

Hastings and St Leonards Local Strategic Partnership Agenda

Monday, 16 July 2018 at 10.00 am

Council Chamber, Muriel Matters House, Breeds Place, Hastings. East Sussex, TN34 3UY

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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.

<u>25</u>	<u>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES (CHAIR)</u>					
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<u>27</u>	<p data-bbox="209 669 1222 741">The minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2018 were agreed as a correct record.</p> <p data-bbox="209 781 1302 925">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>					
<u>28</u>	<p data-bbox="209 1039 1270 1256"><u>UPDATE ON THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT</u> 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 1296 1235 1440">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 1516 1283 1659">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 1709 1230 1780">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 1888">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 1924 1235 1995">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.

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Briefing note: Update from ESCC re Adult Social Care Proposals

LSP members will recall that at the last LSP meeting we discussed ESCC Adult Social Care Consultation which included, proposed cuts to a number of preventative services and a reduction on the overall budget.

Discussions took place regarding the impact of these proposed changes on local organisations and smaller charities that often provided a lifeline to local people. The LSP agreed a proposed response to the consultation and forwarded it to ESCC.

The Cabinet meeting at East Sussex County Council was delayed from its original date to the 26th of June, Over 6000 responses were received by the county regarding the consultation.

The documents of the Cabinet meeting can be found below:

<https://democracy.eastsussex.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=133&MId=3353&Ver=4>

Sarah Feather, Policy Manager at ESCC has provided a summary of the decisions for the LSP partnership, as seen below.

Cabinet members made several key decisions about how we will achieve the £17 million of savings across the council which were agreed in February for this financial year subject to consultation. The proposals related to Adult Social Care and the waste service. Extensive consultation with residents, staff and stakeholders has taken place and the findings fully considered by the Cabinet

The agreed budget reductions in Adult Social Care will mean:

- Changes in the way we provide intermediate care beds
- Closing some older peoples' day services and providing the services elsewhere
- Reducing the services available to people with learning disabilities, for stroke recovery services and HIV support
- Reducing the number of people being offered support in their own homes through community support services
- Focusing the discretionary support service for people, which provides emergency funding for people on benefits, on payment of rent in advance
- Staffing reductions in Assessment and Care Management, Strategy Commissioning and Supply Management

Cabinet also agreed to:

- introduce disposal charges for rubble, soil, plasterboard, asbestos and tyres in our Household Waste & Recycling Site
- close the Household Waste and Recycling Sites at Forest Row and Wadhurst and vary opening times at Lewes and Mountfield.

In many instances ESCC are finding new and flexible ways to continue services as well as cutting services. As well as reducing services ESCC are making the most of the resources they have by re-commissioning, introducing charging or asking communities to do more in partnership with us. Cabinet did not take these decisions lightly: they reflect the severe financial pressures on East Sussex. As a council ESCC must set a balanced budget by living within our means, even though we can all agree those means are insufficient to meet the needs of the county's population. ESCC will continue to lobby the Government hard to recognise those needs and to fund the Council so that ESCC can provide the services our residents deserve.

Sarah Feather

Policy Manager

Chief Executive's Office

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Present: Simon Hubbard (HBC) (Chair), Chantal Lass (HBC), Victoria Conheady (HBC), Sarah Feather (ESCC), Mike Thompson (Optivo), Jackie White (Optivo), Wayne Edmunds (DWP), Aidan Cornwall (Sussex Police)

Apologies for absence were noted for Marie Casey (seAp), Carole Dixon (EFT), CI Steve Curry (Sussex Police), Councillor Peter Chowney (HBC), Clive Cooke (SCC), Richard Watson (NHS CCG), Dan Shelley (SCC), Jim Sharp (SCC), Steve Manwaring (HVA), John Williams (Sea Change), Stuart Gallimore (ESCC)

28. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING, HELD ON 5 APRIL 2018, AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a correct record.

29. HASTINGS PIER UPDATE

An update was given on Hastings Pier. Following a very difficult negotiating process, the pier had now been sold to the owner of Eastbourne Pier. Lots of media coverage had been given to the sale of the pier, which reopened on 26 June 2018. The planned for event 'Pier Jam' will go ahead on 7 July 2018.

All licensing and insurances are in place, and Hastings Borough Council was working with the new owner to support the piers viability in the future.

30. COLLEGE MERGER UPDATE

Apologies were received from Dan Shelley and Jim Sharp, and so this item was not discussed.

31. CHART COMMUNITY LED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT (CLLD)

Victoria Conheady, Assistant Director, Regeneration & Culture for Hastings Borough Council gave an update on the Connecting Hastings and Rother Together (CHART) Community Led Local Development (CLLD).

