

# State of the County 2022

## Overview of East Sussex

ESSP Business Meeting  
Monday 4 July 2022

# Headlines

Ongoing  
Covid  
recovery

Economic and  
cost of living  
challenges

Growing  
levels of  
need

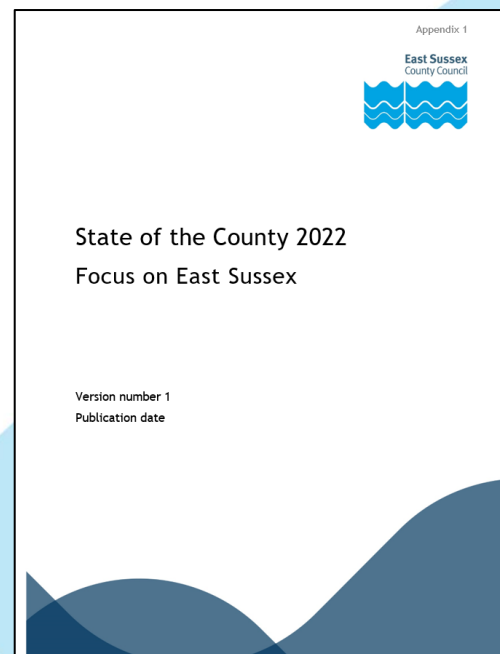
Significant  
service  
reforms

Uncertain  
financial  
outlook

Volatile and  
highly  
challenging  
backdrop  
for our  
planning

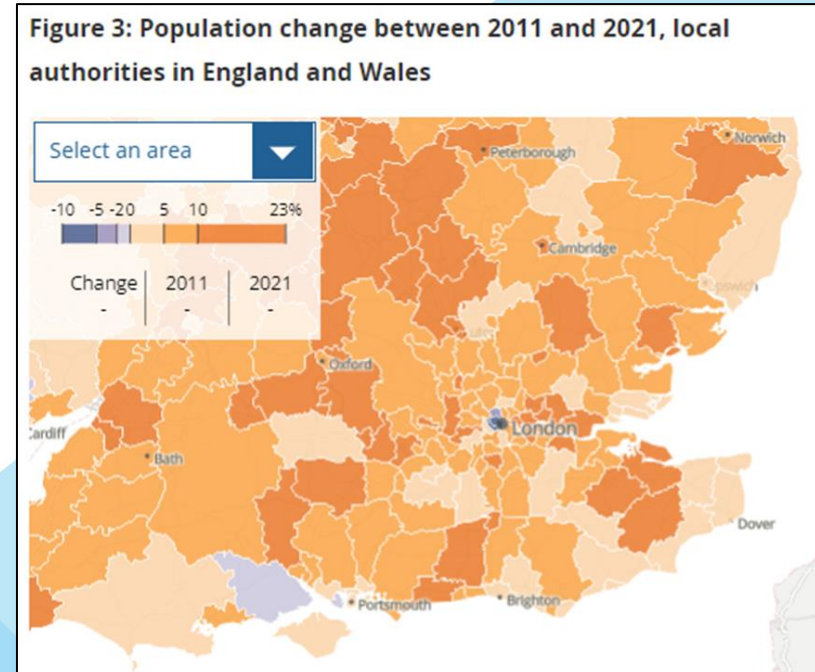
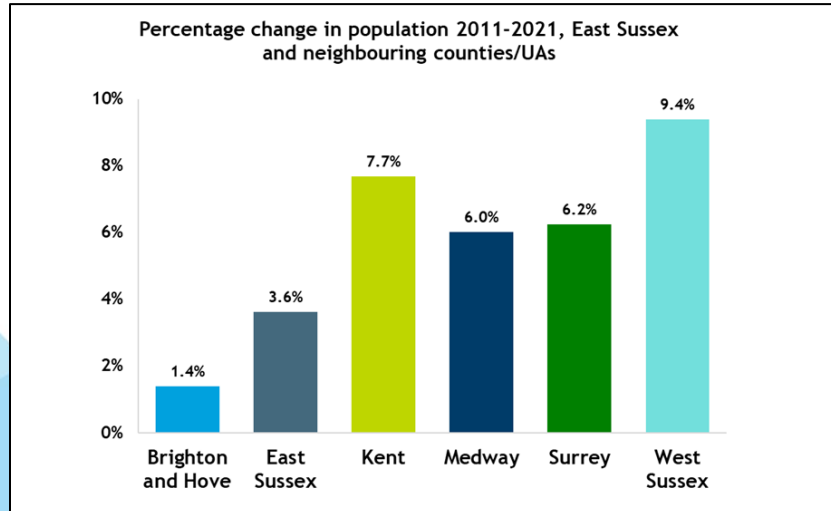
# Evidence Base - Focus on East Sussex

