

**November 2009**

## Welcome to e-News!

### ■ Migrant Action Group Update

Since receiving government funding in July for its Empowering and Integrating Migrant Communities project, the Migrant Research Project Group has become the Migration Action Group, and met for the first time in September to discuss the early stages of the project.

The project's overall objective is to improve services and outcomes for migrant communities.

Progress to date has included agreement of Terms of Reference for the Group and quarterly monitoring arrangements for the project. Action plans for each work-stream have been produced, and work is underway.

A Migrant Community Support Officer post has been advertised, and we hope the post will be filled by the New Year. Their role will include;

- engaging with migrant communities to understand their experiences of local services,
- identifying what information, advice and guidance exists across the County and set up effective signposting arrangements,
- coordinating the Migration Action Group and
- overseeing and monitoring the project work-streams.

A Migrant Community Project Worker for Housing has been appointed, subject to references. They will work to develop best practice for housing professionals when dealing with accommodation issues faced by migrant communities. Their role will include:

- direct engagement with the communities and landlords to identify issues faced,
- collation of information on housing occupied by migrants, and
- the development of a training programme for housing professionals.

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## ■ The East Sussex Safer Communities Partnership Annual Stakeholder Conference

The East Sussex Safer Communities Partnership held its 5th Annual Stakeholder Conference on 3 November 2009. The event focused around the current partnership review and proved to be a very successful tool in consulting with stakeholders. Keynote speaker Mark Davison from the Centre for Public Innovation opened the conference with a speech on 'Challenges in Partnership Working'. Themes and comments identified during the conference will be fed back to the review working group. The conference was well attended by representatives from a wide range of organisations.

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## ■ Partnership Works...A Case Study: County Connect

A new case study has been published looking at services which support people to remain independent. This publication forms part of a set of case studies which highlight the work going on across the county in delivering Pride of Place, the Sustainable Community Strategy for East Sussex.

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## What's On?

### ■ East Sussex Strategic Partnership Meetings

New dates for the East Sussex Strategic Partnership have now been set, with the 2010 dates as follows:

10am Thursday 14 January 2010: Wealden District Council, Hailsham

10am Wednesday 28 April 2010: Sussex Police, Lewes

10am Thursday 22 July 2010: Venue TBC

10am Wednesday 3 November 2010: Venue TBC

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### ■ Working with LINKs

Local Involvement Networks (LINKs) are holding a seminar on 18 November for health and social care managers, Local Authority councillors and those people providing independent and voluntary sector health and social care services. The session aims to help raise awareness of LINKs by showing how health and social care managers should work with LINKs and respond to their reports and recommendations.

**Contact:** East Sussex LINK, 01323 514510, [manager@thecountylink.net](mailto:manager@thecountylink.net) or [website link](#).

## ■ The Big Drink Debate

This session on 24 November will offer an opportunity to share your views on drinking habits in the South East. An expert panel will use these comments to set future priorities and develop a manifesto for tackling alcohol misuse.

**Contact:** 020 7403 2230 or [website link](#).

# Consultations

## ■ School Travel

Please give your views on the recently revised Sustainable School Travel Strategy. This strategy sets out the travel and transport choices available to schools in East Sussex and what plans are being developed in the future. Consultation ends on 13 November 2009.

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## ■ The Future of Bus Services in East Sussex

Your views are needed on the plans to improve bus services in East Sussex. A review of passenger transport services in 2007 showed a number of areas where bus services could be changed or increased to provide better transport links. The draft bus strategy sets out plans to improve bus travel in the county, including how and where services will change. Consultation ends on 23 December 2009.

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# ESiF

East Sussex in Figures (ESiF) is the free data observatory for East Sussex. ESiF is open to everyone and holds a range of data from housing and population to health care and education. It also provides a set of easy-to-use tools for analysing and presenting this information such as graphs, tables and thematic maps. Area Profiles are available for wards and parishes in East Sussex, as well as for each district and for the county as a whole. They contain a number of pre-determined tables, charts and maps that present key information for different areas.

### **New publications:**

- In brief... population projections; JSA Claimant Count unemployment September 2009
- Local Area Agreement (LAA2) Quarter 1, Year 2
- Place Survey 2008/09 including 18 National Indicators
- East Sussex Business Survey 2008 – multiple response tables

### **New datasets**

Recently published datasets include: Job Seeker's Allowance claimants including by towns; policy-based projections of population, households, dwellings and workforce (2001-2026); personal insolvencies; job vacancies by type, occupation and industry; economic activity; employment by occupation; household waste arising; house prices and transactions

### **ESiF User Guide**

Did you know that by clicking on the 'description' tab in a table you can find out more about the data including definitions, source, its release date as well as the geographies and time periods presented (see page 28 of the User Guide available on ESiF)?

### **ESiF training 2009**

Places are available on 9 December with more dates being booked for 2010. The half day course costs £60. If you are interested please contact Jackie Pickering, Personnel and Training, East Sussex County Council, for a booking form on 01273 481427 or e-mail [jackie.pickering@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:jackie.pickering@eastsussex.gov.uk)

\*\*The ESiF website will be changing its appearance later this month to reflect feedback from users. The welcome page will include news items, recently added datasets and help for new visitors\*\*

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## **About Us**

East Sussex Strategic Partnership (ESSP) was set up in 2000 to help organisations work together in a coordinated way to plan local services and tackle the issues that matter to local people.

Our main task is to develop and deliver Pride of Place, the Sustainable Community Strategy for East Sussex, a long-term plan for improving quality of life locally.

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