

Meeting Notes

Tuesday 29 April 2014

Council Chamber, Bexhill Town Hall

IN ATTENDANCE

ESSP Members present:

Catherine Ashton (on behalf of Amanda Philpot)	Eastbourne, Hailsham & Seaford, and Hastings & Rother CCGs
Ian Chisnall	Churches Together in Sussex
Gill Cameron-Waller (on behalf of Cllr Bob Standley and Charles Lant)	Wealden District Council
Cllr Keith Glazier (Vice Chair)	East Sussex County Council
Kim Goodall	Job Centre Plus
Neil Honor	Sussex Police
Jeremy Leggett	Action in Rural Sussex
Steve Manwaring	SpeakUp Representative
Cllr Carl Maynard	Rother District Council
Helen Preston	Surrey and Sussex Probation Trust
Ashley Scarff	High Weald Lewes Havens CCG
Keith Stevens (Chair)	Sussex Associations of Local Councils
Michael Turner (on behalf of Chris Wick)	Environment Agency
Gary Walsh	East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service

Also in attendance (official observers):

Andy Arnold (speaker)	East Sussex County Council
Shabana Bayjou	Hastings Borough Council
Indea Cadman-Rivers	East Sussex County Council
Sarah Feather	East Sussex County Council
Derek Godfrey (speaker)	East Sussex Business: vice chair of SELEP
James Harris (speaker)	East Sussex County Council
Becky Shaw	East Sussex County Council
Carol Studley	Rother District Council

Apologies for absence:

Cllr Chris Dowling	East Sussex County Council
Cllr Jeremy Birch	Hastings Borough Council
Katy Bourne	Police and Crime Commissioner
Rob Cottrill	Eastbourne Borough Council
Charles Lant	Wealden District Council
Amanda Philpot	Eastbourne, Hailsham & Seaford, and Hastings & Rother CCGs
Cllr Bob Standley	Wealden District Council
Cllr David Tutt	Eastbourne Borough Council
Chris Wick	Environment Agency

NOTES

1) Welcome and Apologies

Keith Stevens welcomed Helen Preston as new member of ESSP and also welcomed ESSP members, delegates, observers, guests and speakers. Apologies were given and those attending on behalf of others were identified. Keith also thanked Cllr Maynard for hosting ESSP at Bexhill Town Hall, Council Chamber for the meeting.

2) Urgent items of business

Becky Shaw told members that a new bid had come into the Community Covenant as bids are approved through ESSP. Members agreed to delegate to Becky power to authorise bids on their behalf.

3) Notes of the meeting held on 21 January 2014 and Matters Arising

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

4) SELEP Growth Bid and feedback from the Open For Growth Peer Challenge

Derek Godfrey, East Sussex Business, introduced the item by giving background to the SELEP and its remit to unlock barriers to growth. The barriers identified when the SELEP was first set up in 2011 were: confidence, broadband, coastal issues and skills. The SELEP submitted its Strategic Economic Plan and Growth Deal to the Government on 31 March 2014. James Harris, ESCC, provided further detail of the Strategic Economic Plan and Growth Deal. The proposals in the Strategic Economic Action Plan set out the objective for £10 billion investment for the South East over the next 6 years.

Ian Chisnall, Churches Together in Sussex, asked that the Voluntary and Community Sector were recognised as important to the economic growth in East Sussex. Derek agreed and highlighted that it had been a point of discussion at the last meeting that the Voluntary and Community Sector were vital in people developing skills.

The Strategic Economic Partnership/ Growth Deal document is available at www.southeastlep.com/about-us/activities/our-growth-deal-and-strategic-economic-plan and the East Sussex chapter is between pages 88 and 108. The SELEP Business Engagement and Communications Manager, Zoe Gordon, is collating messages of support and endorsement. Please contact zoe.gordon@essex.gov.uk if you wish to add a message of support.

James Harris also provided feedback on the recent two tier 'Open for Growth;' peer challenge. The peer challenge took place in March and the report would be shared after the local elections in Hastings with a view to develop an action plan in line with the SELEP strategic economic plan and the current ESCC economic strategy to ensure no duplication of work.

Action: All to contact Zoe Gordon to provide support/endorsement message for the SELEP Strategic Economic Partnership.

Peer challenge report to come back to ESSP either at a meeting or as part of the Assembly. SF/ICR to put on forward plan.

5) Update from partners – Proposed changes to Service Provision in East Sussex and the City of Brighton and Hove.

Gary Walsh, East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service, gave ESSP an update on the proposed changes to service provision in East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service (ESFRS). Gary highlighted the reductions in spending and outlined a continued commitment to partnership working at both a strategic and operational level to make people safe in their houses, safer on the roads and continue to educate children. Gary acknowledged that although a total merger with West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service was not going to go ahead at this time, and this would have helped to reduce budgets, there are still plans to merge the call centres and training facilities. Gary pointed out that ESFRS is still 'open for business' and hoped that ESFRS would still be approached to explore other ways of being more joined up and creative so that resources can have the greatest impact.

The Fire Authority would be looking at proposals and results of the consultation on the 5 June 2014.

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

6) Environment Strategy Annual Update

Michael Turner, Environment Agency, provided the annual update of the Environment Strategy and asked ESSP to endorse the recommended actions for 2014-15.

Michael and Andy Arnold, ESCC, spoke of the work of the energy saving partnership and the importance of using the voluntary and community sector to get information out to residents on how they might use products from the Government's green deal to save money and reduce fuel poverty.

There were no objections to the recommended actions for 2014-15. The presentation for this item can be found online at the ESSP website. Michael agreed to attend a meeting later in the year to present progress.

Action: Michael Turner to attend future ESSP meeting to present progress update. SF/ICR to add item to future ESSP meeting.

7) Information items (not for discussion)

Update papers were circulated for information about the following items:

- Family Keywork
- SPACES – Members were asked to contact Simone Cuthbert if they were able to offer space or had a requirement for space based on the spreadsheet that was circulated.

8) Any Other Business

Keith Stevens invited partners to give an update on their organisation at future ESSP meetings.

Keith Stevens asked any partners if they could offer a venue to host ESSP to contact Sarah Feather or Indea Cadman-Rivers. Kim Goodall offered the District office for JCP in Lewes for a future meeting,

Becky Shaw informed ESSP that Ditchling Museum has been shortlisted as Museum of the Year. Ditchling Museum is one of the six nominees of this year's Art Fund prize.

Action: Any partner who wishes to present an update at the October meeting to contact Sarah Feather/Indea Cadman-Rivers.

Any partner who can offer a venue to host an ESSP meeting in the future to contact Sarah Feather/Indea Cadman-Rivers

9) Future meetings:

- Monday 14 July 2014 – the ESSP meeting will follow the East Sussex Assembly.
- Thursday 30 October 2014 (venue tbc)

All meetings to take place at 10am.

SUMMARY OF AGREED ACTIONS –	
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