

Hastings and St Leonards Local Strategic Partnership Agenda

Monday, 25 January 2016 at 10.00 am

Sussex Coast College Hastings - Station Plaza

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10 minute presentation and 10 minute discussion	
6. Public services and managing demand in an area of high deprivation - Angus Singleton	
10 minute presentation and 10 minute discussion	
<u>BREAK - 10 minutes</u>	
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Minutes 19 October 2015

Present:

Statutory Sector	
Cllr Nick Bennett	East Sussex County Council
Alan Blackwell	Sea Change Sussex
Cllr Peter Chowney	Hastings Borough Council
Nigel Cusack	ESFRS
Paul Griffiths	University of Brighton
Simon Hubbard	Hastings Borough Council
Jenny Jones	Hastings Academy
Paul Phelps	Sussex Police
Mark Phillips	Ark Academies
Mike Thompson	Amicus Horizon
Fiona Wright	East Sussex County Council

Community and Voluntary Sectors	
Carole Dixon	Education Futures Trust
Steve Manwaring	Hastings Community Network
Suzy Lawrence-Strachan	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	
Dan Channon	Sussex Police
Cllr Kim Forward	Hastings Borough Council

Apologies for absence were received from:	
Bruce Campbell	Job Centre Plus
Marie Casey	Hastings Community Network
Clive Cooke	Sussex Coast College Hastings
Paul Frost	University of Brighton
Clive Galbraith	Chamber of Commerce
Nikki Homewood	Brighton Housing Trust
Cliff Slack	Hastings Community Network
Richard Watson	Hastings and Rother CCG

1	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>	
	Steve Manwaring declared his position on the Hastings Academies Trust, Education Futures Trust and the Sea Change Sussex Board.	
2	<u>MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING</u>	
	The minutes of the July Board meeting were noted with no matters arising.	

3**EDUCATION**

Presentations were received from Fiona Wright from East Sussex County Council, Paul Griffiths from the Hastings Academies and Mark Phillips from Ark Secondary Academies.

Fiona gave an update on the results achieved within Hastings schools and academies this year. The results in key stages 1, 2 and 4 are very encouraging with initial indications that Hastings is making gains against the County and national averages as well as narrowing the gap between disadvantaged children and their peers.

Paul also reported an overall trend of improvement at both primary and secondary academies in the town with only Hastings Academy seeing a fall in results.

He also reported that Deborah Humphries will be new vice chancellor at the University of Brighton, replacing Julian Crampton.

Mark Philips reported that the Ark Academies are now fully staffed after the restructure and are expecting a 'good' judgement at the next Ofsted inspection, 12 months since they were judged as 'requiring improvement'. Results show an improvement for both Helenswood and William Parker but the real challenge will be to maintain this standard in future years.

Discussion.

The Board welcomed the indicative improved results and recognised the overarching issue of making Hastings an attractive place to come to live and work to address recruitment problems. A common framework between schools is required to address this.

Additional data was requested regarding:

- 'In year' admissions as this is a key factor impacting on performance
- Exclusion figures
- Children within the town who are educated elsewhere
- Children who may only be attending school on a part time basis as a result of special needs

Fiona, Mark and Paul assured the Board that they are working together to address recruitment and retention issues by sharing resources, considering national and international opportunities for recruitment as well as developing and promoting existing staff. This is a problem facing schools across the country.

