

Partnership Working in East Sussex

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Introduction

- Pride of Place
- What exists and where?
- The role of Local Strategic Partnerships
- Links with thematic partnerships



Communication is the key to success..

- Improve communication between partnerships operating in the same area
- Connect with associated partnerships on a thematic and geographical level
- Share joint ambitions
- Celebrate, share and promote success
- Network – develop relationships in order to deliver better outcomes



The wish list..

Who has
accountability &
for what?

Find out what
partnerships exist!

Investigate the
scope for joint
working

Understand the
terminology of
various groups



Identify common /
cross cutting
issues

What are
partnerships in my
area actively
trying to achieve?

Network &
Communicate

Share good
practice &
eliminate bad



Delivering better outcomes

“The starting point for delivering better outcomes is for local partners... to create a shared vision and shared sense of priorities for a place. The vision will be set out in a Sustainable Community Strategy, which will describe how people who live and work there want to change it over time.”

(Creating Strong, Safe & Prosperous Communities: Statutory guidance, published July 2008)



Pride of Place



- Our Integrated Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS)
- Sets out the long term vision for East Sussex, from 2008 to 2026
- Developed jointly by all LSPs in the county
- Contains county, district & borough priorities
- Covers 3 cross-cutting priorities, 9 themes and 2 population groups
- Delivered through the LAA, Pride of Place action plans and over 50 other partnership plans and Local Development Frameworks



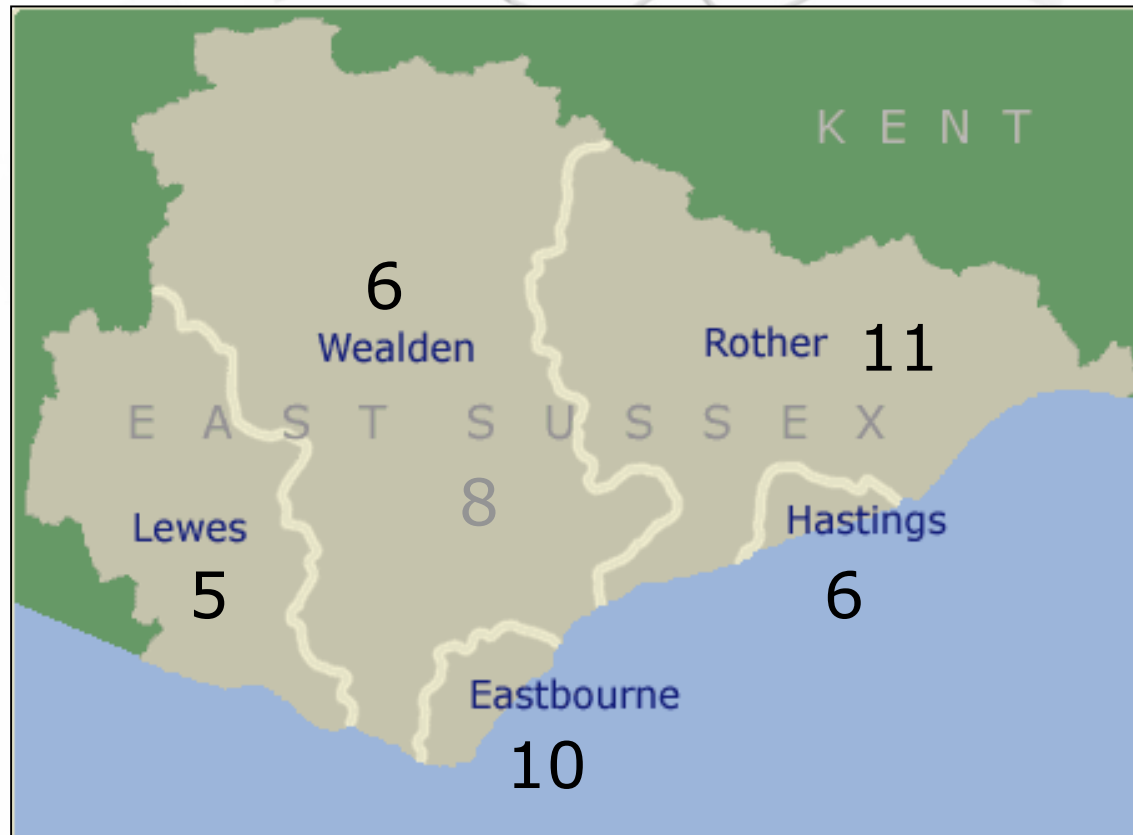
Leading the way in collaborative working

“An unprecedented level of collaboration and exemplary partnership working between district, borough and county local strategic partnerships has resulted in the first integrated Sustainable Community Strategy being produced for East Sussex...**Pride of Place** is a strategy to which all partners have agreed, and which lays the foundations for working more closely together in the future.”