- Provides information on key local issues, including:
  - Our growing population of older people
  - The demand for Adult Social Care services
  - The increasing support needs of some of our children and young people
  - Our economy
  - Climate Change



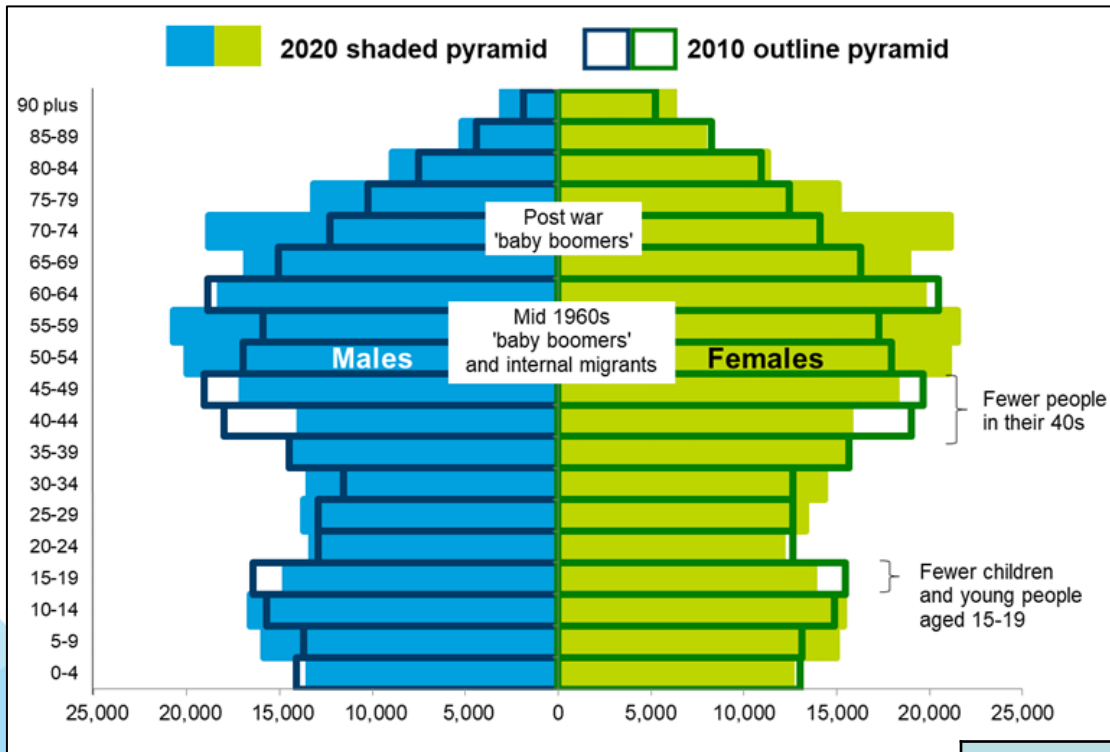
# Population

The population in East Sussex has grown over the past 10 years but at a slower rate than most of our neighbouring LAs.



# Older People

Form a high proportion of the population and this is projected to increase further in the coming years.

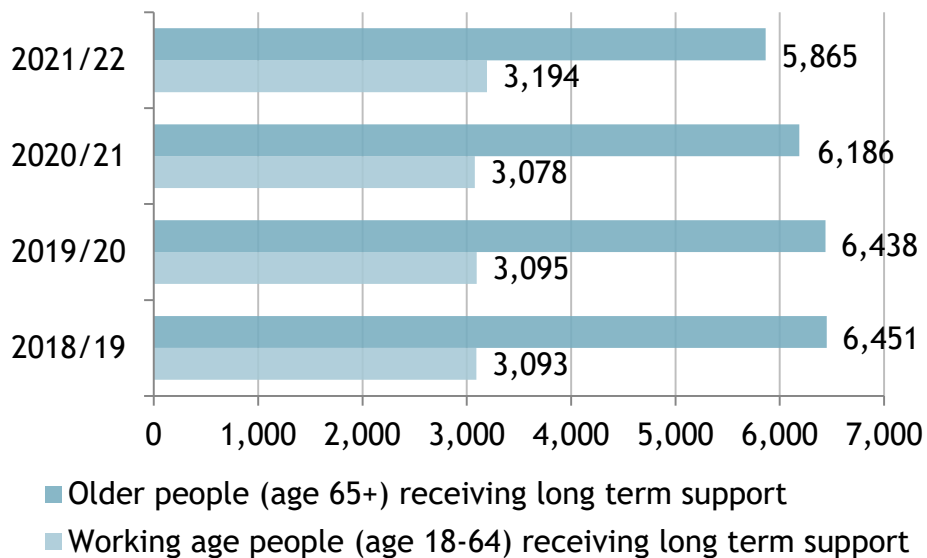


Age	East Sussex		England	
	2022	2026	2022	2026
65+	26.8%	28.2%	18.9%	20.0%
85+	4.1%	4.3%	2.6%	2.7%

