

# Public Document Pack

## Hastings and St Leonards Local Strategic Partnership

### Minutes 13 June 2022

#### Present:

Cllr Paul Barnett (Chair)	Hastings Borough Council
Cllr Andy Patmore	Hastings Borough Council
Cllr Maya Evans	Hastings Borough Council
Cllr Andrew Batsford	Hastings Borough Council
Jane Hartnell	Hastings Borough Council
Candice Miller	NHS East Sussex
Carole Dixon	Hastings Community Network
Chris Broome	Sea Change Sussex
Darrell Gale	Public Health East Sussex
Dawn Poole	Hasting and Rother Credit Union
Steve Manwaring	HCN/HVA
Simon Hubbard	HVA
Lourdes Madigasekera-Elliott	Public Health East Sussex
Mark Turczanski	Hastings Voluntary Action
Sean Dennis	Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce
Teresa Andrews	HARC
Tracey Rose	Hastings Community Network
Vanessa Biddiss	Optivo Housing Association

#### Guest Presenters:

Pranesh Datta	Hastings Borough Council
Andrew Palmer	Hastings Borough Council
Rosie Leach	Hastings Borough Council

#### Apologies for absence:

Aidan Cornwall	Sussex Police
Sam Carter	Chamber of Commerce
Catherine Orbach	HCN.FSN
Victoria Conheady	Hastings Borough Council
Tracey Dighton	Citizens Advice 1066

<b>37</b>	<b><u>WELCOME NEW CHAIR AND THANKS TO OUTGOING CHAIR</u></b> Councillor Paul Barnett gave thanks to Carole Dixon for her time as chair.	
<b>38</b>	<b><u>MINUTES IF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING</u></b> Minutes of the meeting 7 <sup>th</sup> March Accepted as an accurate record.	

<p><b><u>39</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>NEW ADMINISTRATIONS AT HASTINGS BOROUGH COUNCIL - UPDATE</u></b></p> <p>Jane Hartnell, Managing Director Hastings Borough Council updated that Cllr Paul Barnett is the new Leader with Cllr Maya Evans Deputy Leader. Cllr Paul Barnett explained Labour Leader and Deputy Leader and a Cabinet that consists of six Labour party members and two Green party members. The new administration is to be as transparent as possible and to communicate what's happening as well as possible</p>	
<p><b><u>40</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>RECOMMENDATION REPORT FROM THE LSP BOARD HEALTH INEQUALITIES WORKING GROUP</u></b></p> <p>Lourdes Madigasekera-Elliott, Public Health Strategic Lead presented:</p> <p>One of the reasons why people are dying earlier is due to the chronic stress that comes from living with unstable incomes, jobs and housing. When someone is constantly worrying about how they are going to pay rent, or if they will still have a job tomorrow, it can cause anxiety, depression, and other mental health issues. Chronic stress also puts a physical strain on people's bodies, leading to higher blood pressure, increased blood sugar, and an impaired immune system. In this way, chronic stress leads to increased risk for illness to close these gaps in life expectancy, we need to reduce the chronic stress that is cutting lives short by improving wages, jobs, and creating affordable homes.</p> <p>At the June LSP Board in 2021 it was agreed to establish a health inequalities task and finish working group. This was in part in response to the motion to HBC council in February 2021 regarding health inequalities. The group has scope to evolve as part of a long-term partnership.</p> <p>Systems thinking is a way of approaching problems and organising processes that is based on an idea of integration that is grounded in the belief that in a system, component parts act differently when isolated from other parts or the system environment. A whole system approach works with communities and stakeholders to both understand the problem and to support identification and testing of solutions. System change is a long-term endeavour, often delivered through incremental steps and collaboratively with many partners.</p> <p>Lourdes explained how health outcomes can be achieved through planning principles and measures and there are real opportunities to use developer contributions like section 106 and sell to really build healthy, good infrastructure for our people in place.</p> <p>A seminar has been developed for September to develop an East Sussex</p>	

## Health and Equalities Charter

The group discussed being more joined up and working together. The Chair announced that Hastings Borough Council now has a cabinet member in place for Health. The group discussed how fast-food restaurants and online fast-food deliveries have impacted society in a negative way. The group discussed emerging health systems, new structures being developing to assist the town where 74% of the population is living in the worst 20% deprived communities in the country. The group reflected the need for a place based approach to tackling health inequalities, improving the most for those who are furthest from the norm.

The chair discussed how whilst speaking with residents before the election access to local health care was a high priority. LSP members also had experience of this.

**Note:** The Hastings and Rother Local Strategic Partnership agreed to endorse the notion of a whole system approach to place based health equality work and endorse the LSP owning this agenda

**Actions:** Attend 14<sup>th</sup> September Seminar.

**41**

### **UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAMME - AN INTRODUCTION**

Candice Miller, Assistant Head of Health, Well Being and Partnerships NHS East Sussex CCG presented regarding a new programme.

