

IN ATTENDANCE

ESSP Members present:

Katy Bourne	Police and Crime Commissioner
Ian Chisnall	Churches Together in Sussex
Ron Francis	Job Centre Plus
Ian Fitzpatrick (on behalf of Cllr David Tutt)	Eastbourne Borough Council
Cllr Keith Glazier (Vice Chair)	East Sussex County Council
Jeremy Leggett	Action in Rural Sussex
Steve Manwaring	SpeakUp Representative
Cllr Carl Maynard	Rother District Council
Leighe Rogers	Surrey and Sussex Probation Trust
Keith Stevens	Sussex Associations of Local Councils
Robin Smith (Chair)	Sussex Police
Gill Cameron-Waller (on behalf of Cllr Bob Standley and Charles Lant)	Wealden District Council
Gary Walsh	East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service
Chris Wick	Environment Agency

Also in attendance (official observers):

Andy Arnold	East Sussex County Council
Sarah Feather	East Sussex County Council
Sue Johnson	Department for Communities and Local Government
Jane Mackney	East Sussex County Council
Becky Shaw	East Sussex County Council

Apologies for absence:

Peter Archer	Federation of Small Businesses
Cllr Jeremy Birch	Hastings Borough Council
Rob Cottrill	Eastbourne Borough Council
Steve Hare	SpeakUp Representative
John Hodges	Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce
Richard Homewood	Hastings Borough Council
Charles Lant	Wealden District Council
Cynthia Lyons	East Sussex County Council
Andrew Palmer	Hastings Borough Council
Cllr Bob Standley	Wealden District Council
Cllr David Tutt	Eastbourne Borough Council
Tom Wechsler	Department for Communities and Local Government

NOTES

1) Welcome and Apologies

Robin Smith welcomed ESSP members, observers, guests and speakers. Apologies were given and those attending on behalf of others were identified.

2) Notes of the meeting held on 23 January 2013 and Matters Arising

Minutes were agreed as an accurate record and actions confirmed as completed.

3) Police and Crime Commissioners Police and Crime Plan Presentation

Katy Bourne gave a presentation on the Police and Crime Plan and how she and the Sussex Police Force would engage with others and work with partners to ensure that the plan was delivered and met the needs of local people. The Police and Crime Plan was complemented by the Sussex Police Operational Delivery Plan which set out how Sussex Police would deliver policing to meet the priorities in the Crime Plan. Both were available in the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner's website (<http://www.sussex-pcc.gov.uk/police-crime-plan/>)

In response to questions from members of the Partnership, Katy Bourne informed the group that, although the plan aimed to set few high level targets for the police, systems were in place which would enable particular issues or hot spots to be identified and action to be taken if necessary.

The Partnership discussed the importance of reassuring the public about the reality of East Sussex as a relatively low crime area. This remained important and the Police made good use of social media to communicate directly with the public.

Steve Mainwaring and Leighe Rogers both spoke about the link between drug and alcohol abuse and offending. It was important that the Commissioner worked with the NHS to ensure that treatment was available, where this would help to reduce offending behaviour.

4) Environment Strategy Annual Update

Chris Wick introduced the report on progress against the environment strategy and plans for the next year. Good progress had been made in most areas and the proposals for the next year were more focused and reflected reduced funding available to partners to for work in this area. The need to co-ordinate simple messages across agencies to the public about the effects of their choices on the environment and how they could reduce their impact was empathised.

Actions

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5) Election of Chairperson

Councillor Glazier nominated Keith Stevens as Chairperson of the Partnership and Jeremy Leggett seconded the nomination. Keith Stevens was elected unanimously.

The meeting thanked Robin Smith for his work for the partnership, both in chairing the meetings and driving forward its priorities on Family Keywork and SPACES.

6) Information items

Update papers were circulated for information about the following items:

- a) SPACES
- b) Family Keywork

7) Other Business

Community Budgets

Becky Shaw informed the meeting that the Department of Communities and Local Government had asked local authorities to submit expressions of interest participating in a Community Budget network. The request had a short time scale for responses and was not clear about what the costs might be and what the benefits of participation would be. A decision had been taken to submit an expression of interest. Partners would be consulted fully, if the submission was accepted by the DCLG and there appeared to be benefits to the County from participation, when the details of the scheme were clearer.

Hastings and Bexhill Link Road

Becky Shaw reported the Department for Transport had confirmed its funding for the Link Road and construction would now proceed as planned.

Public Health

The County Council had taken over responsibility for Public Health on 1 April. The new approach should increase partnership working across the area on public health issues. For example the County Council had been working with Public Health on an MMR uptake campaign, ahead of the recent outbreak of measles in Wales, to ensure vaccination coverage was sufficient to prevent a similar epidemic.

8) Date of the next meeting

The next meeting s will take place on Thursday 18 July, 10am – Council Chamber, Hastings Town Hall, Council Chamber, Hastings Town Hall,

Assembly meeting

Thursday 17 October, 10am – Winter Gardens, Eastbourne. The ESSP meeting will follow the Assembly at 12 noon

SUMMARY OF AGREED ACTIONS –	
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