

IN ATTENDANCE

ESSP Members present:

Bruce Campbell
Cllr. Chris Dowling
Cllr. Keith Glazier (Vice Chair)
Michael Gough-Buijs
Jeremy Leggett
Steve Manwaring
Cllr. Carl Maynard
Di Roskilly for Neil Honor
Carl Rushbridge for Katy Bourne
Kamini Sanghani
Ashley Scarff
Cllr. Bob Standley
Keith Stevens (Chair)
Michael Turner

Jobcentre Plus
East Sussex County Council
East Sussex County Council
Jobcentre Plus
Action in Rural Sussex
SpeakUp Representative
Rother District Council
Sussex Police
Office of Police and Crime Commissioner
Seetec for Kent, Surrey & Sussex CRC
High Weald Lewes Havens CCG
Wealden District Council
Sussex Associations of Local Councils
Environment Agency

Also in attendance (official observers):

Andy Arnold (speaker)
Gill Cameron-Waller (on behalf of Charles Lant)
Sarah Feather
Jane Hartnell
Becky Shaw
Celia Wilson (speaker)

East Sussex County Council
Wealden District Council
East Sussex County Council
Hastings Borough Council
East Sussex County Council
East Sussex County Council

Apologies for absence:

Peter Archer
Louise Barr
Cllr. Rob Blackman
Katy Bourne
Rob Cottrill
Steve Hare
John Hodges
Neil Honor
Andrea Saunders
Cllr. David Tutt
Gary Walsh

Federation of Small Businesses
DCLG
Lewes District Council
Police and Crime Commissioner
Eastbourne Borough Council
Speak Up Representative
Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce
Sussex Police
National Probation Service
Eastbourne Borough Council
East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service

NOTES

1) Welcome and Apologies

Keith Stevens welcomed ESSP members, delegates, observers, guests and speakers to the first meeting of 2015. Apologies were given and those attending on behalf of others were identified.

Everyone stood for a minutes silence held in tribute to of Councillor Jeremy Birch, Leader of Hastings Borough Council and long standing member of ESSP and the County Council, who died on 6th May 2015.

Keith thanked everyone who had for contributing to the review of the ESSP and explained that a later item would cover the next steps.

2) Urgent items of business

None

3) Notes of the meeting held on 3 February 2015 and Matters Arising

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

4) Election of new Chairperson – The Chairperson will take up post from the September 2015 Annual Assembly – Cllr Keith Glazier.

Cllr Glazier nominated Steve Manwaring to be the new chairperson for ESSP and this was seconded by Jeremy Leggett. Cllr Glazier thanked Keith Stevens on behalf of all the members of ESSP for his time and commitment over the last two years. In his time as Chairperson, Keith has been a dedicated and personable Chair, making sure that members are kept up-to-date with issues affecting the residents of East Sussex.

5) Discussion: The Future of Public Organisations Post-Election – All

Keith Stevens asked partners to share information following the General Election and what impact this may have on services for the public:

ESCC - Partnership working will need to expand across SE7 as well as within the county. Partnership will be the way ahead and the new Secretary of State provides an important opportunity for non-city areas.

Police/Office of Police and Crime Commissioner - approach to detentions will continue to evolve. Expectation that Police and Fire Services will work closer together. Financial challenge including increased focus on reserves.

AiRS – initial concern re: support to village halls/ community assets seem to being addressed with a continuation in DeFRA minister responsible and there may be additional support and scheme to reduce VAT charges on improvements.

Environment Agency - expect to able to invest in new flood defences and be ready for emergency incidents and regulating industry and waste. Will also continue to measure quality of water courses while maintaining biodiversity. Government will continue to explore oil and gas potential. There is to be some additional money nationally for engagement work and this will filter down locally.

Hastings Borough Council are going to adopt 'entrepreneurial socialism'. Also have concerns about loss of European Union funding should UK opt out of any European Union partnership in future.

Seetec for Kent, Surrey and Sussex CRC – will be covering a much larger area and will be identifying where services could work together better. Will be taking learning from Manchester's whole place scheme and from transforming justice work in West Sussex.

Clinical Commissioning Groups - massive efficiency programme as well as in additional investment. Partnership will be key including East Sussex Better Together. 7 day working proposal for GPs is a challenge as the retirement rate and new workforce doesn't exist to enable this.

