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| Report to: | East Sussex Strategic Partnership (ESSP)  |
| Date: | 20 March 2019 |
| Title: | Review of the East Sussex Strategic Partnership  |
| Author: | Steve Manwaring, Chair of East Sussex Strategic Partnership  |
| Purpose: | For ESSP to consider the future of the strategic partnership |

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| **Recommendation:**The East Sussex Strategic Partnership is recommended to note the report and comment on the options for the future of the ESSP. |

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1. **Background**
	1. East Sussex Strategic Partnership (ESSP) brings together different parts of our local community - public services, local businesses, community groups and voluntary sector organisations. It was set up in 2000 to help organisations work together in a co-ordinated way to plan local services, tackle the issues that matter to local people, improve quality of life in East Sussex and lobby on behalf of the County.
	2. With nominations for Chair due and noting that the last review of East Sussex Strategic Partnership (ESSP) took place in 2015 it was agreed by the Partnership at the January 2019 meeting that this would be an appropriate point at which to review the Partnership. It was recognised that the partnership landscape in which the ESSP operates has evolved with new forums such as the Health and Wellbeing Board, SELEP, Team East Sussex now in place and everyone’s time is under pressures We want to ensure we maintain the strong and connected partnership infrastructure that has served East Sussex well is sustained and that the activity is appropriate and focussed on key issues for own population
	3. It is noted that the annual Assembly events are well attended and received and that meetings can often provide update and information that may not be found elsewhere. It is recognised that members’ capacity to attend four meetings a year is stretched. Pride of Place is now over halfway through its 18 year duration (published in 2008).

1.4 **Current Membership**

*Public Sector*

East Sussex County Council

Eastbourne Borough Council

Hastings Borough Council Lewes District Council

Rother District Council Wealden District Council
East Sussex Association of Local Councils

Sussex Police

Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner

East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service

Environment Agency

National Probation Service (Sussex)

JobCentre Plus

Clinical Commissioning Groups (East Sussex)

*Private Sector*

Team East Sussex

Federation of Small Businesses

*Voluntary and Community Sector*

Action in Rural Sussex

SpeakUp (2)

1.5 **Assembly** - The Assembly (membership at Appendix 1) was originally a wider range of organisations (over 80) that was to advise and support the ESSP on local concerns, shared priorities and future action. This group met once a year at the Annual Assembly.

There continues to be an annual event with a topic/theme that encompasses the public, private and voluntary and community sector; these events are well attended and receive good feedback from those attending. Invitations are wide-spread and can vary according to subject/interest

1.6 **Meetings** -Currently, the ESSP meets four times per year, with one of the meetings dedicated to the annual assembly.

1.7 **Pride of Place, the Sustainable Community Strategy for East Sussex** -[Pride of Place](http://www.essp.org.uk/what-we-do/Pride-of-Place.aspx) runs until 2026, it was formulated by the six local authorities and six Local Strategic Partnerships. It sets out a long term vision for improving people’s quality of life and the main things we must do to achieve that vision. Pride of Place focussed on the issues and priorities that local people told us they were most concerned about.It is not proposed to update the Sustainable Community Strategy at this stage.

**2. Reviewing the East Sussex Strategic Partnership**

2.1 The aim of this review is to ensure we maintain a robust, clear and well connected partnership infrastructure for East Sussex in which ESSP plays an appropriate role in the changing landscape for statutory, voluntary and private sector organisations in East Sussex.

2.2 To support this we will ask the ESSP members their thoughts on the best future arrangements for the ESSP and also ask other partnerships where they see the ESSP adding most value.

**3. Questions for the ESSP to consider in advance of the meeting**

1. Given the changing landscape and the other countywide partnerships (Appendix 2) how does the ESSP ensure it adds most value and avoids duplication?
2. With the Assembly event attracting most interest and attendance, should we make this the only formal ESSP event and invest in its purpose and productivity?
3. How do we ensure we maintain a coherent overview of issues and partnerships so that gaps are spotted and addressed?
4. Is there value in offering ad hoc opportunities for partners’ to engage, in a range of formats, about any relevant or topical issue? These events could be initiated by any partner and could be supported by the ESSP administration who will seek to provide a suitable format, location and invite appropriate partners. These events could replace the regular, formal ESSP meetings.

**4. Next steps**

4.1 ESSP members are to consider their responses to the above questions and bring them to the meeting on 20th March. There will be an item dedicated to the review. If members are unable to attend their responses please can they be sent, before the meeting, to essp@eastsussex.gov.uk

**Appendix 1**

**Assembly Members**

**Public Sector**

[Arts Council England, South East](http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/)

[Connexions 360](https://www.c360.org.uk/)

[Eastbourne, Hailsham and Seaford Clinical Commissioning Group](http://www.eastbournehailshamandseafordccg.nhs.uk/)

[East Sussex County Council](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/default.htm)

[East Sussex Hospitals NHS Trust](http://www.esht.nhs.uk/)

[East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service](http://www.esfrs.org/)

[Eastbourne Borough Council](http://www.eastbourne.gov.uk/residents/)

[Education Development Trust](https://www.educationdevelopmenttrust.com/)

[English Heritage (South East)](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/)

[Environment Agency](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/)

[Hastings Borough Council](https://www.hastings.gov.uk/)

[Hastings and Rother Clinical Commissioning Group](http://www.hastingsandrotherccg.nhs.uk/)

