

IN ATTENDANCE

ESSP Members present:

Jeremy Leggett (Chair)
Cllr Bob Tidy (Vice Chair)
Ian Chisnall
Cllr David Tutt
Joanna Hodgson
Peter Archer
Cllr Trevor Webb
John Hodges
Debby Gill
Charles Everett
Rita Lewis
Steve Manwaring
Steve Hare
Leighe Rogers
Robin Smith

Action in Rural Sussex
East Sussex County Council (ESCC)
Churches Together in Sussex
Eastbourne Borough Council
Environment Agency
Federation of Small Businesses
Hastings Borough Council
Hastings & Bexhill Economic Alliance
JobCentre Plus
NHS Hastings & Rother
NHS East Sussex Downs & Weald
SpeakUp Representative
SpeakUp Representative
Surrey and Sussex Probation Trust
Sussex Police

Also in attendance (observers):

Becky Shaw
Jane Mackney
Sarah Dyde
Richard Homewood
Cynthia Lyons
Hazel Henderson
Gill Cameron-Waller
Martin Searle
Shabana Bayjou
Carina Hinkley
Alison Giacomelli
Claire Lee

East Sussex County Council
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Hastings Borough Council
NHS Hastings & Rother
NHS Hastings and Rother
Wealden District Council
Federation of Small Businesses
Hastings Borough Council
Lewes District Council
RSPB
East Sussex County Council

Apologies for absence:

Chris Wick
Gary Walsh
Cllr Jeremy Birch
Richard Emmens
Jon Griffiths
Cllr James MacClearey
Cllr Carl Maynard
Gilly Bartrip
Cllr Robert Standley
Roy Mawford
Charles Lant
Cllr David Young
Diana Grice
Robert Cottrill

Environment Agency
East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service
Hastings Borough Council
Government Office for the South East
Highway Agency
Lewes District Council
Rother District Council
South East England Development Agency
Wealden District Council
Hastings Borough Council
Wealden District Council
Sussex Associations of Local Councils (ES)
East Sussex Downs and Weald PCT
Eastbourne Borough Council

Andrew Palmer
Ian Fitzpatrick
Jane Hartnell
Scott Lavocah

Hastings Borough Council
Eastbourne Borough Council
Hastings Borough Council
Rother District Council

NOTES

1) Welcome

1.1 The chair welcomed Peter Archer (Federation of Small Businesses) who had replaced Ken Stevens, Martin Searle (FSB), Cynthia Lyons (NHS Hastings and Rother), and Alison Giacomelli (RSPB) who presented a paper on behalf of the Environment Strategy Group.

2) Urgent Items of business

2.1 None notified.

3) Notes of the meeting held on 22 July 2010 and Matters Arising

3.1 The notes of the last meeting were agreed as a correct record. All matters arising were dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.

4) Declarations of Interest

4.1 None reported.

5) The 2010/11 Public Health Annual Report, 'Reducing Health Inequalities in East Sussex' – presented by Cynthia Lyons (CL), Deputy Director of Public Health, NHS Hastings and Rother and NHS East Sussex Downs and Weald

5.1 Cynthia Lyons gave a presentation and circulated a summary of the report 'Reducing Health Inequalities in East Sussex'. The full report is available on the link below:
<http://www.esdw.nhs.uk/about-us/strategic-documents/director-of-public-health-annual-reports/>

5.2 Partners discussed the report and acknowledged that health inequalities in East Sussex were affected by numerous factors, many of which were beyond the direct scope of the NHS, for example housing and access to employment. The key role high quality Primary Care played was also noted. Organisations needed to work together if the issues were to be tackled successfully.

Agreed – East Sussex County Council's offer to organise, jointly with the PCT, a conference following publication of the Public Health Bill to discuss further how partners can work together on reducing health inequalities in East Sussex.

6) East Sussex Assembly next steps

6.1 Members agreed on the three priority areas (listed below) for future work, drawn from those areas suggested by Assembly members at the meeting in July. Work amongst various combinations of partners was already underway on many of the areas identified.

6.2 It was agreed that the next step would be to assess what work was already in place in the County and to bring to the next ESSP meetings suggestions for how ESSP partners

could be involved in that work. It was agreed that measurable outcomes should be identified for each of the priority areas, in order that the ESSP could assess success.

6.3 Work would progress on the three priority areas as follows:

c - Joint communications, consultation and engagement and sharing consultation findings and assessments with partners.

6.4 ESCC (Jane Mackney) to investigate how existing networks, such as the East Sussex Research and Engagement Network (REN), could be built upon to improve co-ordination of activities across the County.

d – Better use of physical assets including police and fire stations, schools outside school hours, co-location of services, hot desking and generic office space

6.6 An audit of the physical assets of statutory bodies in Rother was already underway, led by Rother District Council and supported by Sussex Police, with a view to making the most efficient use of the resources available. It was proposed to expand the Audit to cover the whole of the County.

