

# Hastings and St Leonards Local Strategic Partnership

## Minutes 5 June 2023

### Present:

Cllr Paul Barnett (Chair)	Hastings Borough Council
Cllr Maya Evans	Hastings Borough Council
Cllr Claire Carr	Hastings Borough Council
Jane Hartnell	Hastings Borough Council
Victoria Conheady	Hastings Borough Council
Pranesh Datta	Hastings Borough Council
Darrell Gale	Public Health East Sussex
Lourdes Madigasekera-Elliott	Public Health East Sussex
Shar Brown	EFT
Mark Turczanski	Hastings Voluntary Action
Sean Dennis	Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce
Vanessa Biddiss	Optivo
Dawn Poole	Hastings Community Network
Lauren Buck	Sussex Police
Rachel Hesterbanks	Hastings Community Network
Tracy Rose	Hastings Community Network
Chris Broome	Sea Change Sussex
Rebecca Conroy	ESCG
Richard Watson	East Sussex NHS
<b>Guest Presenters:</b>	
Emma Smith	Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (South East office)
Nigel Stewardson	Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (South East office)
Anna Sherrell	Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (South East office)
Colin Edgley	East Sussex County Council
Sidney Ewing	Hastings Common
Sarah Mills	CXK
Michael Ratcliffe	CXK
Jeremy Kerswell	Plumpton College
Rosie Leech	Hastings Borough Council

## Apologies for absence:

Cllr Andy Patmore  
Cllr Julia Hilton  
Carole Dixon

Hastings Borough Council  
Hastings Borough Council  
EFT

<b>69</b>	<b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></b>  None	
<b>70</b>	<b><u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 23/01/23</u></b>  Minutes of the meeting 23 January 2023 Accepted as an accurate record.  NHS update in September.  Cllr Barnett gave an update regarding the flooding on 16 <sup>th</sup> January. The response on the day was amazing by the emergency services but there was a lot of uncertainty in the following days. There was a meeting with Southern Water and the Environment agency and East Sussex County Council. East Sussex County Council agreed to commission an independent investigation report into what had happened. An interim investigation report had been published by East Sussex County Council. The full report is waiting on further information from Southern Water.  <b>Action:</b> to discuss the flood report at the next meeting	
<b>71</b>	<b><u>10:10 EQUALITIES CHARTER IMPLEMENTATION - ALL PARTNERS UPDATE</u></b>  The group discussed the Equalities Charter. It was highlighted that the draft Equalities Charter has yet to be agreed by the LSP. Dawn expressed the concern of the HCA executives at the draft charter.  <b>Action:</b> Report to be brought to the next meeting	
<b>72</b>	<b><u>10:20 CLIMATE EMERGENCY - ALL PARTNERS UPDATE</u></b>  Lourdes updated the group on work carried out by Public health East Sussex. Highlighted was work around fuel poverty and food security. Food matters were commissioned to undertake a short survey around consultancy of a project that they're undertaking. Richard updated on work the NHS is	

completing to be net zero for direct emissions by 2040 and for its indirect emissions by 2045. A green plan has been published by each NHS trust. A framework called care without carbon has been created.

Sean updated a lot of work has been completed by hybrid working, reductions in meetings, reducing printing, not travelling to so many meetings. A guide is being produced in the coming months.

Cllr Barnett updated that bringing the ground maintenance contract in house will help to encourage biodiversity and partnership working as well with local organizations on our green spaces. Work is taking place to decarbonize the waste fleet and change them to HVO. Sean updated that a lot of energy is used to store emails. 1500 emails of 1 megabit size uses enough energy to boil a kettle.

Action: Keep item on future agendas

**73**     **10:30 LEVELLING UP PRESENTATION**

Emma Smith, South East Area Lead DLUCH reported they are an advocate for place based policy. One of the key aspects in levelling up partnerships is working with government and that's one of the things that we're good at as an area team. It was recognised there has been a lack of co-ordination across government. Work in Hastings will potentially be completed in parallel with Rother. Nigel highlighted that honest and open discussions will lead to better outcomes.

The Chair agreed that a joined-up approach is needed in Government as well as in Hastings. The group discussed the need for a long term vision and not to lose time and money on lots of consultations.

Emma highlighted working towards Levelling Up life expectancy and healthy eating.

**74**     **11:00 YOUNG PEOPLE EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS UPDATE**

Jeremy Kerswell from Plumpton College updated that the college offer courses in areas that are nationally recognised as a skills shortage with a 100% employment rate for students studying these subjects. The college has discussed with Hastings Borough Council how Plumpton can have a presence in Hastings. The college will now be working 3 days a week out of the Firs. Two days will be working with adults. From September work will start with Schools to offer a 14 to 16 program. This is about providing an opportunity to the people of Hastings that wouldn't otherwise have it. Keen to play a more strategic role in the Garden Town project and with the Grounds Maintenance service. Shar updated that the class room has been passed as net zero with the keys available next week.