County and head teachers have been working with excluded children to help them return with the minimum delays as well as identifying those at risk. Parents are dissuaded from moving children within the academic year wherever possible. There is less capacity to do this at the moment as local schools are currently fully subscribed. Jenny Jones added that with only 4 secondary schools in the town this adds to our vulnerability in regard to with

	<p>recruitment and any growth in special needs numbers.</p> <p>Mark reported that regular meetings with the SEN team are held to improve delivery for pupils with special educational needs but Hastings does have a high proportion of such children so we do need additional resources in order to address this.</p> <p>Fiona committed to consider if the requested data can be provided and report back. Action: Fiona Wright.</p>	
<u>4</u>	<p><u>SEAWATER BATHING QUALITY UPDATE</u></p> <p>Steve Manwaring gave an update on the seawater bathing quality improvements. We are still awaiting the official results from Defra but our own interim sampling has shown that we have made some progress in addressing the problems. As a result, Hastings has been identified as best practice model. If Defra award us 'sufficient' or above there will still be work to be done to maintain and continue improvement.</p>	
<u>5</u>	<p><u>SYRIAN REFUGEES UPDATE</u></p> <p>Simon reported that the borough council is supportive of taking a share of the Syrian refugees requiring resettlement. How this will be coordinated with County Council and how support will be provided from central government is still unclear. Discussions with the home office continue; we do not expect to know the details until the New Year. Further updates will follow as appropriate.</p> <p>The Board supported the Council's stance in welcoming refugees to the town and noted that the resettled communities will include a number of families who will need a range of services for support and integration into the local community. Schools may see a rise in pupils with English as a second language and we need to monitor this to ensure adequate provision is available.</p> <p>Although allocations are currently on a voluntary basis the situation should be closely monitored as the situation is constantly changing.</p>	
<u>6</u>	<p><u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u></p> <p>The Board noted the standing items reports for Anti-Poverty, Regeneration and Family Keywork and the notes of the last EDG and ESSP meetings.</p>	
<u>7</u>	<p><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></p> <p>Simon reported that the new Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) has been released. Hastings is currently rated as the 20th most deprived town in the Country; in the last IMD we were 19th. However the data is very complex and further analysis is being undertaken to clarify the precise nature of any changes at super outlook area level as these pockets of deprivation can impact on our overall rating.</p>	

Hastings and Bexhill are submitting a first stage application in November to become a Community Led Local Development (CLLD) area.

Resolved: The Board supported this application and noted that it may enable us to address some of this directly.

Paul Phelps reported that a home office peer review re gangs and violence will be carried out on the local force in early December. Partners should be aware that they may be contacted to be interviewed to inform this process.

8 NEXT MEETING DATE: MONDAY 25TH JANUARY 2016 10AM (VENUE TO BE CONFIRMED)

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BATHING WATER QUALITY UPDATE FOR LSP JANUARY 2016

Southern Water, the Environment Agency and Hastings Borough Council joined forces to tackle various sources of pollution which were putting the town at risk of failing tough new water quality standards.

Together they have found and fixed a variety of problems which have meant the town's bathing water has passed the tightened standards – which are twice as tough as last year.

The successful project means the bathing water, which was predicted to be classed as poor, now passes the new standard and is classed as good (excellent at St Leonards).

A major source of contamination was found to be misconnections – when foul sewers carrying wastewater from homes to the town's treatment works are wrongly connected into surface water pipes through which rainwater is released into the sea.

Finding these was a priority for Southern Water's contractors MWH and WERM who lifted more than 2,000 manholes and checked more than 1,200 properties in the town. At the same time the teams also identified and upgraded manholes shared by wastewater and surface water pipes which can be a source of contamination during heavy rain.

We had about 81 potential misconnections past over to us to investigate between Jan 2014 and June 2015. Out of those only 2 remain o/s due to access issues.

HBC have served 31 Building Act notices all remediated without works in default being required.

At the same time, the Environment Agency and the council set about cleaning the Alexandra Park stream. The work included the installation of floating vegetated islands in ponds linked to the stream to help clean the water that flows out to sea.

Helping communicate this wide-ranging project to the people of Hastings was Clean Seas Please – a community led campaign managed by Hastings Voluntary Action and Rother Voluntary Action.

With support from the Environment Agency and Southern Water, volunteers from Clean Seas Please held a series of high profile events across the town. The wide-ranging and successful campaign focused on encouraging people to check their domestic plumbing for misconnections and to only flush the three Ps – pee, poo and paper – everything else should go in the bin.

