

## IN ATTENDANCE

### ESSP Members present:

Jeremy Leggett (Chair)  
Cllr Bob Tidy (Vice Chair)  
Ian Chisnall  
Peter Archer  
John Hodges  
Janet Thacker (on behalf of  
Chris Nicol)  
Charles Everett  
Steve Manwaring  
Robin Smith  
Chris Wick  
Cllr David Young  
Cllr Ian Jenkins (on behalf of  
Cllr James MacClearey)  
Cllr Robert Standley  
Gary Walsh  
Cllr Bill Bentley  
Cllr Charles Peck – item 5  
Colin Anderson – item 7

Action in Rural Sussex  
East Sussex County Council (ESCC)  
Churches Together in Sussex  
Federation of Small Businesses  
Hastings & Bexhill Economic Alliance  
JobCentre Plus  
  
NHS Hastings & Rother  
SpeakUp Representative  
Sussex Police  
Environment Agency  
Sussex Associations of Local Councils (ES)  
Lewes District Council  
  
Wealden District Council  
East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service  
Lead Member for Adult Social Care  
Deputy Chair SDNPA  
East Sussex County Council

### Also in attendance (observers):

Becky Shaw  
Charles Lant  
Gill Cameron-Waller  
Ian Fitzpatrick (on behalf of  
Robert Cottrill  
Jane Mackney  
Roy Mawford  
Sarah Dyde  
Diana Grice

East Sussex County Council  
Wealden District Council  
Wealden District Council  
Eastbourne Borough Council

East Sussex County Council  
Hastings Borough Council  
East Sussex County Council  
East Sussex PCT's

### Apologies for absence:

Cllr David Tutt  
Martin Searle  
Rita Lewis  
Steve Hare  
Cllr Jeremy Birch  
Paul Harward  
Jon Griffiths  
Debby Gill  
Leighe Rogers  
Cllr Carl Maynard  
Cllr James MacClearey  
Cllr Jeremy Birch  
Gilly Bartrip

Eastbourne Borough Council  
Federation of Small Businesses  
NHS East Sussex Downs & Weald  
SpeakUp Representative  
Hastings Borough Council  
Highways Agency  
Highways Agency  
JobCentre Plus  
Surrey and Sussex Probation Trust  
Rother District Council  
Lewes District Council  
Hastings Borough Council  
South East England Development Agency

## NOTES

### 1) **Welcome**

- 1.1 The chair welcomed all – those attending on behalf of others were identified.

### 2) **Urgent Items of business**

None

### 3) **Notes of the meeting held on 11 January 2011 and Matters Arising**

- 3.1 The notes of the last meeting were agreed as a correct record.

#### **Matters Arising**

**Items 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3** – on agenda of today's meeting.

**Item 9 – LTP3 Post Consultation Update** – summary has been circulated by Jon Wheeler – two workshops had been organised – 6 May 2011 and 18 May 2011 – both from 2pm – 4pm at Westfield House, County Hall, Lewes – please email Sarah Dyde if interested in attending. Email – [sarah.dyde@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.dyde@eastsussex.gov.uk) .

### 4) **Declarations of Interest**

- 4.1 None reported.

### 5) **South Downs National Park**

- 5.1 Councillor Charles Peck outlined the purpose and implications for partners of the creation of the National Park. The purpose of the park was twofold:
1. to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the area.;
  2. to promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the Park by the public.
- The Park Authority were keen to work with partners to achieve these aims.
- 5.2 Policies and a management plan for the Park should be in place by 20 April 2011.
- 5.3 JL thanked Councillor Peck for attending.

### 6) **Economic Development**

Becky Shaw reported on each of the following in turn:-

#### **Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)**

- 6.1 The first two meetings of the Interim LEP Board took place on 24 January and 14 March 2011 which focused on the Governance arrangements. There would be a Board of 48 and an executive group of 24 organisations. On the wider Board East Sussex would be represented by East Sussex County Council, Eastbourne District Council, Hastings

Borough Council, Lewes District Council, Wealden District Council and Hastings' and Eastbourne's Chambers of Commerce, Federation of Small Businesses, BT and General Dynamics from the business sector. On the Executive Group Eastbourne Borough Council and Wealden District Council will represent East Sussex, business representatives were yet to be decided. In response to concerns from partners about engagement with SMEs and the VCS, Becky gave reassurance that these organisations would be appropriately engaged. ESSP members could help with this process by representing views to East Sussex representatives on the LEP where issues arose. In addition to the LEP Board and Executive, there were likely to be functional groups formed to consider specific issues. There would be opportunities for engagement on cross boundary issues through these networks.

- 6.2 The LEP workplan would be shared with the ESSP as part of the consultation process.
- 6.3 The Government had announced a £4m 'capacity fund' for LEPs to bid into to fund work spread over four years. The first bidding round (for up to £1m) closed on 31 March 2011. A second bidding round will be launched in autumn 2011. Essex County Council will be submitting a bid on behalf of our LEP – for full details following link – <http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/environment/planning/regeneration/default.htm>

### **East Sussex Local Economic Assessment**

- 6.4 The LEA is out for consultation on the internet until 8 April 2011 for one month's formal comment by interested stakeholders – the ESSP Assembly and other key partners were notified of the opportunity to comment. The draft developing Economic Development Strategy will be reviewed following these comments and will then be subject to full formal three months consultation starting early April. The ED Strategy will come to ESSP in July.