Action – Robin Smith to lead on the project for ESSP and consider how other partners could be involved.

Action - ESSP Members to advise RS of any assets they wished to include in the audit.

e – Place based budgeting including pooling budgets and joint service/cost reviews, less ring-fencing, along with participatory budgeting, trading services and expertise, and buying local

6.7 Becky Shaw explained that national pilot projects on place based budgeting had been announced, focused on budgets which provided support for vulnerable children and families. ESCC, whilst not part of the national pilot, were carrying out work to identify the families with whom departments across the Council had most contact, to see whether there was scope for using resources more efficiently.

Action – Any interested parties to advise ESCC (Becky Shaw)

7) Economic Development

7.1 Becky Shaw updated the meeting on progress on Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and Economic Strategy.

7.2 The Local Economic Assessment which would form the basis for the new Economic Strategy was near completion and would be issued as a final consideration draft very shortly. Becky thanked all those who had contributed to the work so far.

7.3 In discussion with the Government, the East Sussex LEP bid had been merged with that for Essex and Kent. The new LEP covering the three counties would be the largest in the country in terms of population and would give the County significant influence nationally. There were considerable areas of joint interest across the LEP area and, whilst the details of the governance arrangements were still to be finalised, it was expected that partners would work together on areas where there were common concerns eg regeneration of coastal towns. Whilst the LEP would be an important vehicle for economic development, partners in

the County would continue to work across neighbouring areas which were not part of the LEP where this was advantageous. The Regional Growth Fund was not directly part of the new LEP machinery, however, it was anticipated that bids to the fund which were supported by the LEP were likely have a greater chance of success than those which did not. It was agreed that the LEP should be asked to consider putting an early bid to Regional Growth Fund for high speed broadband across East Sussex.

7.4 The LEP would build on the successful arrangements that were already in place, for example SeaSpace in Hastings and Rother. Reference was made to the 800 new jobs which had been created in Hastings, and congratulations were given to John Shaw and those involved in negotiating the opportunity.

8) Pride of Place Strategy developments and reviews: Environment and Climate Change

8.1 Alison Giacomelli introduced the report. Representatives from the borough and district councils noted that the strategy was beginning to link better with work that was already in had in their areas, but cautioned that targets would need to be realistic in reflecting the resources available to deliver the strategy and would need to reflect the different starting points across the County. Those working on the Environment Strategy were working closely with partners developing the Climate Change strategy, to ensure that the two complemented rather than replicated each other.

Agreed to note the draft county-wide partnership Environment Strategy for East Sussex and endorsed the public consultation of the Strategy with a view to subsequent adoption of it as ESSP's Environment Strategy for East Sussex, in line with the Countywide Action Plan.

9) Comprehensive Spending Review 2010

9.1 Members reported on the effects the CSR will have on their organisations. Whilst the national picture was now clearer, many local bodies are still awaiting details of the specific effects on their organisations. All agreed that whilst the CSR presented challenges, it also provided a positive impetus for improved partnership working. Ian Chisnall highlighted the current consultation on VCS and encouraged Members to respond.

10) Pride of Place Champions

Improving Transport

10.1 Jeremy Leggett reported that the Local Transport Plan 3 was out to consultation, with a closing date of 4 January 2011. Partners were encouraged to comment on the plan (see link <http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/yourcouncil/consultation/2010/ltp3>)

Alcohol Misuse and Housing

10.2 In view of the time constraints at the meeting, it was agreed that any updates on these matters would be circulated to members outside the meeting (copy of the housing update attached).

11) LAA 2 performance monitoring

10.3 The Secretary for State for Communities and Local Government had signalled his intention to end Local Area Agreements with effect from April 2011 and there would be no reward grants available for the current LAA. The targets in the LAA had represented areas of performance which local partners had felt to be important. There would be a need to look at what indicators the partnership wished to monitor in the future to ensure that the community strategy was being delivered

12) Any other Business

Compact Award

12.1 East Sussex had been awarded a Compact Excellence Award in the Local Compact of the Year from the Commission for the Compact. This prestigious national award recognised excellent partnership working taking place between local and national government and the voluntary sector which exists in East Sussex.

13) Date of next meeting

13.1 The next meeting will take place on 11 January 2011 at 10 am in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Hastings.

SUMMARY OF AGREED ACTIONS November 3rd 2010

Item	Action
5	Agreed East Sussex County Council to organise, jointly with the PCT, a conference to discuss how partners can work together to reduce health inequalities once the Public Health Bill is published.
6	East Sussex Assembly Next Steps <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Robin Smith to lead on the project for ESSP and consider how other partners could be involved2. ESSP Members to advise RS of any assets they wished to include in the audit of physical assets3. ESSP Members to advise ESSC (Becky Shaw) if they are interested in the work looking at placed based budgets that are being trialled in the Council.
10	Pride of Place Champions Improving Transport Partners were encouraged to comment on Local Transport Plan 3 http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/yourcouncil/consultation/2010/ltp3