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HASTINGS & ST LEONARDS LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP EDG

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