

# HASTINGS & ST LEONARDS LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP EDG

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Present: Simon Hubbard (Chair), Andrew Palmer, Mike Thompson (Optivo), Martina Pickin (ESCC), Steve Curry (Sussex Police), Cllr Chowney, Steve Manwaring (HVA), Chantal Lass, Mark Horan

Apologies for absence were noted for Marie Casey (SEAP), Sean Dennis (Lets Do Business), Sarah Feather (ESCC), Stuart Gallimore (ESCC), Paul Frost (Brighton Academy), Clive Cooke (ESCG), Richard Watson (NHS, Hastings and Rother CCG), John Williams (Sea Change), Carole Dixon (Education Future's Trust)

## 20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Attendee:	Item:	Interest:
Councillor Peter Chowney	7 – Future of Land in the Ore Valley	He is a director on the board of Seaspac.
Steve Manwaring	7 – Future of Land in the Ore Valley	He is a director on the board of Seaspac.

## 21. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

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

Matters arising from this included a discussion on cuckooing and drug related issues and partners concerns regarding the narrow focus of the recently commissioned service to help address this. It was felt that the commission did not reflect the need to have a multi-agency service approach to drug related issues. Hastings Borough Council noted they had written to the Commissioner raising their concerns.

## 22. UPDATE ON THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT

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 focused on the state of child health in the county, in comparison to the same report nationally and details six chapters focusing on different stages in childhood. The data presented highlights 25 key national measures with a focus on additional specific issues for East Sussex where data is available. Each chapter contains a set of recommendations for further action.

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In each chapter of the report, tables are provided, showing comparing the rate of certain health factors across districts and boroughs in the county, as well as national averages. Hastings differed to the county average in certain categories, including maternal smoking, which was higher than its neighbours and breastfeeding, in which it was lower than its neighbours. Hastings and Rother were jointly lower on vaccinations than the county and national average.

The report highlights the impact of deprivation on a range of key health statistics which can be clearly seen for the statistics regarding Hastings e.g. tooth decay,

Teenage conception continues to be particularly high in Hastings.

Another trend was that the use of cannabis in East Sussex was higher than the national average; however it seemed that this did not link to deprivation, and was more prevalent in the less deprived, middle class areas. A link was given between the use of cannabis and the rate of mental health problems, making it relevant towards wider national problems.

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.

A query was raised in regards to whether there would be any formal targeting resulting from the statistical analysis and what this is showing for Hastings. Martina Pickin confirmed that additional funding is being provided for some areas of activity e.g. breast feeding support.

It was stated that the focus of the next public health report will be Working Age Adults.

### **23. BRIEFING NOTE ON CONSULTATION FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE**

A briefing note was provided to the group by Samantha Williams, Assistant Director Planning, Performance and Engagement at East Sussex County Council. The note detailed the reductions to funding.

Concerns were raised about the cumulative impact of these budget reductions since 2010. A key issue for Hastings was that essential preventative services were still being cut.

It was noted that supported housing services for vulnerable people with complex housing needs were concentrated in Hastings and Eastbourne, and therefore we would be adversely affected by the proposed budget reductions.

It was agreed by the EDG that a local response to the consultation from the LSP should be sent. A draft would be considered at the next LSP meeting as the deadline for consultee responses is the 25<sup>th</sup> April.

### **24. HOMELESSNESS EMERGENCY HOSTEL**

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Andrew Palmer, Assistant Director Housing & Built Environment for Hastings Borough Council gave an update on the Homelessness Emergency Hostel, its effectiveness and what was learned from its operation.

He stated that it had been largely a success in keeping rough sleepers off the street in the cold weather. Temporary accommodation was provided by Christchurch Church and was supported by a number of services. This was sitting up only accommodation. During February, seventeen individuals were accommodated and in March, twelve more people were accommodated.

Despite the cold conditions, some individuals still chose to sleep outdoors. A question was raised in regards to whether dogs were a factor for rough sleepers staying outside. The reply was that although dogs were a factor, accommodation for pets was also provided at the shelter.

Andrew Palmer advised that the Council was developing a revised homelessness strategy.

### **25. FUTURE OF LAND IN THE ORE VALLEY**

An update was given to the group on the land at Ore Valley. A brief history of the site was presented, detailing actions up until current.

HBC has commissioned a planning viability study to help assess options for developing the land, and 3 potential models are being considered by the consultants. It was pointed out that ownership of the land remains with the regeneration company at present..

It was stated that seemingly all options will require some form of subsidy to meet the costs of land remediation for the onsite. This primarily relates to the cost of dealing with contamination and infrastructure requirements.

### **26. UPDATE ON TOWN WIDE ENERGY STRATEGY**

Chantal Lass, Sustainability Manager for Hastings Borough Council gave an update on the Councils plans to develop a Town Wide Energy Strategy.

This is in response the councils income generation plans and in recognition of the huge changes underway in the way energy is being generated, distributed and supplied.

The council undertook an energy options study last year, to consider the renewable energy opportunities that exist for its own estate and in the town. HBC is currently tendering for a Solar PV installer to solarise the council's assets where feasible.

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Chantal provided information about national policy and how the government is encouraging action at the local level e.g. Clean Growth Strategy

A range of other options may be considered as part of the strategy including wind energy, district heat networks and a local energy company.

It was agreed to discuss the strategy at the LSP

**27. UPDATE ON THE PIER**

An update was provided about the status of Hastings Pier. The pier administrator is seeking expressions of interest from organisations that wish to run the pier until 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Once these have been received and reviewed a decision will be made.

The administrator was noted to be moving quickly with the process, namely due to the fact the Heritage Lottery Funding to keep the pier open is finite.

(The Chair declared the meeting closed at 12:51pm)