

Minutes 23 April 2018

**Present:**

**Statutory Sector**

Councillor Peter Chowney  
Simon Hubbard  
Chantal Lass  
Councillor Nick Bennett  
Richard Watson  
Wayne Edmunds  
Mike Thompson  
John Whittington

**Community & Voluntary Sectors**

Marie Casey  
Steve Manwaring  
Tracy Dighton  
Julia Wells  
Tracy Rose  
Carole Dixon

**Business Sector**

Marie Casey  
Steve Manwaring  
Tracy Dighton  
Julia Wells  
Tracy Rose  
Carole Dixon

**In Attendance:**

Deniz Musa  
Trevor Davies

**Apologies for absence were received from:**

Sean Dennis, Drew Knight, Yvonne Powell, Chief Inspector Steve Curry, Dr John Smith, Catherine Orbach, Julie King, Mark Horan, Annie Whelan.

<b><u>25</u></b>	<b><u>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES (CHAIR)</u></b>					
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<b><u>27</u></b>	<p data-bbox="209 667 1222 741"><b><u>MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING (CHAIR)</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="209 667 1222 741">The minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2018 were agreed as a correct record.</p> <p data-bbox="209 779 1302 927">An update was requested on the scope for regeneration in the Ore Valley. The Director of Operational Services, Hastings Borough Council stated that a draft report from the consultants has been received which identifies potential land uses This will be shared with the site owner for consideration.</p>					
<b><u>28</u></b>	<p data-bbox="209 965 1114 1003"><b><u>UPDATE ON THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="209 1039 1270 1256">Martina Pickin, Consultant in Public Health at East Sussex County Council delivered an update on the Director of Public Health’s Report ‘The State of Child Health in East Sussex’. The report is based on the national report published last year, and provides a focus on the state of child health in the county It details a range of issues in six chapters focusing on different stages of childhood.</p> <p data-bbox="209 1294 1235 1442">The data presented highlights 25 key national measures with a focus on additional specific issues for East Sussex where data is available. Data comparisons are made between national, county and borough / districts. Each chapter contains a set of recommendations for further action.</p> <p data-bbox="209 1518 1283 1666">Martina highlighted the key issues for Hastings including maternal smoking, breast feeding rates, injury admissions, excess weight, teenage conceptions, and individuals Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET) and child poverty.</p> <p data-bbox="209 1704 1230 1778">The report highlights the impact of deprivation on a range of key health statistics which can be clearly seen for the statistics regarding Hastings.</p> <p data-bbox="209 1816 1257 1890">A key point was made, that poor health in childhood has a lifetime impact, and that many of the issues highlighted in the report are preventable.</p> <p data-bbox="209 1928 1235 2002">For some of the reported statistics it is not possible to comment whether their status is good or bad e.g. number of child protection plans.</p>					

Concern was raised over the ongoing reductions in funding for local authorities and the proposed budget reductions, and the impact this was likely to have on public health services and the recommendations in the report.

It was confirmed that there is less resource and money available but that services would continue. In addition, targeted funding is being provided by Hastings & Rother CCG for activities like the Triple P parenting programme, and that the public health budget is ringed fenced for 2 years.

The CCG's Health and Equalities program has brought additional funding in to services, such as maternal smoking and breast feeding, both of which had been making good progress, with maternal smoking rates falling and rates of breastfeeding rising.

Alongside this, the Hastings Opportunity Area funding will provide additional resources for preventative services including those for children and young people's mental health and wellbeing.

The group raised an issue on whether the LSP could take an overview of the changes and trends that have occurred in the last 15 years, over the lifetime of the LSP.

It would be possible to analyse trend data over the last 15 years;

Subject to resources the LSP could commission a study to carry out an analysis of the last 15 years of data. Part of the research could scrutinise any issues that are likely to impact on the statistics, ie inequalities in the future e.g. welfare reforms. Data such as the health data presented and the IMD could be scrutinised along with reports such as the Marmot review.

A suggestion was made that a greater in depth understanding of the issues our communities are facing could be achieved by talking directly to them This might allow us to understand why and what they are experiencing and what would make a difference to their lives.

It was agreed that a commissioned study for the town would be very useful and that partners could work together to resource and commission this work.