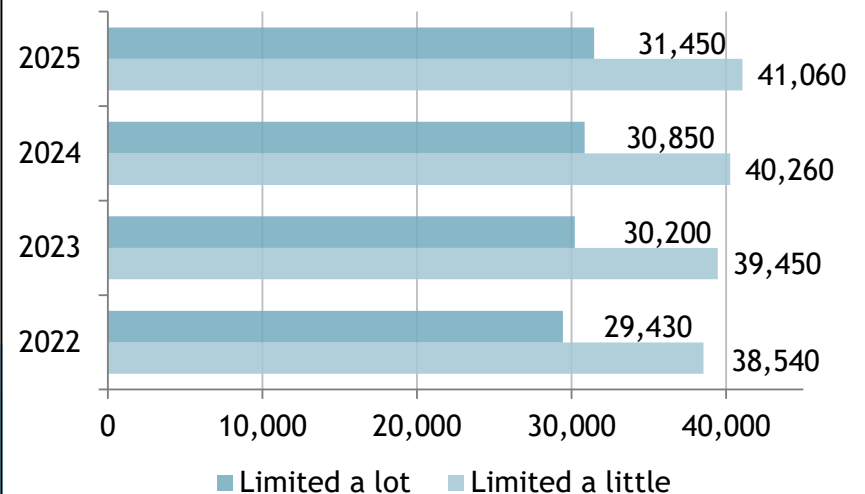
# Adult Social Care

- The total number of people receiving long-term support reduced by 2.2% in 2021/22.
- The number of older people with a limiting long term illness is projected to increase by 6.7% between 2022 and 2025.

Number of people receiving long-term support

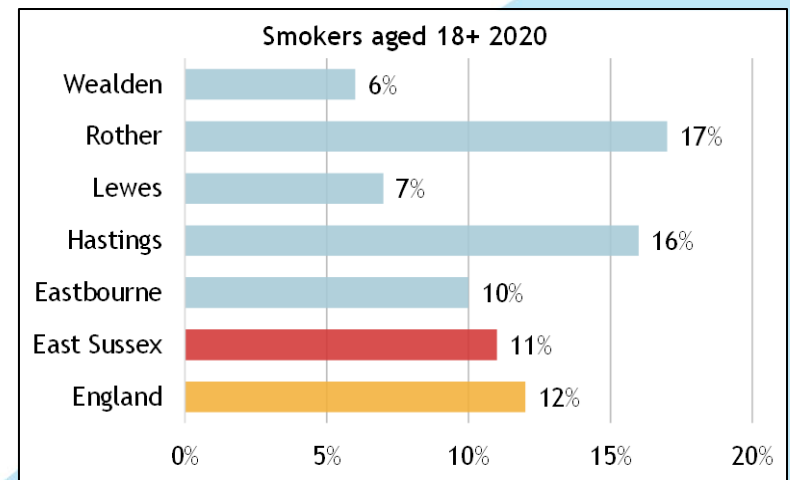
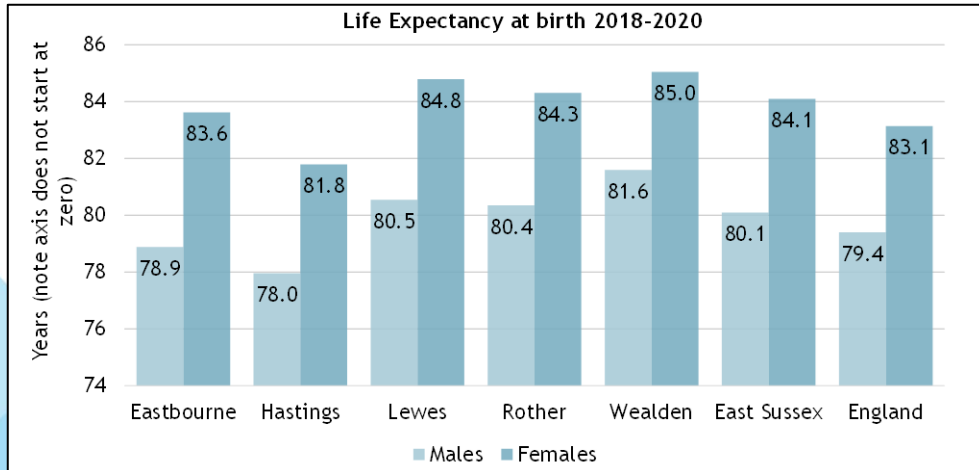


