFRS has so far identified 43 buildings with the same outside cladding and will be working with landlords to ensure they meet fire safety requirements. It was unlikely to be necessary to remove cladding from all buildings identified. Mark reassured the Partnership that ESFRS plan to look at all buildings affected by the cladding issue by July 14th 2017 and that ESFRS will continue to work with Local Authorities, housing associations, landlords and others to ensure that high rise accommodation have appropriate fire safety measures in place.

Steve thanked Mark for his update and Cllr Maynard, Rother District Council, commented that public sector organisations will need to consider communications (particularly social media) responses to emergency incidents, both during and post-emergency. Rupert Clubb confirmed that East Sussex emergency plans are in place, which outline the roles of all agencies in responding to emergencies. 'Warning and informing' media strategies are also in place, and the importance of recording decisions made as emergency responses develop was noted. Keith suggested that emergency planning could form a key strand of the East Sussex Assembly programme.

9) Future Meetings:

- East Sussex Annual Assembly, Tuesday 7th November 2017, 09.30am-12.30pm, Eastbourne International Lawn Tennis Centre

SUMMARY OF AGREED ACTIONS –

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A copy of all the presentations from the meeting can be found on the ESSP website (<http://www.essp.org.uk/Meeting-papers-and-reports>).