Department of Work and Pensions - continuation of previous policy and pace expected including at Universal Credit. Key is to maximise resources whilst reducing costs.

Parishes – there was a high turnout for voting but low level of awareness of parish activity/representatives so will be exploring ways of raising the profile of parish work and representatives.

It was acknowledged by the members that this does not capture the scale of challenge and opportunity. Rising age of East Sussex population will increase the required levels of care across the County. Services for vulnerable people will still continue but decisions will need to be made that are not easy decisions to make. The transition to new ways of delivery and services available will be a difficult transition for East Sussex residents.

6) Children's Services update –Celia Wilson

Celia gave details on the Troubled Families expanded programme will be launched on 1st June although East Sussex have been early adopters since January as they met the target of turning around 1015 families with the first programme. Troubled Families 2 (TF2) is a 5 year funded programme. The new programme has a much broader approach, although the basic principles are the same. These are:

- Families with multiple problems.
- Families that are high cost.
- Families with intergenerational problems – families in which the problems have been around for years without anything much changing.
- Whole-family keywork.
- Focus on education and employment. There is a lot of evidence to show that unemployment is often the root cause of many other social problems, which is why it is given such a high priority in the TF programme.

TF2 is a live document so any members wishing to get in touch to make comments can do so via Celia Wilson or Becky Surman

Celia also spoke about the new Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) which will run from 2015-2018. The Children and Young People's Trust looked as a partnership about what the plan should look like moving forward. It's a more streamlined plan that highlights the financial situation and focuses on working with the most vulnerable. Ashley Scarff from the CCGs welcomed the inclusion of physical health and wellbeing and offered the CCGs help with the implementation of the plan.

From 1st June the plan will be approved and circulated to all.

**ACTION: Any members wishing to get in touch to make comments on TF2 to contact Celia Wilson celia.wilson@eastsussex.gov.uk or Becky Surman becky.surman@eastsussex.gov.uk
Celia Wilson to share CYPP when it is approved.**

7) Environment Strategy – Michael Turner and Andy Arnold

Michael thanked the ESSP for an opportunity to update the members and gave a brief presentation on:

1. Progress made in 2014-15; with 8 actions being rolled forward into the next plan.
2. Some of the main opportunities and challenges that provide the context to the action plan proposed for 2015-16.

The key challenges are spending less money, continuing to reduce waste otherwise the waste target will not be achieved and reducing carbon emissions. It has been difficult to make progress on energy efficiency and the Green Deal hadn't been effective as hoped.

Further work was being done on food and drink industry although it was difficult to have impact in this area. A guide is to be produced through the Sussex Local Nature Partnership informing residents how they can source locally produced food.

Michael also spoke about the key opportunities including economic development as the Environment Agency has received £9.5 million for an environment development fund programme to support SMEs in East Sussex. Michael also reminded members of the asset of East Sussex landscape on tourism and that the Environment Agency will work at maintaining key sites of interest.

ACTION: Michael Turner and Andy Arnold to contact Jeremy Leggett for input into the food guide.

8) Review of ESSP – Becky Shaw

Becky thanked ESSP members for taking part in the meetings with Indea and Sarah to answer questions about the review of ESSP. Becky explained that the review had taken place to see if there was still a requirement for the Partnership after considering the amount of partnerships that are now meet across East Sussex.

Overall partners felt there was still merit in the ESSP but were happy to receive a report and a proposal at the next meeting to look at a way forward for the Partnership.

ACTION: All to contact Indea or Sarah with any comments or suggestions for the future of ESSP.

Detailed report to the next ESSP (to be determined whether at the Assembly or at the December meeting).

- 8 September, East Sussex Assembly, Gold Room, Winter Garden, Eastbourne
- 8 December, TBC

All meetings to take place at 10am.

SUMMARY OF AGREED ACTIONS –	
Item	Action
6	Any members wishing to get in touch to make comments on TF2 to contact Celia Wilson celia.wilson@eastsussex.gov.uk or Becky Surman becky.surman@eastsussex.gov.uk
6	Celia Wilson to share CYPP when it is approved.
7	Michael Turner and Andy Arnold to contact Jeremy Leggett for input into the food guide.
8	All to contact Indea and Sarah with any comments or suggestions for the future of ESSP.
8	Detailed report on the review of the partnership to the next ESSP.