Older people (age 65+) with a limiting long term illness projections



# Health

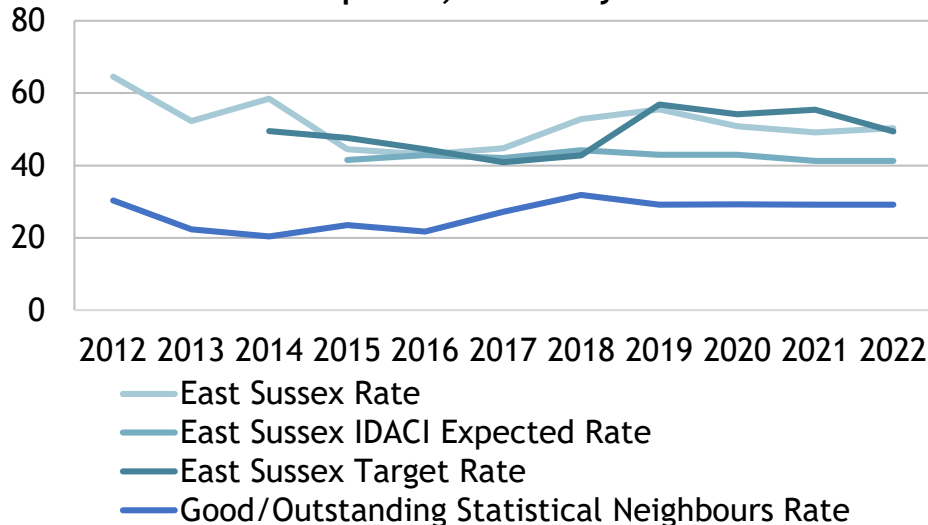
- The pandemic has had a significant impact and highlighted inequalities.
- There are differences in other health outcomes across the County and between groups.



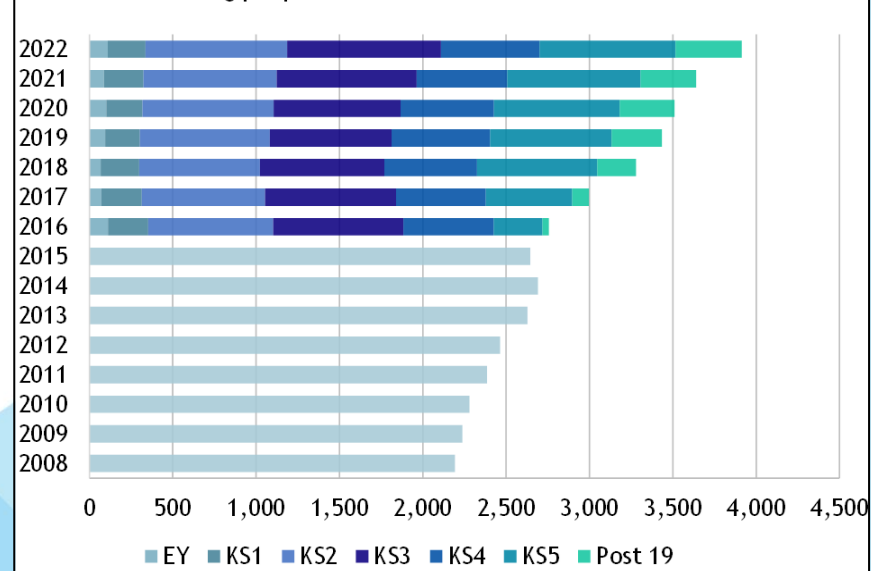
# Children and young people

- The number of children with a Child Protection Plan has increased since 2017.
- Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) have continued to increase over the last seven years.

Children with a Child Protection Plan  
Rate per 10,000 0-17 year olds



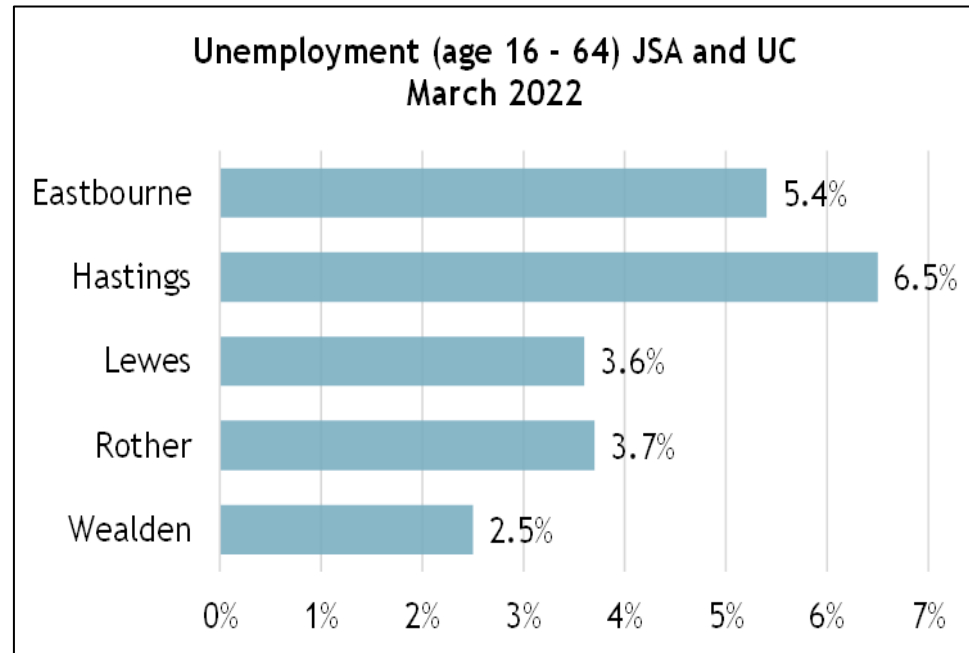
Young people with a Statement or EHC Plan