[Health and Safety Executive](http://www.hse.gov.uk/)

[HM Prison Service](http://www.justice.gov.uk/about/hmps)

[Highways England](https://m.highwaysengland.co.uk/)

[High Weald Lewes Havens Clinical Commissioning Group](http://www.highwealdleweshavensccg.nhs.uk/)

[Kent, Surrey & Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company (Seetec)](http://ksscrc.co.uk/)

[Lewes District Council](http://www.lewes.gov.uk/)

[Natural England](http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/)

[NHS England](http://www.england.nhs.uk/)

[Rother District Council](http://www.rother.gov.uk/)

[South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Trust](http://www.secamb.nhs.uk/)

[Sport England](http://www.sportengland.org/)

[Surrey and Sussex Her Majesty’s Courts and Tribunals Service](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/hm-courts-and-tribunals-service)

[Sussex Associations of Local Councils](http://www.sussexalc.org.uk/)

[Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust](http://www.sussexpartnership.nhs.uk/)

[Sussex Police](http://www.sussex.police.uk/)

[Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner](http://www.sussex-pcc.gov.uk/)

[University of Brighton](http://www.brighton.ac.uk/)

[University of Sussex](http://www.sussex.ac.uk/)

[Wealden District Council](http://www.wealden.gov.uk/)

**Voluntary and Community Sector**

[3VA](http://www.3va.org.uk/)

[Action in Rural Sussex](https://www.ruralsussex.org.uk/)

[Active Sussex](http://www.activesussex.org/)

[Age Concern East Sussex](http://www.aceastsussex.org.uk/)

[Campaign to Protect Rural England](http://www.cpre.org.uk/home)

[Care for the Carers](http://www.cftc.org.uk/)

[Churches Together in Sussex](https://www.churchestogether.org/sussex/)

[East Sussex Association of Blind and Partially Sighted People](http://www.eastsussexblind.org/)

[East Sussex Citizen's Advice Bureaux](https://www.eastsussexcab.co.uk/)

[East Sussex Seniors' Association](http://essaforums.co.uk/)

[Environmental Protection UK](http://www.environmental-protection.org.uk/)

[Hastings Intercultural Organisation](http://hio-hastings.webs.com/)

[Hastings Voluntary Action](http://www.hastingsvoluntaryaction.org/)

[Healthwatch East Sussex](http://www.healthwatcheastsussex.co.uk/)

[MIND](http://mind.org.uk/)

[Possibility People](http://www.possabilitypeople.org.uk/)

[Rother Voluntary Action](http://www.rva.uk.com/)

[Royal MENCAP Society](https://www.mencap.org.uk/)

[South East England Faiths Forum](http://se-faithforum.net/)

[SpeakUp Forum](http://www.speakupforum.org.uk/)

[Sussex Community Development Association](http://sussexcommunity.org.uk/)

[Sussex Community Foundation](http://sussexgiving.org.uk/)

[Sussex Deaf Association](http://www.sussexdeaf.co.uk/)

[Sussex Wildlife Trust](https://sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/)

[Terence Higgins Trust South East](http://www.tht.org.uk/)

[Victim Support South East](https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/help-and-support/get-help/support-near-you/south-east)

**Private Sector**

[Brighton & Hove Bus and Coach Company](http://www.buses.co.uk/)

[Country Land and Business Association](http://www.cla.org.uk/)

[EnergyCare Group LTD](http://www.energycareukltd.co.uk/)

[Freedom Leisure](http://freedom-leisure.co.uk/)

[Federation of Small Businesses](http://www.fsb.org.uk/default.aspx?loc=general&id=0)

[Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce](http://www.hastingschamber.co.uk/)

[Home Builders Federation](http://www.hbf.co.uk/)

[Let's Do Business](http://www.letsdobusinessgroup.co.uk/1066-enterprise.aspx)

[Network Rail](http://www.networkrail.co.uk/)

[Southeastern Rail](http://www.southeasternrailway.co.uk/)

[South East Local Enterprise Partnership](http://southeastlep.com/)

[South East Water](http://www.southeastwater.co.uk/)

[Southern Water Services](http://www.southernwater.co.uk/)

[Wave Leisure](http://www.waveleisure.co.uk/)

**District and Borough Local Strategic Partnerships**

[Eastbourne Strategic Partnership](http://www.eastbourne.gov.uk/about-the-council/partnerships/esp/)

[Hastings and St Leonards Local Strategic Partnership](http://www.hastings.gov.uk/decisions_democracy/our_partners/local_strategic_partnership/)

[Rother Local Strategic Partnership](http://www.rotherlsp.info/)

[Wealden Local Strategic Partnership](http://www.wealdencommunitystrategy.co.uk/)

**Countywide Thematic Partnerships**

[Children & Young People's Trust](https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies/keypolicies/cypt/)

[East Sussex Arts Partnership](http://eastsussex.gov.uk/leisureandtourism/arts/development/supportservice/esap.htm)

[East Sussex Learning Disability Partnership Board](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/socialcare/disability/learning/partnerships/aboutldpb.htm)

[East Sussex Safer Communities Partnership](http://www.safeineastsussex.org.uk/)

[Sussex Air Quality Partnership](http://www.sussex-air.net/Default.aspx)

[Sussex Safer Roads Partnership](http://www.sussexsaferroads.gov.uk/about-us.html)

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Countywide Partnerships in East Sussex Appendix 2

