

Hastings and St Leonards Local Strategic Partnership

Agenda

Monday, 24 April 2017 at 10.00 am - Council Chamber, Muriel Matters House, Breeds Place, Hastings. East Sussex, TN34 3UY

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6. District Commander - challenges and priorities for Hastings, Chief Inspector Steve Curry (10 mins plus 10mins discussion)	
10 minute break	
7. Universal Credit Roll out of Full Service and the Benefit Cap - Wayne Edmunds, County Partnership Manager, DWP (15 mins)	
8. Response from Advice Agencies - Teresa Andrews, HARC	
9. Impact of welfare reform and Universal Credit - joint presentation (15 mins)	
Prepared by the following: Gemma Glass, Financial Inclusion Manager, Amicus Horizon Mark Walker, Income Manager, Amicus Horizon Zoe Jackson, Head of Community Development, Amicus Horizon Mike Thompson, Head of Area, Amicus Horizon	
Discussion 30 minutes (items 6-9)	
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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

<p><u>10</u></p>	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></p> <p>None</p>	
<p><u>11</u></p>	<p><u>DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT, PERSONAL RESILIENCE - VICTORIA SPENCER HUGHES, ESCC (10MINS PLUS 10MINS QUESTIONS)</u></p> <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>	
<p><u>12</u></p>	<p><u>HIGHER EDUCATION IN HASTINGS - CLIVE COOKE, SCCH (10 MINS)</u></p> <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>	

	<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.</p>	
<p>13</p>	<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>	
<p>14</p>	<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. 	
<p>15</p>	<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>	

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Regeneration update for LSP Board

Hastings Draft Heritage Strategy

The Drury McPherson Partnership was commissioned by Hastings Borough Council to produce a heritage strategy for Hastings. Following work and consultation during the last few months, the draft strategy is now currently out for consultation and can be accessed via the HBC website at:

http://www.hastings.gov.uk/my_council/consultations/draftheritagestrategy/

The closing date for comments is Friday, 28th April.

White Rock Area

Our consultants, White Arkitekter, are finalising their masterplan for the White Rock area, and we are expecting them to produce their draft document shortly. This will be circulated to the LSP when published.

Hastings Pier

Jo Stewart has now started work as the chief executive of the Hastings Pier Charity, and is working closely with Hastings Borough Council officers and other partner organisations to develop a business plan for the future. It was announced on Monday 3rd April that the pier had been given the 'Pier of the Year' award.

Coastal Communities Fund 4

The recent bid to the Coastal Communities Fund for a grant worth £812,770 for a new project called 'Destination White Rock, Hastings – Continuing the Economic Revival', has been successful. It will enable the council and partners to revive the White Rock area with a total project value of £1.08m, including match funding from other sources.

Funding will contribute to projects at Rock House, the adjoining Rock Alley will also benefit.

The currently redundant water feature and White Rock promenade between the Pier and Source Park will be refurbished and traditional beach huts will be installed east of the Pier to encourage active use of this area of the beach.

The Source Park will develop a BMX Olympic inspired training programme and offer a series of local, regional and international BMX and skateboarding events to attract thousands of visitors extending the season throughout the year.

There will also be a community based business initiative, developing the local community to participate in and manage the economic revival of the area.

Together the projects aim to support 180 local businesses, create 12 tourism events, create over 180 jobs, increase visitor numbers by over 60,000 which in turn will create an extra £4m spend in support of the wider community.

It's excellent news for Hastings and the future development of our town. We'll start work on these projects now and hope to see completion at the end of 2019.

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Meeting Notes

Thursday 9 February 2017
Council Chamber, County Hall,
Lewes

IN ATTENDANCE

ESSP Members present:

Cllr. Keith Glazier (Vice-Chair)
Steve Manwaring (Chair)
Cllr. Elayne Merry
David Padwick
Andrea Saunders
Cllr. Bob Standley
Michael Turner
Gary Walsh

East Sussex County Council
SpeakUp Representative
Lewes District Council
Sussex Police
National Probation Service
Wealden District Council
Environment Agency
East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service

Also in attendance (official observers):

Gill Cameron-Waller
Lou Carter (speaker)
Sarah Feather
Jo Harper
Beth McGhee
Becky Shaw
Jane Spice (speaker)
Amanda Watson (speaker)

Wealden District Council
East Sussex County Council
East Sussex County Council
Lewes District Council
East Sussex County Council

Apologies for absence:

Peter Archer
Cllr. Chris Dowling
Cllr. Kim Forward
Paul Harwood
Cllr. Carl Maynard
Graham Peters
Ashley Scarff
Cllr. Andy Smith
Carol Studley

Federation of Small Businesses
East Sussex County Council
Hastings Borough Council
Highways Agency
Rother District Council
Team East Sussex
High Weald, Lewes & Havens CCG
Lewes District Council
Rother District Council

NOTES

1) Welcome and Apologies

Steve Manwaring welcomed ESSP members, delegates, observers, guests and speakers to the meeting and apologies were given. Steve thanked Gary Walsh, who will retire from East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service (ESFRS) in March, for his dedication to the ESSP and partnership working, which has facilitated strong working relationships across sectors, particularly between ESFRS and the Voluntary and Community Sector.