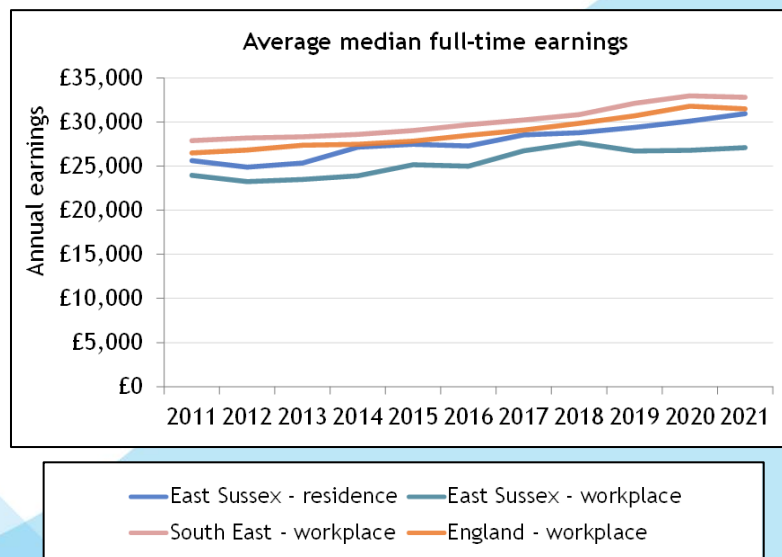
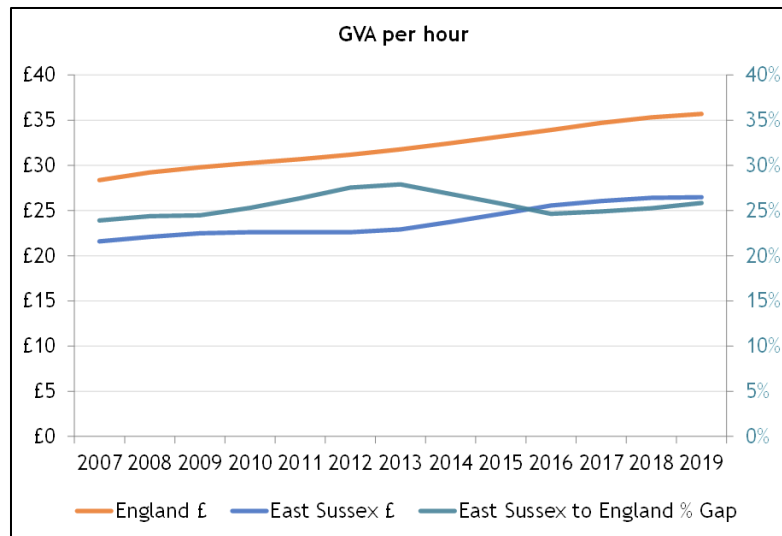
# Economy

- We saw a peak in unemployment in 2021, however rates have now fallen.
- Nationally, job vacancies are at a record high but locally there may be a mismatch between vacancies and available skills.



