

## Hastings and St Leonards Local Strategic Partnership

Minutes 25 January 2016

### Present:

#### Statutory Sector

Cllr Nick Bennett	East Sussex County Council
Alan Blackwell	Sea Change Sussex
Bruce Campbell	Job Centre Plus
Cllr Peter Chowney	Hastings Borough Council
Clive Cooke	Sussex Coast College Hastings
Paul Evans	ESFRS
Paul Frost	University of Brighton
Clive Galbraith	Chamber of Commerce
Simon Hubbard	Hastings Borough Council
Jenny Jones	Hastings Academy
Mike Thompson	Amicus Horizon
Richard Watson	Hastings and Rother CCG

#### Community and Voluntary Sectors

Lawrence Bell	Hastings Community Network
Paul Bennett	Hastings Community Network
Marie Casey	Hastings Community Network
Carole Dixon	Education Futures Trust
Julie Eason	Hastings Community Network
Steve Manwaring	Hastings Community Network
Marc Turczanski	Hastings Community Network
Catherine Watson	Hastings Community Network

#### Business Sector

Andrew Knight	Chamber of Commerce
Sean Dennis	Let's Do Business

#### In Attendance

Monica Adams-Acton	Hastings Borough Council
Viki Ashby	Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Shabana Bayjou	Hastings Borough Council
Debra Humphris	University of Brighton
Andrew Palmer	Hastings Borough Council
Angela Pickett	Amicus Horizon
Angus Singleton	Hastings Borough Council

#### Apologies for absence were received from:

Cllr Nick Bennett	East Sussex County Council
Cliff Slack	Hastings Community Network

#### **1** DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

#### **2** MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

	<p>The minutes of the LSP Board meeting held on October 19<sup>th</sup> 2015 were noted and agreed as an accurate record.</p> <p>Matters Arising –</p> <p>(4) Bathing Water Quality: Simon reported that the bathing water quality results have been good, and in some cases excellent. This is a prime example of how partnership working can be undertaken to achieve great success. Work will continue to ensure we maintain or even further improve our rating.</p> <p>(3) Education: Carole Dixon informed the board that Mark Philips has now left Ark William Parker and a new representative on LSP will need to be identified to maintain our links with the school. Jenny Jones reported that a joint principal for William Parker and Helenswood is being sought.  <b>Action: Shabana to investigate</b></p> <p>The additional data on in year admissions, exclusion figures, numbers of children in the town who are educated elsewhere or may only be attending school on a part time basis is expected to be received via Fiona Wright as soon as it is available.</p>	
<p><b><u>3</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW VICE CHANCELLOR AND OVERVIEW FOR HASTINGS CAMPUS</u></b></p> <p>Professor Debra Humphris, the new Vice Chancellor of the University of Brighton, was in attendance to introduce herself to the Board. The university’s strategy for 2016-21 is now being considered and an internal review of their operation in Hastings is being undertaken to inform this process. She explained that the university has not attracted the number of students it had hoped for into its Hastings campus, and all options are being considered. Nothing is being ruled in or out at this stage. The university’s relationship with the Academies Trust will not form part of the review.</p> <p>A firm of specialist accountants, BDO, have been approached to undertake the work for the university, and they are expected to prepare a report for consideration by the university board by March.</p> <p>The Board welcomed the opportunity to input into this review, a focus group of interested partners will be convened to develop a strong case for the university’s further investment in Hastings. <b>Action: Shabana</b></p>	
<p><b><u>4</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>PUBLIC SERVICES AND MANAGING DEMAND IN AN AREA OF HIGH DEPRIVATION - IMD</u></b></p> <p>Angus Singleton, Policy and Performance Coordinator at HBC gave a presentation on the 2015 Indices of Multiple Deprivation. More analysis has been carried out on the result than we’ve ever done before to give the most accurate picture of how Hastings has changed since the last IMD and how we compare with other areas.</p>	

	<p>Pockets of deprivation within the town, especially in some of the major social housing estates, remain. As a result the gap between rich and poor is increasing; gentrification in certain areas may be resulting in displacement of more disadvantaged residents and is a matter of concern.</p> <p>Many of the Board partners recognised the challenges within particular areas of the town in relation to their service provision and that in many cases the same individuals or families will be involved. However, Jenny Jones highlighted the improvement in school performance as reflected in the league tables.</p> <p>More research and analysis is needed to further understand the situation to inform interventions.</p>	
<p><b><u>5</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>PROPOSED RESTRUCTURING OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE</u></b></p> <p>Viki Ashby, Youth Service Project Manager at Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust gave a presentation on mental health services for young people in the area. A one year pilot has been funded based on the service model in Crawley to improve the service and will commence in April. In the past the transition between youth and adult mental health services has been poor and mental health issues can contribute to exclusions and early exit from education.</p> <p>The board welcomed the new project and were keen to offer support where possible. However they cautioned that improving young people’s services without addressing problems in adult services post transition will be a false economy. Richard Watson added that GPs welcomed the project too.</p> <p>Viki welcomed engagement and feedback from all partners.</p>	
<p><b><u>6</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>OPENING OF THE SOURCE PARK</u></b></p> <p>Richard Moore was in attendance to give an update on the Source BMX Skate Park which is opening next month. A great deal of press and publicity is expected on opening day and he extended his thanks to the borough council and to the University of Brighton for their help and advice during the planning and construction.</p> <p>The Board expressed their excitement and extended congratulations to Richard and his brother for their achievement. Jenny Jones invited Richard to speak at her school assemblies to inspire pupils. Ensuring the town has adequate accommodation provision will be a pertinent issue but hopefully the demand for more accommodation will encourage more businesses.</p>	
<p><b><u>7</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>FOR INFORMATION ITEMS</u></b></p> <p>The following reports were noted for information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seawater bathing quality update</li> <li>• Regeneration update</li> </ul>	

<b><u>8</u></b>	<b><u>EXECUTIVE DELIVERY GROUP NOTES 8 DECEMBER 2015</u></b>  The minutes of the last LSP EDG meeting were noted for information.	
<b><u>9</u></b>	<b><u>EAST SUSSEX STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP DRAFT NOTES 8 SEPTEMBER 2015</u></b>  The minutes of the last ESSP meeting were noted for information.	
<b><u>10</u></b>	<b><u>URGENT ITEMS</u></b>  An additional agenda item for this meeting is an update on the Source skate park development in the former White Rock Baths.  Marc Turczanski requested a report on the County Council's ongoing restructure of Children's Services to come to the April Board meeting.	
<b><u>11</u></b>	<b><u>NEXT MEETING DATE: MONDAY 25 APRIL 2016</u></b>	