The Healthy Hastings and Rother Programme was introduced in 2014 and is focused on people living in the eight most deprived wards in Hastings and Rother and consists of projects which have ranged in size, from one-year projects of less than £1000 to a five-year project with a total investment of 1.4 million. Since 2014 there have been 46 different projects and a total investment of £11.4 million under the brand of Healthy Hastings and Rother.

In 2022, there are a small number of projects that remain under the umbrella of the programme, and these continue to have a focus on reducing health inequalities in Hastings and Rother. In addition to the investment into the Healthy Hastings and Rother programme and the services that we have developed through it, there is a one-off allocation from the CCG of another £3.4 million for the benefit of people living in Hastings and Rother. £1 million of that has been allocated to an investment plan, which is being delivered through the Hastings primary care network and this is funding a range of services which it was felt created the best opportunity for improving health inequalities.

The remaining £2.4m is aligned to a new innovative Hastings-focused programme. The Universal Health Care program is going to test and embed a new way of designing NHS services that seek to improve population

health and reduce health inequalities, working with Bradford and the South Bank University, with additional funding from the new Sussex ICS. An appointment is being made shortly to lead this new programme.

The group discussed how pleasing it is for the funding to be focussed back into Hastings and Rother. The group discussed a need for a person to join up HBC, public health, NHS and ESCC work in the borough.

The Chair discussed the importance of including residents in the programme. Candice confirmed that HVA and Diversity Resource International are involved in the design team.

**42** **ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGES - AN UPDATE ABOUT UKRAINIAN REFUGEES**

Andrew Palmer Assistant Director Housing and Built Environment Hastings Borough Council gave an update regarding the Ukrainian refugee schemes. There are 64 known arrivals in Hastings and over 900 across East Sussex. It was recognised a lot of good work has been done. Thanks were given to HVA for their help with payments.

The most significant development and challenge is in relation to the arrival of Ukrainians in Hastings under both the Homes for Ukraine scheme and the Ukrainian Family Visa route. Under the Homes for Ukraine scheme ESCC receive data on names of sponsors/hosts so that checks can be carried out on both host and property. Once matched, ESCC then receive data on the details of the guests arriving. To date, there have been 64 known arrivals in a total of 31 properties. The vast majority of these placements have been successful, with only 3 placements breaking down; two households have been successfully re-matched with a host family, and one remains in temporary accommodation. Homes for Ukraine placements are for a minimum 6 months, so a lot of work is going into finding sustainable move-on properties, as well as host/guest sustainment – an ESCC service for which will be in place in July.

The group discussed that there is a well thought out document available in English and Ukrainian on the ESCC website. The group discussed the need for helping Ukrainian families who are trying to get family members to East Sussex from Ukraine.

**43** **THE LEVELLING UP FUND - AN UPDATE**

Jane Hartnell gave an update that a decision has been made to defer the Hastings bid to round three of levelling up bids. This will give more time to work with partners and submit a bid in spring or Summer 2023.

The group discussed that a delay would give an opportunity to make a better bid. The sustainability of the project was discussed and that capital fund projects need to try to work together.

<p><b><u>44</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>SHARED PROSPERITY FUND - DISCUSSION</u></b></p> <p>Rosie Leach, Regeneration Officer, Hastings Borough Council gave an update. HBC has been allocated £1 million for three years to March 2025. The fund replaces the European Structural and Investment Fund and is part of the Levelling Up Fund. The council does not need to invest in all three priorities and the allocation to each priority area does not need to be even. There are three types of delivery options. Grant programmes, direct delivery and commissioning. The submission window for investment plans opens 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and close on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022. HBC as the accountable body will make the final decision of how to utilise the fund and will be responsible for its delivery.</p> <p>The chair shared his disappointment in the amount of the fund coming to Hastings.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Partners can contact Victoria Conheady if they would like to be part of the process.</p>	
<p><b><u>45</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>TOWNS FUND - UPDATE</u></b></p> <p>Pranesh Data Economic Development Manager Hastings Borough Council gave an update, originally all business cases should be returned by June, but this has been extended to September. Seven business cases have been approved with another two in the coming weeks.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Pranesh to circulate a written report.</p>	
<p><b><u>46</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>COST OF LIVING CRISIS AND THE IMPACTS ON HASTINGS - DISCUSSION</u></b></p> <p><b>Action:</b> To be discussed at the next meeting</p>	
<p><b><u>47</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>AOB</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dates of the next meeting:</b> October 17<sup>th</sup> 10:00am</p>	

This page is intentionally left blank