### **Enterprise Zones (EZ)**

- 6.5 The Government had announced the creation of 21 new EZs as part of the budget and named the first 11. Only one EZ would be allowed in each LEP area. Expressions of interest had been invited for the next waive of EZs by the end of April, but it was unlikely that any areas in East Sussex fulfilled the selection criteria.

### **The Regional Growth Fund (RGF)**

- 6.6 450 bids, totalling £2.7bn, had been submitted to the Government in round 1 from across the County. Only £250m would be allocated by the Government, however, against these bids. Successful bids would be notified in early April 2011.
- 6.7 The second round will be open on the 12<sup>th</sup> April and the same partnership approach will be adopted to this round of bids.

### **UK Broadband**

- 6.8 JH expressed concern that the County Council was now only supporting bids for improved broadband in rural communities, when it was equally important to urban areas. BS clarified that £2m had been allocated by ESCC in the 2011/12 financial year to support high speed broadband in the County but that no decisions had been made about its use.

## 7) Children and Young People's Plan

- 7.1 Colin Anderson summarised his paper - the CYPP is more focussed, there are now 13 targets instead of 70 and a section on aspirations has been included. Consultation on the draft Plan is underway and responses are welcomed on the draft by 15 May 2011. The new Plan may result in changes to Pride and Place and they will come back to ESSP at a later date. Please see link below for Consultation  
<http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/yourcouncil/consultation/2011/cypp/default.htm>

## 8) Priorities updates

- 8.1 **Place based budgeting** - BS reported that she had received a welcomed letter from Speak Up.

**Action – ESCC to issue programme detailing next steps**

- 8.2 **Better use of physical assets** – Robin Smith was grateful for the huge response received from those willing to take part in the Asset Group. The first East Sussex Asset Group will take place at the end of April to look at the terms of reference and agreeing PID. RS will report back to ESSP meeting in July.

**Action – RS to report back to next ESSP Meeting in July**

- 8.3 **Joint Communications, consultation and engagement** – Jane Mackney outlined the proposed way forward, with faster more targeted information and making better use of existing systems.

**Action – JM to write out to Group to ask for anyone interested in moving this forward and to challenge/support assumptions to contact her.**

## 9) Economic Value Assessment of the VCS

- 9.1 Steve Manwaring reported that a full copy of his presentation will be sent round with these minutes, a link will be placed on the ESSP website to the full report. SM reported that the EVA had looked at the economic value of the Voluntary and Community Sector in the County. Over 1,000 organisations gave data to contribute to the assessment, which showed that there were over 60,000 volunteers whose time was the worth the equivalent of £18m of investment. Overall the sector contributed nearly £500m to the economy of the County. VCS organisations existed to support 35 different areas of activities. The sector was composed largely of micro organisations, employing an average of 7-10 people. The survey had been carried out before the cuts in public expenditure by the Government had been announced. These could make such small organisations particularly vulnerable. Both the benefits of and risks to the VCS would need to be considered in future support to the sector.

**Action SD to add report to ESSP website**

## 10) LAA2 Performance Monitoring

- 10.1 The Partnership noted the report.

## 11) Election of Chairperson

- 11.1 Councillor Tidy nominated Chief Superintendent Robin Smith as new Chair of ESSP and gave his three reasons for his nomination. JL asked the group to agree by

consensus that RS become Chairperson from the next meeting and that Sussex Police would have an additional representative on the partnership for the period of Robin's chairmanship.

**Action - All agreed**

- 11.2 Councillor Tidy was joined by the partnership in thanking Jeremy Leggett for his work as Chair of the ESSP at a pivotal time in its development.

**12) Any other Business**

- 12.1 Ian Chisnall made reference to the work of the Migrant Action Group and would like to present a paper at the next meeting on the way forward.

**Action – IC to prepare paper to present to next ESSP meeting in July.**

- 12.2 Next ESSP Meeting – RS would like to keep agenda light to focus on talking about moving ESSP forward, particularly, what the collective efforts of ESSP are and what ESSP should measure.

**13) Date of next meeting (please note change of venue)**

- 13.1 The next meeting will take place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at 10 am – 1pm in the **Devonshire Lounge at the International Tennis Centre, Devonshire Park, Eastbourne** – refreshments will be served from 9.30 am.

**SUMMARY OF AGREED ACTIONS – 4 April 2011**

| Item | Action   |
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| 8.1  | <b>Place based budgeting – BS to issue programme detailing next steps</b>  |
| 8.2  | <b>Better use of physical assets – RS to report back to next ESSP in July on action agreed at the East Sussex Asset Group.</b> |
| 8.3  | <b>Joint Communications – JM to write to group asking for volunteers to come forward.</b>                                      |
| 12.1 | <b>Migrant Action Group – IC to prepare paper to be published at next ESSP in July.</b>  |