Over the winter SWS have continued to survey their infra-structure in different parts of the borough, particularly on the Eastern side which drains into the Ore Stream. Any potential misconnections they identify will be referred to the Council's environmental health service for follow up action.

Another phase of sustainable urban drainage works is being implemented within the Alexandra Park stream and pond system. This is jointly funded by HBC and the Environment Agency.

Given that the results for last summer were very good, and that the good work continues which should result in even better water quality in years to come, the justification for an engineering solution such as a long sea outfall is far less than it might have been. However, further research on a different form of outfall is being carried out.

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LSP Board 25th January 2016 – Regeneration update

Cultural Programme

A successful 2015 Stade Saturdays programme ended with a widely praised performance by Sonpikkante on October 3rd with audience numbers at 12704 for the season's 14 events, averaging 907 per event with 440 members of the public involved in related workshops or taking part in performances themselves.

Coastal Currents 2015 evaluation figures have been returned and show that the 3 way partnership of local companies Creative Coast and Sweet and Dandy with Home Live Arts have established a strong visual arts brand for Hastings by recording attendances of 36,000 and a nationwide profile.

Further cultural profile enhancing events over the last 4 months have been the Black Huts Festival (literature, music and film) supported by the HBC arts leverage fund and Hastings Storytelling Festival both of which received funding from Arts Council England.

We continue to invest time and resources in the Hastings & Rother Arts Education Network to ensure a wide ranging and high quality cultural offer is available to greatest number of children and young people in Hastings and Rother schools.

ROOT 1066 International Festival

The curated programme for ROOT 1066 in September 2016 has now been agreed and the schedule of events is currently being finalised. Projects for the festival will include local, national and international artists. While promoting the town and local area both nationally and internationally the projects will also provide opportunities for local community engagement. The ROOT 1066 brand has been launched and coincided with the rebranding of Visit 1066 Country Marketing. This coordinated approach will assist with the longevity of both the Festival and local tourism offer. The initial launch raised national media interest.

Hastings based DNA have been employed to market ROOT 1066 and to create and maintain the ROOT 1066 website. Two further companies, Hot Cherry and Brera, will maximise the promotion of the Festival to a larger and varied audience through social media outlets.

950th Anniversary of the Battle of Hastings

As we start 2016 we're getting very excited about it being the 950th anniversary of the Battle of Hastings. English Heritage have said that the battle is the most significant anniversary nationally in 2016, and the Royal Mint have publicly announced their special commemorative 'Battle of Hastings' 50p, which will be an ongoing advert for us, in people's pockets! Both stories have generated great publicity for Hastings and 1066 Country, which we have been very happy to help publicise too. With plans being finalised for our ROOT 1066 international contemporary arts festival, and a whole series of events marking the anniversary itself, 2016 should be a great year for our visitor economy.

Reducing Health Inequalities

Hastings Borough Council, on behalf of Hastings and Rother Clinical Commissioning Group's (CCG) has commenced a consultation and research exercise to inform proposals for the development of Health and Wellbeing Centres in the Hastings and St Leonards and the Bexhill area. The project was initiated as part of a programme of activities to tackle health inequalities in Hastings and Rother. The programme follows reports produced by the CCG and East Sussex County Council's Public Health department in 2014.

A partnership, consisting of the statutory and voluntary sector representatives, has been established to manage the development of the wellbeing centres proposals. Final recommendations of the exercise will be presented to the CCG Board for consideration in spring 2016.

8 DECEMBER 2015

Present: Shabana Bayjou, Alan Blackwell, Marie Casey, Clive Cooke, Carole Dixon, Clive Galbraith, Stuart Gallimore, Simon Hubbard, Angus Singleton, Mike Thompson, Richard Watson and Catherine Watson

Apologies for absence were noted for Bruce Campbell, Cllr Peter Chowney, Nigel Cusack, Paul Frost, Steve Manwaring and Paul Phelps.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

In the absence of Police representation the Peer Review/Home Office Inspection update will take place at the next meeting.

