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Hastings and St Leonards Local Strategic Partnership

Minutes 27 April 2015

Present:

Statutory Sector	
Cllr Jeremy Birch	Hastings Borough Council
Alan Blackwell	Sea Change Sussex
Clive Cooke	Sussex Coast College Hastings
Nigel Cusack	ESFRS
Paul Phelps	Sussex Police
Mike Thompson	Amicus Horizon
Richard Watson	Hastings and Rother CCG

Community and Voluntary Sectors	
Marie Casey (Chair)	Hastings Community Network
Ron Bennett	Big Local North East Hastings
Lawrence Bell	Hastings Community Network
Julie Eason	Hastings Community Network
Carole Dixon	Education Futures Trust
Marc Turczanski	Hastings Community Network

Business Sector	
Andrew Knight	Chamber of Commerce

In Attendance	
Indea Cadman-Rivers	East Sussex County Council
Jane Hartnell	Hastings Borough Council
Zoe Jackson	Amicus Horizon
Alison Jeffery	East Sussex County Council
Simon Hubbard	Hastings Borough Council

Apologies for absence were received from:	
Cllr Liam Atkins	Hastings Borough Council
Paul Frost	University of Brighton in Hastings
Clive Galbraith	Chamber of Commerce
Jenny Jones	Hastings Academy
Frances Robinson	Hastings Primary Academies

1	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>	
	Carole Dixon declared an interest in the Troubled Families Programme.	

<p><u>1</u></p>	<p><u>MINUTES FROM THE LAST LSP MEETING</u></p> <p>The minutes of the Board meeting held on January 26th were agreed as an accurate record.</p>	
<p><u>1</u></p>	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>Richard Watson reported that the GP first programme is actually called Doctor First. Further investigations have revealed only one local practice is using this system.</p> <p>The health inequalities programme is trying to identify any further concerns with local GPs, community network and partners. A report will come to a subsequent meeting. Action: Richard Watson</p>	<p>RW</p>
<p><u>2</u></p>	<p><u>TROUBLED FAMILIES PROGRAMME 2015</u></p> <p>Alison Jeffery, assistant director of children’s services at East Sussex County Council gave a presentation on the work of the Troubled Families Programme. This five year project works with families targeted through six headline problems and aims to break the cycles of poverty and disadvantage by getting families into education and employment.</p> <p>The Board welcomed the overview and thanked Alison for her presentation. They discussed the particular needs of Hastings as a part of the county and questioned how data is collated and shared, how success is measured and how the board can support the work of the initiative.</p> <p>Alison recognised that the town has specific requirements. Currently approximately one third of the County’s allocation is spent within Hastings and although budgets vary, they can be tweaked from year to year to accommodate need. County work closely with other partners to share data, in particular with the Police who are often the first point of call for troubled families. She gave assurance that sustained results are required to draw down funding so families are worked with for a minimum of six months. However, continued work is often undertaken and no pressure is put on service providers to close cases based on funding considerations.</p> <p>Action: ESCC to report on progress of the new programme in 6 months time.</p>	
<p><u>3</u></p>	<p><u>CREATING BETTER NEIGHBOURHOODS - EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS</u></p> <p>Zoe Jackson from Amicus Horizon was in attendance to update the board members on this programme which works with young people not in employment or training or on a low wage to improve their future employment prospects. Participants are able to claim benefits whilst taking part as attendance doesn’t exceed 16 hours per week. The organisers also work closely with contractors and local employers to identify their need and organise apprenticeships or work placements.</p> <p>Again, the Board thanked Zoe for her informative presentation and were keen to offer their support for the project in any way. Links were identified</p>	

with the recently established 'mind the gap' project. The Community Led Local Development (CCLD) funding programme will also soon be considering bids and expressions of interest for initiatives aimed at those excluded from economic opportunities. The Big Local fund also supports similar schemes in the area.

The Board thought it was important to bring together all the schemes to promote employment and skills to avoid duplication and ensure best use of resources and learning. **Action: EDG**

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COMMUNITY COHESION EVENT FEEDBACK AND REPORT

Mark Turczanski presented an update on a community cohesion event hosted by Hastings Community Network on 13 March 2015. The event had been well attended by over 50 partners from across the voluntary and community sectors. Discussion had taken place about the understanding of community cohesion and the barriers to extending this in the town. A number of partners had identified the reduced capacity and resources in both the voluntary and statutory sectors as a significant barrier to supporting community cohesion, this included maintaining links within organisations to enable joined up working. Moreover, it was important to ensure that all sectors of the community had access to appropriate support and benefited from the continued regeneration and development of the town.

The outcomes of the event inform the development of a strategic plan by Hastings Community Network. **Action: LSP will continue to receive reports on progress through the Community Cohesion subgroup.**

Richard Watson commented that the local Clinical Commissioning Group would continue to work with Hastings Community Network to address health inequalities in the town.

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REGENERATION UPDATE

Simon Hubbard had circulated a regeneration update to the board.

The Arts Council England had recently visited the town. Simon Hubbard explained that the outcomes of the visit had been very encouraging and it was hoped to continue to build a close relationship with the Arts Council as part of the ongoing regeneration of the town.

Marie Casey had recently attended the annual general meeting of Hastings Pier Charity; she had been impressed by the charities ongoing work and their strong community engagement.

Richard Watson explained that the Clinical Commissioning Group was in the process of designing a new grant scheme aimed at tackling health inequalities. It was suggested that the Clinical Commissioning Group may wish to draw on good practice from other successful small grants schemes, such as the Big Local.

	<p>Alan Blackwell had provided an update on sites within the Ore Valley area, which had previously been identified for development as part of the Millennium Communities project.</p> <p>Action: It was suggested that Ron Bennett meet with Alan Blackwell and relevant officers from Hastings Borough Council separately, to discuss potential future management options for the sites.</p>	RB/AB
<u>6</u>	<p><u>SEAWATER BATHING QUALITY UPDATE</u></p> <p>The accompanying report supplied for information was noted.</p>	
<u>7</u>	<p><u>EAST SUSSEX STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP NOTES: 3RD FEBRUARY 2015</u></p> <p>The notes of the East Sussex Strategic Partnership Board meeting on 3 February 2015 were received for information.</p>	
<u>8</u>	<p><u>URGENT ITEMS</u></p> <p>Discussion took place regarding a recent report by the Care Quality Commission which had rated services at the Conquest Hospital as inadequate. The Board expressed concern at the report findings and agreed to add an item on local healthcare provision to the agenda for the next Local Strategic Partnership meeting in July.</p> <p>Action: Darren Grayson, the Chief Executive of East Sussex Healthcare Trust will be invited to attend the meeting and provide an update on actions taken to address the issues identified in the report.</p>	
<u>9</u>	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DELIVERY GROUP NOTES: 17TH MARCH 2015</u></p> <p>The notes of the LSP Board's Executive Delivery Group held on 17 March 2015 were received for information.</p>	
<u>10</u>	<p><u>NEXT MEETING DATE: 20TH JULY 2015</u></p> <p>The next Board meeting would be held on 20 July 2015.</p>	