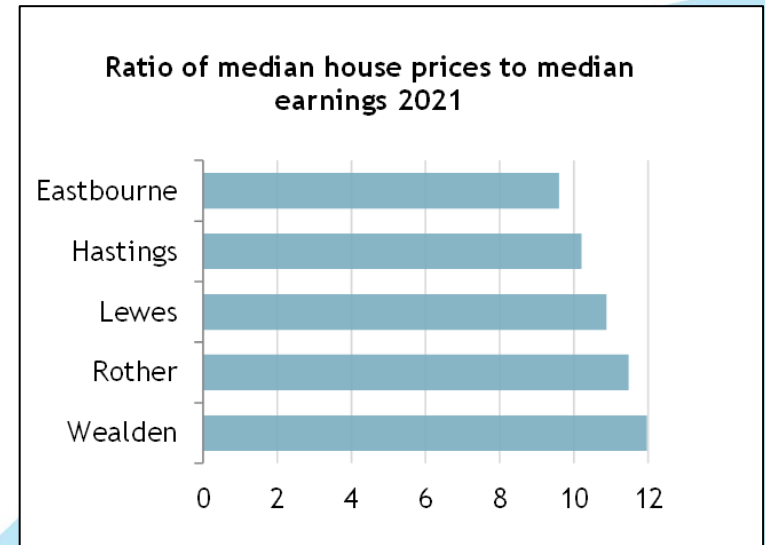
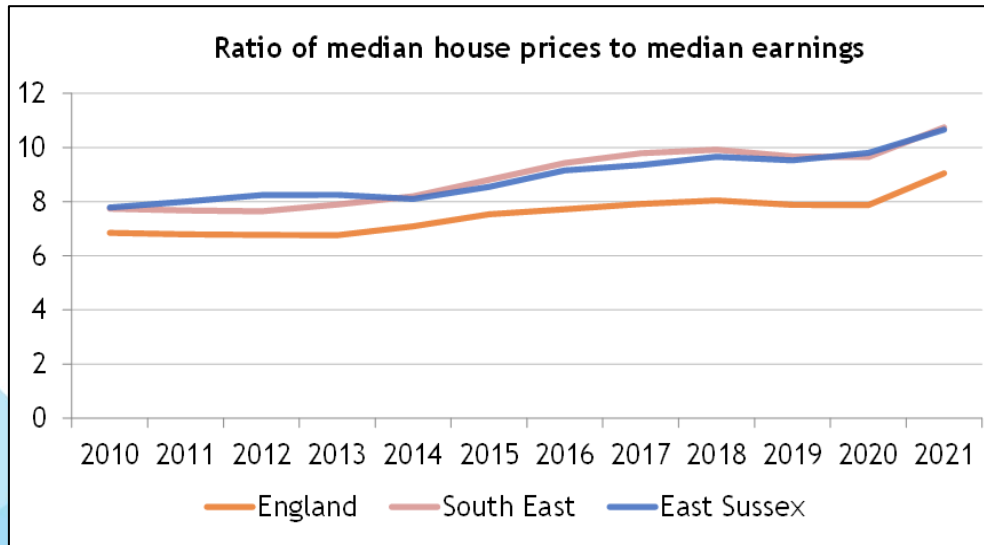
# Economy

- There were existing challenges for our local economy before the pandemic.
- We have lower productivity levels than the national average, and disparities between workplace-based and residence-based earnings.



# Housing

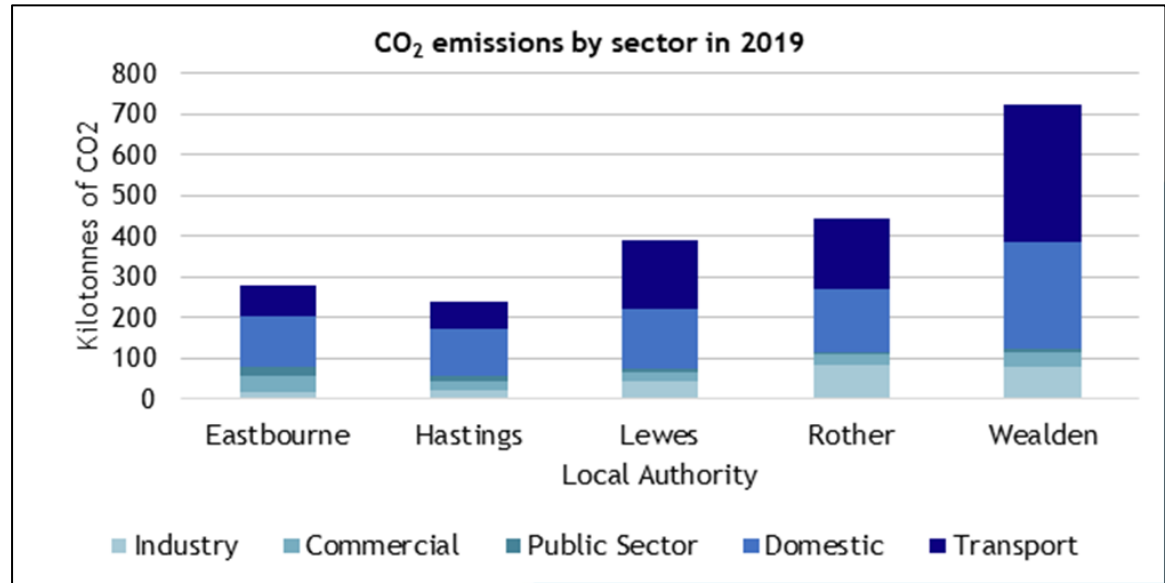
Housing affordability across East Sussex remains an issue.