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**BRIEFING NOTE ON CONSULTATION FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE**

A briefing note was previously circulated by Samantha Williams, Assistant Director Planning, Performance and Engagement at ESCC. The briefing note detailed the proposed reductions to budgets for adult social care services. The LSP considered a response drafted by the EDG group on behalf of the LSP which could be sent to the consultation for adult social care.

The board discussed that if these reductions do go ahead as described then the county would become a reactionary authority as opposed to a

preventative one, and that it is really important that the LSP understands the impact of these reductions should they go ahead as detailed.

Discussions took place regarding the impact of these proposed changes on local organisations and smaller charities that often provided a lifeline to local people. Such services will be adversely impacted by these reductions.

The Board agreed the proposed response to the consultation with additional wording as described below:

They agreed on an amendment to the consultation response, after paragraph sixteen, as follows:

“In a climate where ESCC will be re configuring commissioning priorities and re-organising arrangements two crucial points need to be made:-

1. That commissioning takes place in a way which recognises localism and enables the full participation of local voluntary sector who tend to be smaller organisations. We believe that the VCS is a massive contributor to the type of Community Resilience envisaged as a key aspect of the ESBT programme and the maintenance of our local assets within the Charitable sector is essential.

2. As ASC commissioners themselves may be re-structured we want to emphasise the vital need to allow for time and capacity to engage locally, prevent distance increasing between those who commission services and those who deliver and receive them, and capture intelligence about emerging trends and issues”.

The group agreed that a copy of the response would be sent to the MP of Hastings and Rye.

Thanks were given to Andrew Palmer, Assistant Director, Housing and Built Environment, Hastings Borough Council, who aided in writing the response to the consultation.

**30**      **UPDATE ON TOWN WIDE ENERGY STRATEGY**

Chantal Lass, Sustainability Manager, Hastings Borough Council gave an update on the proposal to develop a Town Wide Energy Strategy for Hastings. The strategy supports the delivery of the council's income generation strategy, and aims to support the delivery of a renewable energy programme for the town, in line with the energy transition that is happening nationally to a more local, decarbonised, decentralised energy system.

In addition, the Council are exploring the opportunities to establish an energy company for the town which may include supplying local energy.

The Board welcomed the strategy and a number of partners stated they would welcome an involvement in its development. The issue of fuel poverty was also discussed and the positive impact the strategy could have on addressing this important issue. The supply of local, affordable energy that

could offer energy tariffs to tackle fuel poverty was welcomed. It would be important to balance the need for income generation and tackling wider fuel poverty issues especially given the earlier discussions, and having the ability to support the most vulnerable members of the local community.

As part of the strategy's development, the Council will be reviewing its planning policies to enable the development of large scale renewable energy projects such as the potential for vertical wind turbines. There will be changes in the physical environment if some of the planned projects are developed and planning approval discussions will form an important part of the projects developments. It will be important to make these as broad as possible.

The LSP Board were supportive of the strategy and welcomed further updates and involvement in its development.

**31**     **EXECUTIVE DELIVERY GROUP NOTES**

The minutes of the Executive Delivery Group meeting held on 5 April 2018 were agreed as a correct record.

**32**     **ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

The Director of Operational Services, Hastings Borough Council gave an update on the bid for a Channel 4 creative hub in the town.

Channel 4 are devolving their operations in London and looking to establish their HQ in a northern city and set up two additional creative centre hubs. HBC became aware of this and after talking with Brighton University attended a briefing event on 16 April 'Channel 4 for All'.

As a result Hastings is putting a partnership bid together to be a creative centre hub – using the University building which is already equipped for media and TV and our vibrant local creative sector as a key selling point. Channel 4 like to commission local services and build the capacity of local small scale organisations. One of the criteria is to demonstrate that of the working age population 75% is employed, which we can demonstrate with the 1066 travel to work area. If successful it would provide employment for fifty to sixty Channel 4 employees who will be interested in available housing, schools etc.

A draft bid off no more than 5000 words is being developed with a range of partners including Brighton & Sussex University, Sussex College, the Jerwood Gallery. If time allows a draft could be circulated to LSP partners but there is a very tight timetable to meet.

The bid will be a challenge to write in terms of projecting the town as the offer, however it is a useful process in itself, and will help with our thinking about our town.

The LSP Board formally welcomed and supported the opportunity and the development of the bid

Clive Galbraith advised he could also offer the endorsement of the Chamber

of Commerce. It was noted that if the bid were successful, it would greatly support the town's regeneration plans, as well as the wider creative sector in the area.