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Hastings and St Leonards Local Strategic Partnership

Minutes 17 October 2016

Present:

Statutory Sector

Cllr Nick Bennett	East Sussex County Council
John Williams	Sea Change Sussex
Cllr Peter Chowney	Hastings Borough Council
Clive Cooke	SCCH
Jane Fletcher	Ark
Stuart Gallimore	ESCC
Julie Gilbert-King	EFRS
Simon Hubbard	Hastings Borough Council
Jenny Jones	Hastings Academy
Chris Pole	University of Brighton
Anita Turner	Sussex Police
Mike Thompson	Amicus Horizon
Natalie Thorpe	Ark
Richard Watson	Hastings and Rother CCG

Community and Voluntary Sectors

Marie Casey	Hastings Community Network
Carole Dixon	Education Futures Trust
Jacqui Everard	Hastings Community Network
Gerry Loughran	Hastings Community Network
Steve Manwaring	Hastings Community Network
Marc Turczanski	Hastings Community Network

Business Sector

Clive Galbraith	Chamber of Commerce
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In Attendance

Shabana Bayjou	Hastings Borough Council
Cllr Kim Forward	Hastings Borough Council
Andrew Palmer	Hastings Borough Council

Apologies for absence were received from:

Sean Dennis	Let's Do Business
Paul Frost	University of Brighton
Andrew Knight	Chamber of Commerce
Rosie Ross	Sussex Police

1	<p><u>MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>The notes of the July 18th Board meeting were considered.</p> <p>Matters arising: (5) Meetings of key agencies and wider partners have been held to progress the homelessness and street community issues and further updates including shelters and mental health issues will come to the Board as appropriate.</p>	
2	<p><u>INTRODUCTION OF NEW ARK DIRECTOR AND OVERVIEW OF RESPONSIBILITIES AND CHALLENGES</u></p> <p>Jane Fletcher introduced herself as the new Director of the Ark academies, Helenswood and William Parker, she is also acting as the Executive Principal at William Parker until a permanent head is appointed.</p> <p>The academies are currently doing well with sixth form results at above the national average but a clear improvement programme is in place to achieve further advancements and meetings with partners to build a strong network have been convened. Narrowing the gap between disadvantaged pupils and others and recruitment and training of staff are key priorities.</p> <p>Partners welcomed Jane to the town and to the Board and expressed their commitment to working together to raise educational outcomes across the town.</p>	
3	<p><u>OVERVIEW OF HASTINGS EDUCATION RESULTS: UNVALIDATED PROVISIONAL RESULTS</u></p> <p>Stuart Gallimore was in attendance to give his annual update on educational results from Hastings schools. Figures are still provisional but the final data is not expected to alter the headline trends.</p> <p>The Board thanked Stuart for the presentation, raising the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High number of FSM in early years big changes why? • High number of primary aged children attending school outside of the town • data excludes special needs sector • can we get this info breakdown to ward or SOA level • Update on Free school applications • Pupils changing schools <p>Carole Dixon reported that the MP is prioritising early years provision and will now be attending the Head Teachers meetings to effect an increase in nursery places for preschool children as a key driver to narrow the gap in educational attainment.</p> <p>Stuart reported that further information will be available when a full analysis has been completed and although not routinely undertaken, additional investigation work could drill down to specific areas if required.</p> <p>‘Churn’ remains an issue in Hastings. There is anecdotal evidence regarding children resident in Hastings travelling to out of town schools, this is something noted across the region as parents can perceive schools in rural areas as better performing.</p> <p>A number of bids have been submitted for the establishment of Free schools in the area including those focussing on special and additional needs. A decision on</p>	

	<p>these expressions of interest is awaited from the Department for Education.</p> <p>He welcomed the MP's intervention in early years provision as County have a responsibility to ensure there are sufficient places.</p>	
<u>4</u>	<p><u>SCCH OVERVIEW OF RESULTS, NEW APPRENTICESHIPS AND REVIEW OF POST 16 EDUCATION</u></p> <p>Clive Cooke reported on this year's attainment at SCCH. There many instances of above national average achievements in specific areas although a small number of A level subjects and GCSE achievements have been highlighted as requiring improvement. The College accepts responsibility for learning and teaching failings in these areas and commits to make improvements next year.</p> <p>The Board thanked Clive for the information.</p> <p>Clive Galbraith reflected that it is ten years since the inception of the town's Learning and Skills Group and questioned how the group's aspirations have been achieved in that time.</p> <p>Clive responded that the overall position is good although growth has been mainly in vocational training or apprenticeships. This is reflected in the improved educational results.</p> <p>The Board noted the high performance of students from poorer backgrounds and disadvantaged postcodes and the good choice of future pathways and employment rates for those graduating from academic studies and apprenticeships.</p>	
<u>5</u>	<p><u>HIGHER EDUCATION IN HASTINGS: RESEARCH PROJECT UPDATE</u></p> <p>Simon reported that the final report on higher education provision in the town from the BiGGAR consultants is expected very soon. This will first be presented at the Hastings and Bexhill Taskforce meeting before being released to the LSP Board for information and then made public.</p>	
<u>6</u>	<p><u>ANTI-POVERTY STRATEGY REFRESH</u></p> <p>Andrew Palmer presented the refreshed Anti-Poverty strategy which requires ratification by the LSP as owners of the document. The strategy prioritises education and employment, health inequalities and access to affordable housing. Instead of an associated action plan, a position statement will now come to the Board annually to inform them of progress over the previous twelve months including key performance data and action for the coming year.</p> <p>Mike Thompson pledged the support of Amicus Horizon, the strategy addresses some of their key concerns resulting from benefits reforms and Universal Credit implementation. Richard Watson also voiced the support of the CCG who are in the process of developing plans for the next three years to deliver health outcomes, reducing homelessness and poor quality housing will be instrumental in achieving these.</p> <p>Andrew confirmed the APS will link with other town wide policies to provide a comprehensive strategy to tackle inequality and deprivation. Further updates and key performance measures will be reported as appropriate.</p> <p>RESOLVED: the Board unanimously voted to adopt the strategy.</p>	

<u>7</u>	<u>EXECUTIVE DELIVERY GROUP NOTES: 19 SEPTEMBER</u> To follow.	
<u>8</u>	<u>EAST SUSSEX STRATEGIC ASSEMBLY: 13 SEPTEMBER</u> To follow.	
<u>9</u>	<u>NEXT MEETING DATE: 30 JANUARY 2017</u>	