# Climate change

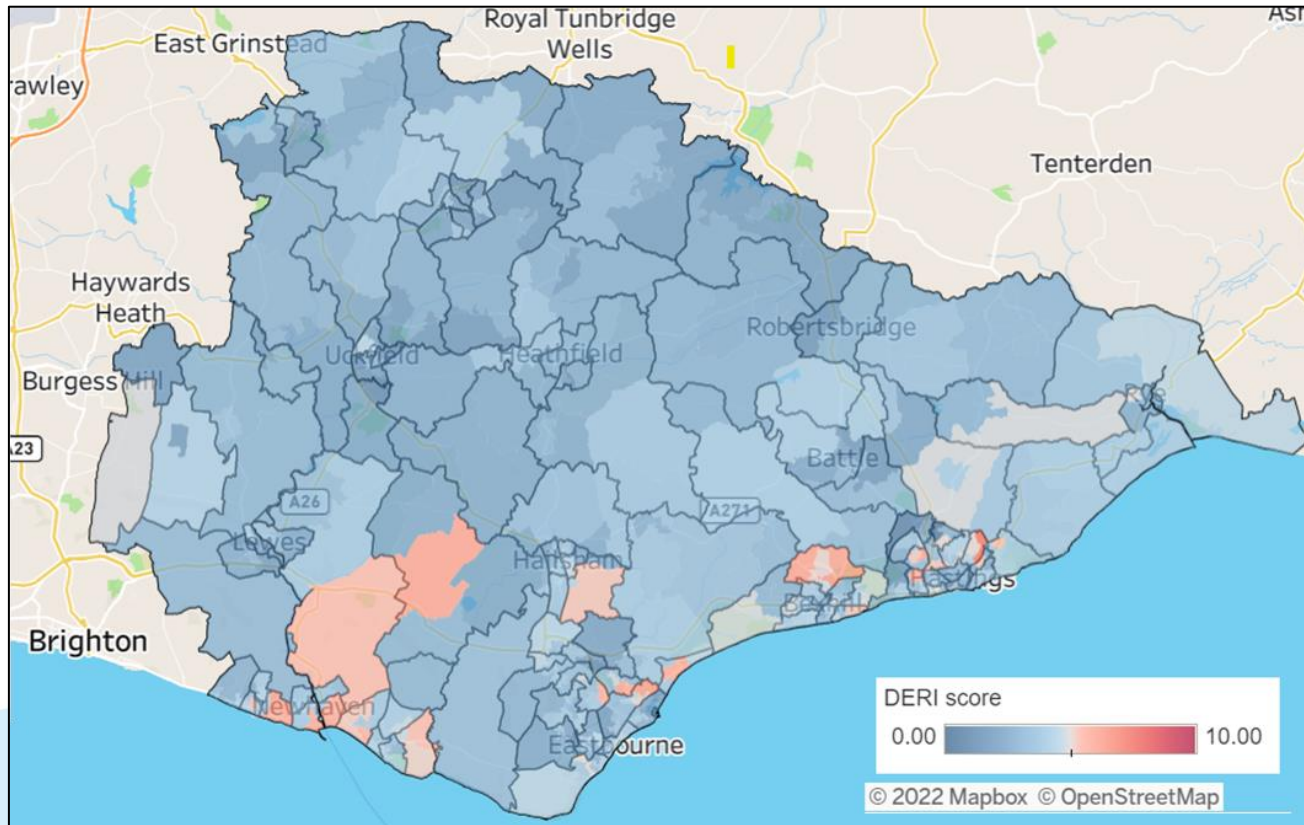
CO2 emissions from domestic properties and transport are the greatest contributors to overall emissions across the county.

Emissions have fallen but further reductions are needed.



Source: BEIS 2021

# Digital connectivity



Source: Digital Exclusion Risk Index (Greater Manchester Office of Data Analytics)

# Policy outlook

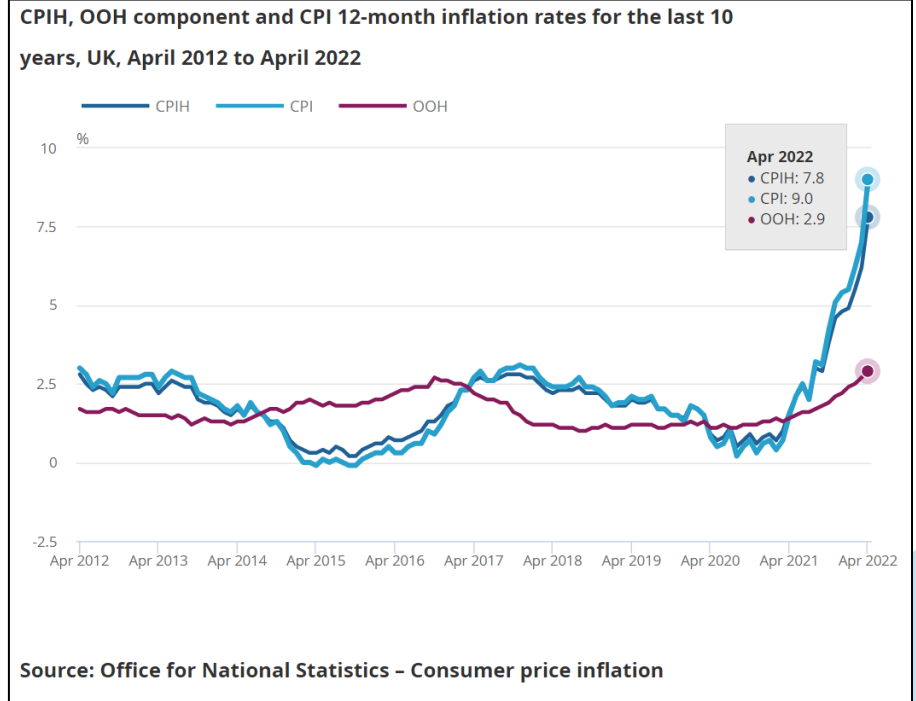
- Extensive and rapidly developing national policy agenda
- Significant reforms affecting services across the Council
- Requires rapid assessment and response