2) Urgent items of business

None.

3) Notes of the meeting held on 5 December 2016 and Matters Arising

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

4) Update on the Children's and Young People's Trust Annual Conference

Steve introduced Lou Carter, East Sussex County Council (ESCC), to provide an update on the Children's and Young People's Trust (CYPT) Annual Conference, which took place in October 2016.

The CYPT Annual Conference was the first meeting of the Trust in this format. Attendees reflected on progress that had been made to achieve the 2014-18 Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) priorities; and considered service user feedback, challenges the CYPT and partners face, particularly financial challenges, and how to mitigate them. The range of work that has been undertaken to make significant progress on the CYPP priorities was noted, as well as other promising future plans. The event received very positive feedback from attendees and it is proposed that the new meeting format is maintained and a similar conference is held later in 2017.

Steve thanked Lou for the update and fed-back that the new i-Rock mental health service for young people in Hastings has been particularly well received and that the service is highly valued. It was noted that the CYPT Conference is an example of how cross-sector partnership working can successfully deliver, and meet local and national challenges.

Steve then introduced Jane Spice, ESCC, who provided an update on the Government's Early Years Funding Formula (EYFF) review. The new EYFF is regarded as a positive move, as it will increase the amount of funding for childcare in East Sussex, and benefit working families. Although the Government's policy to provide 30 hours of free childcare will boost the childcare sector when it is implemented, it was recognised that there will always be sustainability problems in the sector, due to fluctuations in demand, which can impact rural providers.

A discussion followed in which Gary Walsh recommended that ESCC consider mapping the location and movement of large employers in the county, such as ESFRS, to plan childcare provision. It was agreed that the Early Years Educational Entitlement service should link up with the ESCC SPACES programme, to ensure the service is aware of any change in location of ESCC services and support planning. The reliance on the private sector to deliver childcare was noted, and ESCC will continue to work with the Voluntary and Community Sector to monitor fluctuations in demand to improve resilience and enable robust planning.

5) Public Sector Post-Budget Discussion

Steve introduced Cllr. Keith Glazier, Leader of ESCC, to provide an update on ESCC's 2017/18 budget and start a discussion on budget setting.

East Sussex County Council

ESCC's 2017/18 budget was agreed by Full Council on Tuesday 7 February. In addition to a 1.99% Council Tax increase, the budget included provision for introduction of the maximum 3% Adult Social Care Council Tax Levy. Councillors voted to introduce the higher Levy to provide maximum funding for the East Sussex Better Together (ESBT) and Connecting 4 You programmes, particularly to ease challenges that may arise in the coming year as the pace of ESBT delivery increases in the move to an Accountable Care model.

The budget also set out the need to make £17m in savings in 2017/18. In January, in response to concerns raised by partners and communities during consultation, ESCC Cabinet made a number of amendments to the original savings proposals, including: deleting planned savings for the Duke of Edinburgh scheme and ESCC Youth Cabinet; increasing investment in a number of areas including highways drainage and pavements (to prevent trips and falls), the Community Match Scheme, and youth services; and introducing a transitional fund for schools in 2017/18 to mitigate changes made to schools funding.

It was noted that although 2017/18's budget was challenging, future years will be increasingly difficult. The change to a 100% Business Rates retention system to fund Local Government will create particular challenges for East Sussex, as we are currently a net importer of Business Rates and our local environment and infrastructure limits the growth of large businesses to generate increased property-based Rates. It was noted that further information from Government is required on new responsibilities and how Business Rates will be distributed in two tier areas, and that continued lobbying is required to ensure a fair funding deal for East Sussex.

Wealden District Council (WDC)

Cllr. Bob Standley fed back that WDC were yet to set their budget, but were planning to increase Council Tax by £5 on a Band D property to cover a decrease in their Revenue Support Grant. Income from WDC's Housing Company and crematorium will cover the projected funding gap- over the period to 2020/21 ~~this year~~.

A discussion followed, in which the methods of community engagement and consultation organisation's use to engage with residents were discussed, and the particular challenges in conveying to residents why Council Tax is raised and how it is spent were recognised. Gary Walsh highlighted the issue of pay not keeping up with costs which was impacting on ESFRS staff.

It was suggested that ESSP Members would benefit from joint consideration of the impact of cumulative increases in Council Tax and the introduction of Universal Credit on residents; and tracking issues and concerns that residents are raising in consultations. It was agreed that an item on methods of consultation and how to engage effectively with residents would be added to the forward plan for a future meeting, which could consider some of the innovation work being developed by the ESBT Communications and Engagement Workstream.