(Progress Through Partnership (PtP) Case Study on the East Sussex Integrated Sustainable Community Strategy, published 2008)



How many?



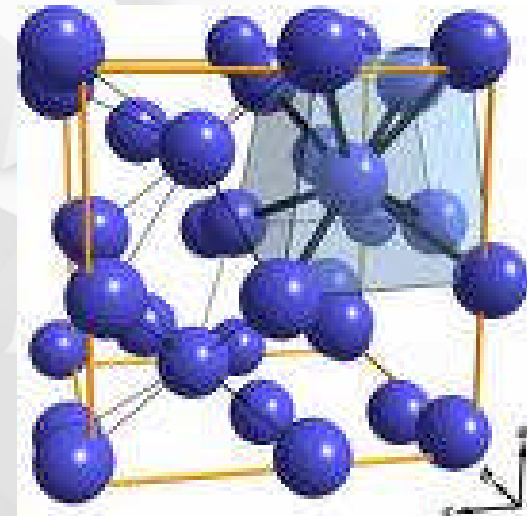
Partnerships in East Sussex

Local Strategic Partnership	East Sussex	Eastbourne	Hastings & SL	Lewes	Rother	Wealden
Pride of Place Theme						
Economy, jobs & prosperity	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Transport, Access & Communications					✓	
Housing	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Environment & Climate Change		✓		✓	✓	
Education, Learning & Skills	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Health & Wellbeing		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Community Safety	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Community Strength & Leadership		✓				
Culture, Sports & Leisure	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Older People	✓				✓	
Children & Young People	✓	✓			✓	



The Structure of LSPs

- Representation from public services, local businesses, community groups & voluntary sector organisations
- Meet on average four times per year
- Boards of between 14 and 25 members
- LSP Chairs come from a variety of sectors
- Each is run on a broadly similar basis



How do they work?

- Vision statements; encompassing the overarching aims & priorities for the partnership
- Action plans, allocating responsibilities to partners or thematic partnerships for the delivery of targets
- Meeting structures vary – often target or theme based
- Lewes is unique – known as 'Local Voices, Local Choices' and has Area (geographic) sub-partnerships
- Strengths of links with thematic partnerships vary, some have allocated feedback slots at each meeting, others only report if action is required



A few of the Strategic Challenges



- **Complexity:** Over 45 partnerships operating in East Sussex
- **Geography:** Almost 700 square miles
- **Capacity:** Of Chairs and Supporting Officers
- **Engagement:** The practicalities of involvement



Some suggestions from Partnership Chairs, Coordinators & members on how to overcome

Thematic & Geographical Issues

Economy, jobs & prosperity
Transport, Access & Communications
Housing
Environment & Climate Change
Education, Learning & Skills
Health & Wellbeing
Community Safety
Community Strength & Leadership
Culture, Sports & Leisure
Older People
Children & Young People

- **Sharing Priorities:** Could we identify joint issues and opportunities that cross geographic & thematic boundaries, yet share the same aim?
- **Celebrate:** Can we share success & good practice more effectively?
- **Communicate:** With our own LSPs and county-wide?
- **Network:** How do our partnerships have their voice heard at a county level?
- **Joint Working:** Is there scope for greater joint working with other partnerships in our area or theme?
- **Representation:** Are there any gaps?



A perfect match?



Challenges

- Complexity
- Geography
- Capacity
- Engagement
- Representation

Solutions

- Sharing Priorities
- Celebrate
- Communicate
- Network
- Joint Working



Further Information:

PtP Case Study

www.progressthroughpartnership.org.uk

East Sussex Strategic Partnership

www.essp.org.uk

Eastbourne Strategic Partnership

www.eastbourne.gov.uk

Hastings & St Leonards Strategic Partnership

www.hastings.gov.uk

Lewes Local Strategic Partnership

www.lvlc.info

Wealden Local Strategic Partnership

www.wealdencommunitystrategy.co.uk

Rother Local Strategic Partnership

www.rother.gov.uk

