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HASTINGS & ST LEONARDS LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP EDG

24 JUNE 2015

Present: Monica Adams-Acton, Shabana Bayjou, Alan Blackwell, Pam Brown, Indea Cadman-Rivers, Carole Dixon, Cllr Kim Forward, Clive Galbraith, Steve Manwaring, Paul Phelps, Dan Shelley, Richard Watson and Catherine Watson

Apologies for absence were noted for Bruce Campbell, Marie Casey, Cllr Peter Chowney, Clive Cooke, Nigel Cusack, Paul Frost, Stuart Gallimore and Andrew Palmer

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

2.1 EDG Tuesday 17th March 2015

The minutes of the last meeting held on March 17th were agreed as an accurate record with no matters arising.

2.2 LSP 27th April 2015

The draft notes of the last Board meeting were noted.

3. REDUCING HEATH INEQUALITIES PROGRAMME UPDATE

Richard Watson was in attendance to give the EDG a briefing on the work of the reducing health inequalities programme. The CCG are working with GPs and a wide variety of partners to tackle inequality especially to vulnerable and marginalised groups.

The group thanked Richard for the information and welcomed the continuing work. The sustainment of work was highlighted as key to achieving long term change.

Action: an update was requested to come to a future meeting.

4. DEMENTIA ACTION ALLIANCE

Catherine Watson and Pam Brown spoke to the EDG regarding work the Seniors Forum has been undertaking with the support of HVA and other local organisations and in partnership with the Alzheimer's Society to form a Dementia Action Alliance and declare the town a dementia friendly community.

The LSP will be asked to support this work and encourage sign up from community members and businesses. An action plan will be developed and training sessions provided. Sign up and more information are available via www.dementiafriends.org.uk.

The CCG have already allocated funding but other streams will need to be found. Researching statistics for the numbers of local people diagnosed with dementia may

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help in securing this although it is suspected that the majority of affected people are undiagnosed.

The College may be able to help when the potential costs are made clear as they have resources set aside for community learning and a large number of students in health and social care.

Action: an update was requested to come to the December EDG meeting.

5. DIGITAL BY DESIGN

Chantal Lass gave an update on the work being undertaken to extend and improve HBC web services. Six top transactions have been identified and provided as part of the 'myhastings' online self-service facility.

A working group has been established to oversee this process and an Overview and Scrutiny review of digital inclusion will begin in September.

6. EDUCATION SCRUTINY REVIEW

Carole Dixon reported that the final findings of the Overview and Scrutiny review of the town's academies was submitted to the Services Committee earlier this month. It recommended the set up of a task and finish group to explore closer partnership working which would be reported to the LSP.

The first meeting of this group will take place next month and a further update will be provided at the next Board meeting.

Clive Galbraith requested stronger links are made between education and employment outcomes. **Action: Carole Dixon.**

7. MIND THE GAP

Dan Shelley reported that the first meeting of the steering group has taken place to discuss how partners can work together to mitigate any additional strain on resources as a result of the cuts to resources.

Further updates will be provided. The EDG emphasised the importance of community and voluntary sector participation at all stages.

Action: A more detailed report was requested for the July LSP meeting.

8. REGENERATION UPDATE

Monica gave an update on Community Led Local Development, the White Rock Baths refurbishment and the Local Enterprise Partnership.

She also informed the group of the White Rock and Town Centre Action Plan which is being developed to encourage culturally led economic development of the area. A

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number of organisations have been contacted to be on an advisory group to inform this process.

9. HASTINGS BOROUGH COUNCIL RESTRUCTURE

Simon distributed an organisational chart showing the new HBC structure for information; there will now be two directors and four assistant directors. Despite the contraction of resources, the organisational aims remain ambitious.

10. DRAFT LSP AGENDA - MONDAY 20TH JULY 2015

The July meeting will focus on Anti-Poverty and the agenda was noted.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Clive Galbraith reported that Sean Dennis has been recruited to the Chamber of Commerce as a deputy CEO and may be in attendance at future meetings. He also conveyed that a new appointment to the Lets Do Business Group will be made after the recent departure of Jonathan Dolding.

Carole Dixon promoted the next HCN community event being held on 15th July and focussing on children, young people and mental health. Further details will follow.

12. DATES OF NEXT EDG

Monday 14th September, 11.30, Town Hall

Tuesday 8th December, 10.30, Town Hall

(The Chair declared the meeting closed at. 12.00 pm)

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