She stated that of the £7.4 million Community-led Local Development programme, £3.7 million was grant funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the European Social Fund (ESF) fund. This programme aims to support projects that bring a fresh approach to tackling deep-rooted problems in deprived communities within Hastings and Bexhill.

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Organisations can apply for funding to create programmes that will help people in these areas to find and keep jobs, including setting up their own business.

- Funding agreements between Hastings Borough Council (accountable body for the programme) and the Managing Authorities for the funds were signed at the end of May 2018.
- Recruitment for programme staff began in May 2018 and will be completed in July 2018.
- Recruitment for the Local Action Group Board (the governance function of the programme) is underway and applications close on 25 June 2018.
- The programme will launch the first of two “Calls” during the week of 25 June 2018. This call will prioritise projects with a total project value of £1m or more which are large in scale and impact.
- First workshop for potential CHART funding applicants on 27th June (9.30 – 12.30) at HBC offices.
- It is expected that activities will start by the end of this financial year.

All money for the project needs to be spent by March 2022 and claimed by December 2022.

Victoria stated that there is likely to be additional funding available from the ESF via SELEP and that up to £22million could be available – calls are expected in late 2018.

It was agreed that discussion on future funding and post EU funding opportunities would be a useful discussion to have with the EDG as a future agenda item.

32. HASTINGS OPPORTUNITY AREA - BRIEFING FOR INFORMATION

Victoria Conheady, Assistant Director, Regeneration & Culture presented a briefing for information on the Hastings Opportunity Area fund. The fund provides approximately £6million of funding over 2 school years. Partners are currently lobbying for additional years of funding. She stated that there was an intention to use the scheme broadly, however there are 4 key areas of activity

1. Improving literacy; using activities such as the Hastings Town Wide literacy campaign, working with national and local organisations, and improving the teaching of literacy for children aged three to seven.
2. Raise attainment in numeracy. Targeted support of £500,000 to improve the quality teaching in mathematics in all four mainstream secondary schools and eight target primary schools was planned, as well as Leadership development

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for maths teachers in secondary schools through STEM learning were among the plans.

3. Resilience and mental health support was to be another focus, providing training and support for schools, and expanding the i-ROCK mental health service for young people, as well as delivering through schools an emotional and well-being service for 9 to 14 year olds.
4. Broadening horizons and preparing young people for work. This would allow young people to have at least four meaningful encounters with the world of work. Pilots would also be run for KS3 and KS4 students across Hastings. It was further noted that additional funding would be given to all schools to deliver increased enrichment activities based on need.

It was agreed that regular updates would be provided to the LSP board from the Hastings Opportunity Area board meetings, for discussion.

A question was raised in regards to a five year evaluation, and the outcome targets and whether they could be circulated to the group. It was stated that this could be possible. The group raised a question about whether funding for hard to reach families would be accessible, to which the answer was that this is where the focus of the scheme was.

The group also noted that networking events in the future may be useful, stating the success for a similar kind of event for Triple-P parenting intervention programme.

Victoria Conheady confirmed that communication regarding the opportunity area has been relatively poor in the last 6 months, but this will be a focus over the next 6 months. Currently, they are trying to draw in other partners including Channel 4 and Lego Education, building on the work of the Channel 4 bid.

33. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The group discussed the Rough Sleeper Bid. HBC had successfully secured funding to address rough sleeping issues. Working with the street homeless community we can offer accommodation to help get people off the streets and are working with , Eastbourne, and some parts of Lewes to open ten bed-spaces, The initiative is based on the 'Housing First' approach

Victoria Conheady noted that the RSA (Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce) are running a series of events around the UK to discuss the changing role of public services, what reform might look like, and what threats public services face today. The event is to take place on 9 July 2018, 6-8pm at the Kino Theatre, St Leonards, partners may wish to attend.

Sarah Feather, Policy Manager, East Sussex County Council agreed to circulate the summary of the Adult Social Care report. The group discussed the consultation,

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however it was at the East Sussex County Council cabinet meeting on the same date, and so it was agreed that the result of that meeting would be discussed in the future.

Southern Water – anti water poverty initiative

CL advised that southern water are working in Hastings to encourage local residents struggling to pay their water bill and experiencing water debt issues, to sign up to a range of water tariffs that can reduce their bill costs quite considerably, and thus help with income maximisation.

SWS have become more aware and proactive on addressing customer vulnerability, and so have changed their business model, by setting up a dedicated team of affordability managers and case workers who are targeting Sussex, Kent and Hampshire. Hastings is one of their priority areas. They are currently reaching out to key stakeholders to build relationships and engage with a wider audience so the schemes on offer can be maximised locally.

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(The Chair declared the meeting closed at 11.45am)