2. MINUTES AND ACTIONS

The minutes of the last EDG meeting held on 14th September were noted and agreed.

Matters Arising:

(7) Simon gave an update on the situation regarding Syrian refugees. It is still unclear how any financial support will be provided for resettled refugees. All Sussex Local Authorities are being consulted and more information should be available in the New Year.

(8) Carole Dixon reported that as a result of the education scrutiny review a round table summit with relevant partners is being convened to discuss wider aspects such as recruitment and retention of staff and the image of Hastings. Any findings or actions will be feedback as appropriate.

3. MIND THE GAP UPDATE

Mind the Gap Project Feedback- Shabana updated EDG on the progress of the Mind the Gap review. Work has been ongoing and with partners and more detailed data added from other sources included the Indices of Multiple Deprivation. Thanks were extended to Clive Cooke who has had to withdraw from overseeing this review due to other commitments.

Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) - Angus Singleton was in attendance to give a presentation on the recently released and updated IMD. Although the information is compiled from data gathered some time ago, the results give a useful snapshot in time to chart our progress especially against comparator coastal areas. The results indicate that pockets of particular deprivation are concentrated in some of the housing estates within the town.

The following webpage provides detailed information regarding individual SOAs in Hastings.
<http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/imd2015/esimdgoogle/atlas.html>

Think Tank - It was suggested that a small group be set up to examine how to use the IMD data most effectively in the short and longer term to impact on the identified pockets of deprivation. Clive Cooke agreed to manage the establishment of this group made up of organisations whose core business is tackling barriers to health, housing and education.

The EDG recommended that:

- A demographic analysis, especially the turnover of residents within the specified areas should be undertaken. Amicus resident records and HBC benefits data may be useful to inform this research
- Other LEP partners might be interested in similar research within their areas and should be kept informed of our progress and findings
- The University may have current research projects that we could tap into
- Any actions will be dependent upon our current resources

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4. ESCC BUDGET REDUCTION AND CONSULTATION

Stuart Gallimore gave an update on the progress of the draft County budget which has been in consultation since October. This will be presented to full council in February when the final 2016/17 savings will be agreed.

All partners reiterated their concerns regarding how the continuing cuts will affect organisations already struggling with reduced resources and increasing demand. The impact will be on the most vulnerable residents, in particular those presenting with mental health issues especially as it has recently been confirmed that the Police restructuring will go ahead as planned despite a better than expected outcome from the autumn statement.

Stuart confirmed that more analysis will be undertaken by County's policy unit but it will be impossible to completely mitigate impact on service provision. He urged all partners to keep engaged in the consultation.

5. POST 16 AREA REVIEW

Clive Cooke reported on the post 16 education review that is being undertaken as a result of the Comprehensive Spending Review. Phase one is currently being carried out and the curriculum has been analysed. Few gaps were identified; the main areas of concern highlighted were student pathways and emerging skills needs.

The worst case scenario is a merge with another college against our will. Although the Governing Body are not bound to abide by the outcome of the review any decision against the recommendations would only be taken in exceptional circumstances.

6. DEVOLUTION

Simon reported that the 3SC led bid is being developed in consultation with the relevant authorities. The potential benefits are still unclear and the current LEP structures may need to be revised if they are to be fit for purpose if and when devolution occurs. Further updates will come as appropriate.

7. COMMUNITY LED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

A briefing note was submitted outlining progress of the CLLD bid. The stage 1 application has been submitted and the outcome expected in January. If successful the programme will commence in April 2017.

8. DRAFT LSP AGENDA MONDAY 25 JANUARY

The agenda for the January LSP Board meeting was distributed for information.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Carole Dixon shared the good news that the Education Futures Trust has achieved national recognition after being awarded an RBS Skills and Opportunities Fund grant. The board offered their congratulations.

