

Rising to the challenge

The future for partnership working

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Horizon scanning



What I will cover

- the national context for partnership working and the role of local strategic partnerships, past and present;
- what the future might mean for partners in East Sussex; and the risks and opportunities that might arise.

An independent view

Local Strategic Partnerships – a reminder

- brings together at a local level the different parts of the public sector as well as the private, business, community and voluntary sectors so that different initiatives and services support each other and work together
- provides a single overarching local co-ordination framework within which other partnerships can operate
- is responsible for developing and driving the implementation of Sustainable Community Strategies and Local Area Agreements
- ‘Partnership of partnerships’
- Non-statutory partnership

The role of LSP partners

- a leadership and governing role
- coordinate community consultation and engagement
- Produce a Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS)
- Produce a county-wide Local Area Agreement (LAA)
- oversight of the planning and alignment of resources
- Review and performance manage LAA progress

.... and the success of LSPs

‘Working together better’ (AC 2009) concluded:

- LSPs are evolving and maturing.
- Local and national partners still need to recognise the key dynamics that support partnership working.
- Most LSPs have progress to make on their improvement journey if they are to deliver SCS and LAA outcomes.
- LSPs that have good, shared systems for performance and resource management will find it easier to show that they are on track to achieve agreed outcomes than those that do not.

... and improving outcomes

Report on the 2009 Survey of all English LAAs

At least 85 per cent of respondents reported progress in delivering improved outcomes through:

- achieving behavioural change
- narrowing the gap in outcomes between the most and least deprived areas
- improving local environmental quality.

The future - Public sector spending reductions

June 2010 budget

- Budget deficit £154.7bn
- average of 25% cut by 2015 (NHS and overseas aid protected)
- Freeze on council tax in 2011/12
- Two year public sector pay freeze (for those earning over £21,000)
- immediate £6.2bn 2010/11 cuts
- LAA reward funding cuts - £125m nationally in 200/11

In East Sussex

- ESCC £8.3m 2010/11 cuts
- ESSP - 50% of 2010/11 performance reward grant lost (£4.9m)

.. and significant change

July 2010 – NHS White paper

- NHS commissioning Board from 2012
- GP consortia will commission services from 2012/13
- local authority responsibility for public health service
- SHA and PCTs abolished

20 October 2010 - Comprehensive Spending Review

- deliver a step change in the drive for efficiency and value for money in the public sector;
- challenge Government Departments, Local Government and partners to consider fundamental changes to the way vital services are provided;
- set out plans to reform the welfare system, and to restrain the costs of public sector pay and pensions.

... and underpinning themes

Localism

- 'big society' not big government
- Decentralising power
- Encouraging volunteering and empower communities

Transparency

- Public accountability
- Publication of expenditure over £500
- 'show me the money'

Sector led improvement and support

- Reduced regulation

Impact of East Sussex Strategic Partnership

- has a long-term shared vision with local implementation plans.
- has made a difference - improving outcomes for local people
- Integrated nature of 'Pride of Place' highlighted in 'Working together better'
- Compact Voice acknowledges a productive relationship between ESSP and voluntary groups in the area.

Future role of the ESSP in an age of austerity

Risk	Opportunities to ...
Retrenchment	<p>Refocus and prioritise ESSP key priorities and actions</p> <p>Avoid silo working. Ask – What’s the impact on Pride of Place of every proposed cut?</p> <p>Work through consequences of individual cuts together – costs, total impact, impact on ‘narrowing the gap’.</p> <p>Keep voluntary sector engaged in cuts agenda – big society.</p>

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Value for money	<p>Deliver value for money in partnership.</p> <p>Avoid knee jerk reactions. Cuts by one organisation may increase costs for others.</p> <p>Further strengthen partnership working</p>

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Impact on the local economy	<p>Be proactive - build on evidence of multi agency Recession Fund.</p> <p>Refocus priorities on economy and links to access, transport, broadband</p> <p>Consider impact on isolated and vulnerable communities</p>

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Accountability	<p>Review information provided to the public – building on what’s already available.</p> <p>Does it pass a ‘show me the money’ test?</p> <p>Identify cost of ESSP processes and frameworks</p>

Working together

