

Rising to the Challenge

East Sussex Assembly Annual Conference

22 July 2010, Winter Garden, Eastbourne

- 9.00am** **Arrival, registration and refreshments**
- 9.30am** **Welcome and Introduction**
Jeremy Leggett, Chairman of East Sussex Strategic Partnership (ESSP)
- 9.40am** **2010 and Beyond – The Challenge Ahead**
Shân Allen, Performance Manager, Audit Commission will set out 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.
- 10.00am** **The Picture in East Sussex**
Becky Shaw, Chief Executive of East Sussex County Council will outline the scale of the challenge partners are facing in East Sussex and emerging issues.
- 10.10am** **Delivering Success in a Difficult Climate**
Round table discussions for participants to consider what all this means for us, our services, service users and local communities; what we can do to deliver positive outcomes and greater effectiveness in a climate of austerity; and where ESSP and wider partners can add real value.
- 11.30am** **Reflections and Next Steps** - issues and opportunities emerging from discussions
- 11.45am** **Close**

ESSP Meeting – open to Assembly members and the public

- Noon** **1. Welcome and Apologies**
- 12.02pm** **2. Notes of the meeting held on 28 April 2010 and matters arising**
- 12.10pm** **3. 2009/10 Annual review** including Local Area Agreement performance and progress on delivering the Pride of Place countywide action plan priorities
- 12.20pm** **4. Discussion item:** The Local Transport Plan – what are the priorities, what are the challenges to delivering these, and how can ESSP assist and add value?
- 12.40pm** **5. 2010 East Sussex Assembly:** responding to issues and opportunities raised
- 12.50pm** **6. Any Other Business**
- 1.00pm** **7. Next meeting:** 3 November 2010, 10am, Rother District Council, The Town Hall, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex, TN39 3JX

Close

ABOUT THE EVENT

This event is about finding partnership solutions to the challenges we are facing. As the Local Government Association summarised earlier this year... "The social, economic and environmental challenges facing our communities are intense. On top of this we are now facing a lengthy period of spending constraint and real-term cuts. Public expectations remain high and people will look to councils and local partnerships to find new ways of maintaining and improving the quality of services which they receive."

ABOUT ESSP

East Sussex Strategic Partnership (ESSP) brings organisations together to plan local services and tackle the issues that matter to local people.

Our main tasks are to:

- develop and deliver the Sustainable Community Strategy for East Sussex, [Pride of Place](#), a long-term plan for improving quality of life for those living and working in East Sussex
- deliver the East Sussex [Local Area Agreement](#), and other action plans, which aim to tackle the priorities set out in Pride of Place
- report on [our progress and performance](#) to the Government Office for the South East (GOSE), local partners and the general public
- provide leadership on countywide issues where no other appropriate organisation or partnership can be identified.

ABOUT THE EAST SUSSEX ASSEMBLY

The [Assembly](#) is the ESSP's consultative and advisory forum, and one of the largest cross-sector networks in the county. It comprises almost 100 organisations and partnerships from the public, private and voluntary and community sectors that are involved or interested in public services and improving life in East Sussex.

THE VENUE

Gold Room, Winter Garden, Compton Street, Eastbourne, BN21 4BP. [Click here](#) for a map

GETTING THERE

- **Public Transport:** Eastbourne can be reached by rail and bus services. The Winter Garden is a 15 minute walk or 5 minute taxi ride from Eastbourne train station. The Number 3 bus (Eastbourne Town centre to Meads) stops near the theatre on Compton Street. [Click here](#) for bus information.
- **Parking:** College Road car park (250m away from the Winter Garden) is a Pay and Display car park for 200 cars. There is also a limited amount of on-street pay and display parking.
- **Access:** Parking spaces for people with disabilities (Blue badge holders) are situated on the slip road between the Congress Theatre main entrance and the Winter Garden. The Gold Room has a hearing loop and a stair lift, suitable for wheelchair users, is also available.

REFRESHMENTS

We will not be providing lunch. However tea, coffee, water, pastries and fruit will be available. Special diets will be catered for if notified in advance. To prevent waste and to help us keep costs down, please let us know in advance if you are unable to attend.

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