10. DATE OF NEXT EDG MEETING: MONDAY 14 MARCH 2016 10AM AQUILA HOUSE

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Meeting Notes

Tuesday 8 September 2015
East Sussex Fire and Rescue
Headquarters, Eastbourne

IN ATTENDANCE

ESSP Members present:

Jessica Britton

Cllr. Chris Dowling

Michael Gough-Bouijs

Neil Honor (speaker)

Jeremy Leggett

Steve Manwaring (Chair)

Cllr. Carl Maynard

Graham Peters

Ashley Scarff

Michael Turner

Gary Walsh

Eastbourne, Hailsham & Seaford, and
Hastings & Rother CCG

East Sussex County Council

JobCentre Plus

Sussex Police

Action in Rural Sussex

SpeakUp Representative

Rother District Council

Team East Sussex

High Weald Lewes Havens CCG

Environment Agency

East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service

Also in attendance (official observers):

Louise Barr

Indea Cadman-Rivers

Sarah Feather

Jane Hartnell

Vicki Holland (speaker)

Samantha Loughran (speaker)

Becky Shaw

DCLG

East Sussex County Council

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Apologies for absence:

Peter Archer

Cllr. Keith Glazier (Vice-Chair)

Kamini Sanghani

Keith Stevens

Cllr. Rob Blackman

Katy Bourne

Federation of Small Businesses

East Sussex County Council

Seetec

Sussex Associations of Local Councils

Lewes District Council

Police and Crime Commissioner

NOTES

1) Welcome and Apologies

Steve Mainwaring welcomed ESSP members, delegates, observers, guests and speakers to the meeting. Apologies were given and those attending on behalf of others were identified. Steve also thanked East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service for hosting ESSP at their headquarters.

2) Urgent items of business

None

3) Notes of the meeting held on 21 May 2015 and Matters Arising

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

4) Demonstration from the East Sussex Community Information Service (ESCIS) – Vicki Holland and Sam Loughran

Steve introduced Vicki Holland and Sam Loughran to speak about ESCIS and reminded partners of the increasing importance of understanding available services (allowing for greater community resilience) and how to access both services and key information.

The East Sussex Community Information Service (ESCIS) is an online database of local and community information, which can be found at www.escis.org.uk. ESCIS holds information about approximately 7500 organisations based in East Sussex and Brighton & Hove which cover information and advice; voluntary welfare and health; support groups; clubs and societies etc. The database can be easily searched either by particular field or geographic area.

There is the capability to include an ESCIS widget (search box) on your organisation's website. Partners are also able to support the promotion of the service by advertising ESCIS in their respective publications. Should you wish to advertise your organisation, install the search box, publicise the service or have any questions or feedback, please contact Vicki Holland (Vicki.Holland@eastsussex.gov.uk) or Samantha Loughran (Samantha.Loughran@eastsussex.gov.uk).

Steve thanked Vicki and Sam for a very informative talk.

ACTION: Partners to contact Vicki Holland (Vicki.Holland@eastsussex.gov.uk) or Samantha Loughran (Samantha.Loughran@eastsussex.gov.uk) regarding ESCIS.

5) The future of public services (Discussion) – All

As an outcome of the ESSP review, it was agreed that there is positive value in the partnership and members see ESSP as a forum to discuss the issues, relationships between partners but also how to mitigate the challenges being faced within the public sector due to the current financial challenges.

The purpose of the discussion was to understand the current national, financial trend and context, the future of Public Services and how partners can work together.

Becky Shaw provided an introduction to the debate and discussed challenges that faced the public sector and East Sussex as a county. Becky discussed the recent downward trend of public expenditure and the resultant need to manage gaps and expectations. It was agreed that this presentation would be shared with the ESSP.

Becky also discussed the importance of new forms of working and cited the 3SC devolution bid between East Sussex County Council, Surrey County Council and West Sussex County Council as an example.

