

Report to: Hastings Local Strategic Partnership

Date of Meeting: 12th October 2020

Report Title: LSP Statement of Intent – Building Back Better

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Purpose of Report

To present a draft 'LSP Statement of Intent' document for discussion at the LSP. The statement of sets out how the LSP will work together to 'build back better' following the current pandemic crisis.

Recommendation(s)

1. LSP members now review, add/ adjust content by the 31st October 2020
2. To recommend for approval by the LSP following final edits at its next meeting.
3. It is also suggested that LSP establish Task and Finish groups to address key challenges arising from the crisis and to ensure a strategic approach to solutions and positive impact on the town.

Reasons for Recommendations

The LSP is the agreed strategic body for Hastings in terms of the collective strategic approach to Covid -19 response and recovery. There are numerous discussions and recovery documents being developed by a range of organisations and partners. The LSP wishes to collate and harness this collective activity in the most strategic way.

It is felt that by creating a shared statement of intent for the future of Hastings we can make sure we can recover and evolve from the impacts of the pandemic in a more collective and strategic manner.

Summary of need for 'statement of intent'

1. The attached draft statement of intent (Appendix 1) follows discussion among some LSP partners to strengthen our partnership and working relationship for the future.
2. As a good example this draft is based on that produced by Bristol City Council – Bristol Hopes

[Bristol Statement of Intent 2020](#)

3. By creating a statement of intent for the future of Hastings we can make sure our joint efforts focus us as a town to recover and evolve from the impacts of the pandemic.
4. This draft statement of intent is a recognition and agreement amongst LSP partners of the way we as a town want to rebuild after Covid 19. It is to present a collective Town and LSP view on recovery and is a:
 - It is a recognition of the way we as a town want to rebuild after Covid 19 crisis
 - A description of how Hastings strategic partnership work will contribute to the wider recovery work and interact with existing governance structures
 - A way for us to communicate our priorities to regional, national and international stakeholders
5. The draft has been produced by senior HBC officers in consultation with the Chair of the LSP and lead members of the council.
6. At this stage it is presented for full discussion. We are now proposing that all LSP partners and leads aid the collective authorship of this draft by providing brief additions to their area of service as required.
7. It is also suggested that LSP establish Task and Finish groups to address key challenges arising from the crisis and to ensure a strategic approach to solutions and positive impact on the town.
8. A finalised draft to be presented to LSP on 11th January 2020.

Wards Affected – ALL

Policy Implications

Please identify if this report contains any implications for the following:

Equalities and Community Cohesiveness	Yes
Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)	No
Risk Management	Yes
Environmental Issues	No

Economic/Financial Implications	Yes
Human Rights Act	No
Organisational Consequences	No
Local People's Views	No
Anti-Poverty	No

Additional Information

Appendix A – Hastings Statement of Intent – ‘Building Back Better’

Officer to Contact

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