ACTION: Methods of consultation and how to effectively engage with residents to be added to the forward plan.

6) WW1 Update

Steve introduced Beth McGhee, East Sussex County Council, to deliver a presentation on the ESCC First World War Centenary Project.

Beth provided an update on the work of the WW1 project since it was established in August 2014. The main output of the project is the www.eastsussexww1.org.uk website, which hosts a range of resources including stories, digitised local newspaper editions from the war, teaching resources, photos, and a database of local WW1 centenary events. The project's sister project 'Recording Remembrance', which aims to build a central database of all war memorials in East Sussex, can also be accessed through the website. Beth emphasised that the website is intended to host as much community generated material as possible and provide a platform for sharing previously untold or unknown stories. Anyone can get involved with the project to share their stories, memories or local events, by going to the 'take part'

section of the website; and can keep up-to-date with the project, via the @EastSussexWW1 Twitter page.

In partnership with other Local Authorities in East Sussex, the project has also arranged a number of ceremonies to unveil commemorative paving stones for local soldiers that received the Victoria Cross during WW1. Ceremonies have been held in Lewes, Seaford, and Eastbourne and have been attended by the Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff, relatives of the soldiers, members of the Royal Sussex Regiment, local Royal British Legion representatives, MPs and members of the public.

As discussion followed in which Steve talked about his positive experience of being involved in the project in publishing a story about Royal Sussex Regiment soldiers that were executed for desertion. He also highlighted the WW1 Twitter feed and encouraged ESSP members to follow the feed to hear about things they never knew about East Sussex. Cllr Glazier and Dave Padwick also commented on the importance of the project for a local commemoration that highlighted stories for the County. Beth informed the ESSP that the project will run until 2018, and will then wind down when the centenary ends. A lot of consideration has been given to the legacy of the project. The website will be archived in The Keep & the British Library so that all of the resources on there will remain for future generations.

7) New Government Context: Devolution, Sub-National Transport Body and Industrial Strategy

Steve introduced Becky, Chief Executive of East Sussex County Council, to provide an update on Government policy on devolution and the Industrial Strategy.

Since the referendum decision for the UK to leave the European Union last July, Government has lacked the capacity to take forward any new devolution deals. A formal decision has therefore been made to pause 3SC devolution activity until after the May County Council elections, and we have a clearer understanding of Government's devolution policy direction. With the publication of the Industrial Strategy Green Paper and Housing White Paper, and publication of a Skills White Paper expected later this year, there will be opportunities for the 3SC partnership to continue to lobby with one voice for the area, influence Government policy and potentially make progress on asks outlined in the 3SC devolution proposals without formally establishing a Combined Authority. Joint lobbying on matters such as full Business Rates Retention will also continue. ESCC will also work with local and regional partners outside of the 3SC partnership to respond to the Industrial Strategy Green Paper.

Becky provided an update on progress to establish a Sub-National Transport Body (STB) for the South East. In January it was agreed that Isle of Wight Council, Southampton City Council and Portsmouth City Council, and the Berkshire Unitary Authorities would be invited to join the STB, to incorporate the South Coast ports in the STB geography and grant access to the M4 corridor and any future investment in the Heathrow Airport area. Next steps will include Leaders considering a governance structure for the Body, that will ensure the STB has the membership necessary to influence Government and statutory bodies while maintaining a strong core Local Authority voice.

A discussion followed in which it was recognised that a specific East Sussex voice has been developed in the 3SC devolution proposals, and the drive to continue to focus on delivery of devolution asks in the new Government context was welcomed.

8) Any Other Business

a. Post 16 Area Review of Further Education paper circulated for information

Steve outlined that the paper had been circulated to provide Members with an update on the final Post 16 Area Review recommendations, following the update to the ESSP in May 2016. Steve asked that Members contact beth.mcghee@eastsussex.gov.uk regarding any questions they have about the review.

9) Future Meetings:

- Tuesday 25th April 2017, 10am, Venue TBC
- Thursday 6th July 2017, 10am, Venue TBC
- East Sussex Annual Assembly, Tuesday 7th November 2017, 09.30pm-12.30pm, Venue TBC

Annual Assembly – Steve informed ESSP that the Annual Assembly will take place on Tuesday 7th November and asked members to note in their diaries that the Assembly would run from 9.30am-12.30pm. Steve invited ESSP members to forward their ideas for the Annual Assembly to Sarah/Beth.

ACTION: All ESSP members to note the Assembly date and forward ideas to Sarah/Beth for the content/theme.

SUMMARY OF AGREED ACTIONS –	
Item	Action
3	An item on methods of consultation and how to engage effectively with residents to be added to the forward plan for a future meeting.
7	All ESSP members to note the Annual Assembly will take place on Tuesday 7 th November and to adjust their diaries to reflect the 9.30-12.30 timings. All ESSP members to forward any ideas for the assembly to Sarah/Beth for consideration.

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>).

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