

Meeting Notes

Tuesday 21 January 2014

Council Chamber, County Hall, Lewes

IN ATTENDANCE

ESSP Members present:

Cllr Rob Blackman

Ian Chisnall

Gill Cameron-Waller (on behalf of Cllr Bob Standley and Charles Lant)

Mary D'Arcy (speaker)

Cllr Chris Dowling

Cllr Keith Glazier (Vice Chair)

Jason Isaacs (on behalf of Kim Goodall)

Steve Hare (speaker)

John Hodges

Steve Manwaring (speaker)

Cllr Carl Maynard

Andy Reynolds (on behalf of Gary Walsh)

Amanda Philpot

Ashley Scarff

Keith Stevens (Chair)

Also in attendance (official observers):

Philip Baker (speaker)

Shabana Bayjou

Indea Cadman-Rivers

Simone Cuthbert (speaker)

Sarah Feather

Ian Fitzpatrick (on behalf of Rob Cotrill)

Nigel Hannam (speaker)

Kevin Richmond (speaker)

Becky Shaw

Sue Thompson

Apologies for absence:

Cllr Jeremy Birch

Katy Bourne

Rob Cotrill

Pennie Ford

Kim Goodall

Neil Honor

Charles Lant

Cllr Bob Standley

Cllr David Tutt

Gary Walsh

Chris Wick

Lewes District Council

Churches Together in Sussex

Wealden District Council

Surrey and Sussex Probation Trust

East Sussex County Council

East Sussex County Council

Job Centre Plus

SpeakUp Representative

Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce

SpeakUp Representative

Rother District Council

East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service

Eastbourne, Hailsham & Seaford, and
Hastings & Rother CCGs

High Weald Lewes Havens CCG

Sussex Associations of Local Councils

East Sussex County Council

Hastings District Council

East Sussex County Council

Hosted by East Sussex County
Council

East Sussex County Council

Eastbourne Borough Council

Wealden District Council

Sussex Giving

East Sussex County Council

DGLG

Hastings Borough Council

Police and Crime Commissioner

Eastbourne Borough Council

NHS England

Job Centre Plus

Sussex Police

Wealden District Council

Wealden District Council

Eastbourne Borough Council

East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service

Environment Agency

NOTES

1) Welcome and Apologies

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

2) Urgent items of business

None notified.

3) Notes of the meeting held on 17 October 2013 and Matters Arising

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

4) Sussex Community Foundation and the Voluntary and Community Sector in East Sussex & ESCC working with the third sector

Kevin Richmond, Sussex Giving, introduced the item by presenting the Sussex Community Foundation profile and how it fits in within the expanding role of the Voluntary Community Sector (VCS), in keeping with the aim to maximise impact, not profit. It provides a service for donors and is a grant maker for the community. Kevin distributed the new publication 'Sussex Uncovered' which includes government statistics, focusing on indices of deprivation. Kevin reported how the Sussex Community Foundation supports positive activism in communities allowing for variations in business aspirations and capability. Steve Manwaring, Speak Up, provided a concise account of the Voluntary and Community Sector in East Sussex and asked the ESSP to sign up to the renewed East Sussex COMPACT. Steve Hare, Speak Up, then reported about what benefits the Community Sector could bring about in communities.

Philip Baker, on behalf of ESCC, then presented a talk regarding the relationships and partnerships with the statutory sector. Philip reported the approach ESCC has in working with the VCS, based on collaboration, co-design, innovation, and added value. Philip acknowledged the main attributes of the VCS and realised the positive work that was being done within East Sussex.

Steve Manwaring reported to ESSP that the East Sussex COMPACT has been renewed and that ESSP should review and sign up to the new COMPACT.

The presentation for this item can be found online at the ESSP website.

**Action: Renewed COMPACT to be circulated to ESSP members for sign up by 07/02/14
ESSP Members to provide any comments on the renewed COMPACT by 07/02/14**

5) Surrey & Sussex Probation Services

Mary D'Arcy, Surrey & Sussex Probation Services, reported the national reforms taking place and how this would affect the current probation services.

The Ministry of Justice, consequent of their national consultation process, is implementing key areas of reform which include the creation of a new public sector National Probation Service (NPS) as well as the creation of 21 Community Rehabilitation Companies (CRCs). Mary confirmed that the Probation Service would legally be in effect until the end of May, not

March as previously thought but Community Rehabilitation Companies (CRC) will start to shadow the Service from March. We heard that this opening up the market allows for a diverse range of new rehabilitation providers.