# Policy context

- Economic challenges, inflation and cost of living - impacts for ESCC as well as residents and businesses
- Workforce challenges



- The Government's **Levelling Up** agenda - wide-ranging and being progressed through Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill
- Ongoing **post-Covid** recovery and adjustment - our services and the local economy



# Policy context

- **Adult Social Care** reforms - financial and operational impacts
- Progressing **health and social care integration**
- Building on **partnerships** to support wellbeing and respond to future need, including support for **refugees and asylum seekers**





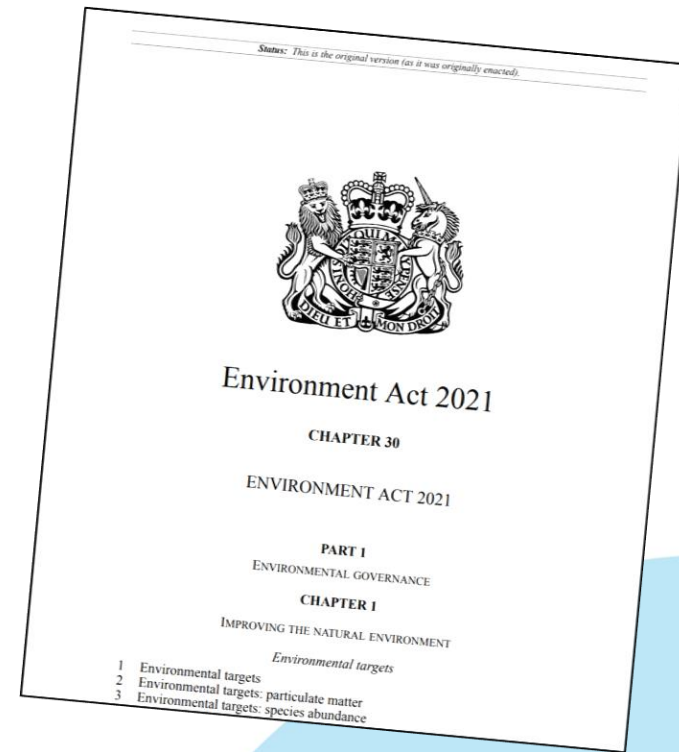
# Policy context

- **Children's Social Care** - awaiting Government's response to the independent review
- Responding to rising need and developing preventative approaches
- **Education reforms** - plans to increase attainment and move to fully-academised education system; and proposed changes in the **SEND Green Paper**
- **Work with schools** - on education recovery, attendance and mental health and emotional wellbeing, plus **Education Investment Area** status
- **New local SEND strategy**



# Policy context

- Ongoing challenge of climate change mitigation and adaptation
- Implementing the **Environment Act**
- Changes to planning system and **local growth funding/support** arrangements



- **Transport policy changes**
- Refresh of our **Local Transport Plan**, taking forward **Bus Services Improvement Plan** and **highways contract re-procurement**

# Future outlook

- There are ongoing pressures, such as our ageing population, and new challenges including the rising cost of living and doing business.
- There is a need to continue to work to reduce pre-existing inequalities.
- There is a need to drive sustainable economic recovery that supports our journey to becoming carbon neutral.
- We will need to meet these challenges in line with a new policy landscape following a series of Government reforms.

# Communications and lobbying

- Ongoing lobbying to ensure Government understands:
  - the needs of our county
  - the impact of inflation on our financial outlook
  - the ongoing and urgent need for a sustainable multi-year financial settlement
- Particular need to highlight requirement for full funding of major reforms to social care provision for adults and children and to support for SEND
- Work with MPs and partners
- South East 7 regional lobbying

**Do you recognise this picture?**

**What's missing?**

**What do we particularly need to pay attention to?**