Rebecca Conroy updated that East Sussex College has been an early adopter of T levels. The college is also looking to continue its growth in A levels within Hastings. Next year a pre-apprenticeship program will begin that can really support aspirations but ensure that they are upskilling and can give the best possible chance to get in to work. Adult education has been pulled back from non local sub-contractors to now be meeting need and providing those pathways for adults in terms of Reskilling, upskilling and retraining. Community learning has helped provide wellbeing and confidence building. A Choir has been launched and created a sense of belonging. Rebecca reported that the Town Deal has invested into the Ore Valley campus with the plan to create a green area of excellence where we can really focus on skills needed locally in terms of retrofit, water harvesting and solar.

The group discussed the need to keep the trained students in the area once they qualify. Victoria explained both Plumpton and the East Sussex Colleges programs in the town deal is to create new sectors and respond to the market but also looking at how we can make sure there is that circular economy.

Colin Edgely updated that in April a survey was completed across the county. Young people responded they are wanting more things to do, to be able to speak with adults they trust and having safe areas to go. Youth hubs will be created for 11 year olds to 19 year olds. Funding is being sought to provide opportunities for 8 to 11 year olds. There is potential to expand the provisions provided at the Hollington Youth Club. Key workers will be able to sign post to other services. Funding has been sourced for a community engagement worker role which will be advertised soon. Coaching opportunities will be created to then provide coaching to young people in areas like cooking, fitness and arts.

Tracey Rose updated that they have started to deliver a level 1, AQA accredited and youth work qualification as they are aware of the lack of skills in youth work.

Rachel updated a partnership program with Hastings' Commons, Xtrax's Young People Centre and Groundwork South East secured £8.3m funding. A youth hub will be created in the town at Eagle House with possibly other partners having desk space within the building. Sidney reported that a youth club is planned to be open in September. Young people are being asked for ideas to help with the renovation of the building. The public living room will be open for young people after 4pm. There are plans for the hub to be open six days a week and for hot meals to be available. Last year a kick start scheme was run which resulted in 3 young people being employed, this is planned to be replicated. Discussions will be had with the Hastings Youth Council. There will be a peer mentoring scheme run from the hub.

The group discussed the logistics of transporting young people home from the youth hub.

Michael Ratcliffe reported to the committee that a system change is needed. Four key themes were highlighted by young people that were spoken to.

	<p>Education, careers and employment, Area Community and external challenge. The system change priorities are sufficient and robust evidence based. There is the need to be engaging the right stakeholders in the correct manner, refining research findings and a youth led approach to solutions.</p> <p>The group discussed the critical role the police have and welcomed Inspector Lauren Buck to the Partnership.</p> <p>It was agreed to keep a focus on the voice of young people as we develop local plans and visions.</p>	
<p><b><u>75</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>12:20 UKSP UPDATE</u></b></p> <p>Rosie Leech updated there is £1m to be spent in Broomgrove with 3 schemes, Communities and Place, People and Skills and Business Support. An update on the previous minutes is the bulk of the funding is for year three. The funds for year one has been allocated. There will be a family day in July. One project already running is led by active Hastings. They've recruited a part-time physical activity development officer specifically within Broomgrove. She is developing physical activity opportunities to build pride and place and increase life chances of in the area. Hastings adventure playground have some capital funding and are creating a plan on how to improve and expand the adventure playground over the next couple of years. There is also funding to improve the mini park area. There are two projects that are being commissioned. The first is arts and heritage project to bring art event and workshops to the Broomgrove residents. That project also involves providing full and volunteering opportunities and developing skills and is open until the 12th June. The other project is business support and skills and is pre procurement stage now. This will be a large project for small business and pre-entrepreneurs to grow, to understand the skills gap and link those who are unemployed with local businesses</p> <p>A food growing proposal has been received and is being reviewed. Further projects regarding health and wellbeing are being commissioned with the aim to incorporate wider health services into the area.</p>	
<p><b><u>76</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS</u></b></p> <p>There will be a levelling up work shop at a date to be confirmed.</p> <p>Lourdes explained that the Hastings Health Equity and Prosperity Group has not met since January and has been put on hold due to availability of officers to service the group.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> A meeting to be held with Lourdes and Victoria to discuss what the update will be for the next meeting.</p>	
<p><b><u>77</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u></b></p>	

	TBC	
--	-----	--