The presentation for this item can be found online at the ESSP website.

6) SPACES update

Simone Cuthbert provided commentary to the SPACES report which updated ESSP on the progress made by SPACES over the last six months. It demonstrated how the focus of the programme has shifted from data gathering to idea generation and is now focusing on turning the ideas into in-flight projects and work streams to realise benefits.

While the focus of the programme remains on property, there is recognition that the enablers to a more cost effective property estate are wider than just co-location. Therefore some other work streams are developing such as information sharing, procurement and storage. These aim to support the work around co-location but also identify other opportunities to reduce costs such as reduction in duplication and sharing of lessons and best practice. The strong relationships that continue to develop between partners means that the openness and honesty required to take advantage of these opportunities are in existence.

The Programme is still in early stages, although some early delivery has been evidenced. It is expected that as the programme continues to develop and the work streams continue to formulate that the benefits identified and delivered will continue to grow to a steady stream of opportunity identification and delivery.

Simone has asked for the circulation of the spreadsheet of required spaces to see if any partners are able and willing to collaborate to allow for further partnership working.

Action: Sarah/Indea to circulate SPACES spreadsheet to partners prior to April ESSP meeting. Partners are asked to contact Simone directly.

Simone Cuthbert, SPACES Programme Manager; Simone.Cuthbert@eastsussex.gov.uk;
Work no: 01273 837323; Mobile no: 07824 085343

7) Update on Duty to Co-operate

Nigel Hannam, Director for Community and Environmental Services, Wealden District Council, provided a presentation on the Duty to Co-operate. The duty to cooperate places a legal duty on local planning authorities, county councils in England and public bodies to engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis to maximise the effectiveness of Local and Marine Plan preparation relating to strategic cross boundary matters.

The importance of the Duty to Co-operate was highlighted since Local planning authorities must demonstrate how they have complied with the duty at the independent examination of their Local Plans. If a local planning authority cannot demonstrate that it has complied with the duty then the Local Plan will not be able to proceed further in examination.

The presentation for this item can be found online at the ESSP website.

8) Information items

Update papers were circulated for information about the following items:

- East Sussex Assembly Report

- East Sussex Flood Strategy
- Priority updates:
Family Keywork

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a) Family Keywork

Family Keywork hosted successful networking events in October, attended by over 100 keyworkers, which received positive feedback.

From April, a services of multi-agency Reflective Practice sets will begin for keyworkers across the county which will be facilitated by colleagues from ESCC's Swift and Targeted Youth Support services, helping to build stronger peer support networks and provide a regular opportunities for developing best practice.

b) SPACES

Please see item 5 above.

9) Any Other Business

Keith Stevens requested that partners give an update on their organisation at future ESSP meetings.

Action: Any partner who wishes to present an update to contact Sarah Feather/Indea Cadman-Rivers by the 28 February 2014.

Becky Shaw requested ESSP's endorsement of bid to Community Covenant Grant Fund. The signing of the East Sussex Community Covenant in May last year opened up access for local projects to the Community Covenant Grant Fund.

We have received an application from the 'Dare to Live' project, which has been set up to improve the social integration of service personnel and military families within the civilian community of Sussex. The programme aims to help them cope with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and address some of the issues associated with re-integration, including alcohol misuse, social exclusion and involvement in the criminal justice system. The programme has been developed and piloted for the last two years and has achieved great results with its unique use of ground interaction with horses.

The bid to the Community Covenant Grant Fund is for £38,700, which will be ring-fenced for veterans and their families referred from within Sussex.

The bid was supported by ESSP.

10) Future meetings:

- Tuesday 29 April 2014, Council Chamber, Bexhill Town Hall
- Thursday 17 July 2014 (venue tbc)
- Thursday 23 October 2014 (venue tbc)

All meetings to take place at 10am.

SUMMARY OF AGREED ACTIONS –	
Item	Action
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5	Sarah/Indea to circulate SPACES spreadsheet to partners prior to ESSP meetings.
8	ESSP members to contact Sarah Feather/Indea Cadman-Rivers if they are able to offer a venue for a future meeting.
9	ESSP Members to contact Sarah Feather/Indea Cadman-Rivers by 28 February if they wish to provide an update on their organisation at a future ESSP meeting.