Chief Superintendent Neil Honnor gave a presentation on The Sussex Local Policing Model. Sussex Police will be a smaller organisation with 700 fewer officers and staff (500 police officers and 200 staff) delivering local policing over the next five years. It is thought that a further 300 posts elsewhere in the force will go in a bid to save a further £56 million by 2020.

Neil outlined some key changes for the future and how policing districts will be combined for effective command, consistency and partnership working.

The need for a joined up approach for PR/consultation was emphasised to mitigate the public's concerns/miscommunications about changes and mediate the impact.

Partners were then asked to contribute and share their responses to the following questions, as circulated with the agenda:

- What are the key things that you've learnt that we need to apply?
- What are the key areas where residents will see a difference?
- What does this mean for partnerships and how we work together to make the best use of reduced resources?

Environment Agency –

Michael Turner commented on the continued reducing number of employees, both locally and nationally, within the Environment Agency. Although there is to be continued national and local frontline services, a regional tier has been removed. The Environment Agency now has a closer working relationship with DEFRA; with shared back-office functions whilst maintaining a high-quality service. Some back-office services have been out sourced to a private shared service provider.

A major funding review is taking place within Defra which will shape the Environment Agency's services over the foreseeable future, particularly around flood defence investment, enforcement, environmental improvements to rivers and biodiversity, engagement with communities around nuisance from sites with environmental permits, enforcement and incident response.

The Environment Agency continues to focus on its major incident response service. It shall not be attending minor incidents, which are often those that cause nuisance within communities and escalation to councillors. It was acknowledged that managing expectations will be important across the board so issues are not fruitlessly escalated.

The Environment Agency will continue to rely on partners to support improvements in the quality of rivers and bathing waters to meet legal standards.

East Sussex County Council (ESCC) –

Becky highlighted areas that ESCC was focusing on to make efficiencies and also acknowledged the need for partners to realise that there's going to be gaps. The newly-elected, Conservative MPs in county are both cohesive and committed to East Sussex and

there was a discussion about how the ESSP could utilise the political voice of MPs to encourage them to understand the impact of the changes on the ground.

It was agreed that relevant reports concerning plans to accommodate the changes to public services would be circulated to members.

Steve asked partners to provide brief documents specifying their organisation's stance on the above questions. This would then help in setting ESSP's agenda as a partnership, allowing us to begin to understand strategic commonalities amongst public sector.

ACTION: Introductory presentation to be sent out with the minutes.

ACTION: Partners to provide brief documents specifying their organisation's stance on the above questions.

6) Any other business

Meetings are being held with all East Sussex Councils to talk about a co-ordinated response to the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday 7 September stating that the UK will accept up to 20,000 refugees from Syria over the next five years.

7) Future meetings:

- 8 December, East Sussex Assembly, Hardwick Suite, International Lawn Tennis Centre

SUMMARY OF AGREED ACTIONS –	
Item	Action
4	Partners to contact Vicki Holland (Vicki.Holland@eastsussex.gov.uk) or Samantha Loughran (Samantha.Loughran@eastsussex.gov.uk) regarding ESCIS.
5	Introductory presentation to be sent out with the minutes.
5	Partners to provide brief documents specifying their organisation's stance on the above questions.

Agenda Item 15

Hastings & St Leonards <i>strategic</i> partnership Meeting dates 2016/17	
Executive Delivery Group	LSP Board
Tues 8th December 2015 11am Town Hall	Mon 25th January 2016 10am Aquila House (Please report to Tourist Information Centre)
Mon March 14th 2016 10am Aquila House	Mon 25th April 2016 10am Aquila House
Wed 22nd June 2016 10am Aquila House	Mon 18th July 2016 10am Aquila House
Mon 19th September 2016 10am Aquila House	Mon 17th October 2016 10am Aquila House
Tues 13th December 2016 10am Aquila House	Mon 30th January 2017 10am Aquila House

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