

Title:	Findings from BHSP Supper – Outputs report
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Purpose/Key Messages:	To feedback to BHSP members the distilled findings from BHSP Supper held in September 2013
Significance to BHSP and Delivering SCS outcomes:	The supper was intended to help support development of BHSP to ensure that it is best placed to deliver against the priorities within the refreshed SCS
What is BHSP being asked to do?	Agree the findings and support their delivery
Next steps and report back mechanism:	

The Brighton & Hove Strategic Partnership (BHSP) held a development workshop at the Sussex County Cricket Club on Thursday 19th September 2013 to consider:

1. What are the main challenges facing the City of Brighton & Hove?
2. How can BHSP help in addressing these?
3. What changes does the BHSP need to make in order to do this?

There were 23 BHSP members and invited guests in attendance. The workshop was independently facilitated by Henry Pavey

Session 1: What are the main challenges facing the City of Brighton & Hove?

Through a post-it exercise, each BHSP members were asked to identify their Top 3 challenges facing the city. These priority suggestions were then grouped and the Top 3 identified were:

1. Economy and jobs.

2. Skills and training.
3. Educational attainment and young people.

How can the BHSP help in addressing the Top 3 challenges?

1. What they believe the BHSP itself can do in tackling these city challenges?
2. What their particular organisation or thematic partnership can do, through the BHSP framework, in tackling these city challenges?
3. Whether the right structures and frameworks exist to tackle the Top 3 city challenges or whether new relationships and connections need to be made?

Through a post-it exercise, each BHSP members were asked to respond to the questions set

Question 1 produced 5 general themes for consideration as follows:

- Performance – challenge and holding to account.
- Improving linkages and relationships.
- Securing new intelligence through maximising insights and local knowledge.
- Involving others and hearing new voices by reaching out.
- Clarifying the BHSP's collective responsibility.

Question 2 produced these two general themes

- The 'communication conduit' role of BHSP members
- Specific ideas from the family of partnerships and key agencies.

Question 3 produced 5 general themes for consideration as follows:

- Review existing partnerships and networks to ensure that they add value and are effective.
- Better private sector engagement.
- Engagement with city region partners and networks.
- Focussed action-orientated BHSP agendas.
- Communications, communications, communications.

Recommendations

- BHSP chairs and management team have already implemented changes to the way in which meetings are held. This has been positively received to date, and will be kept under review
- As the new SCS is developed the role, function and added value to BHSP's aims will be examined. This may result in structural changes for the family of partnerships
- BHSP members will continue to be encouraged to act as a communication champion for their area to and from BHSP.

The members handbook requests that members

Represent and communicate within sector

- Through communicating widely with own sector about the priorities for the city of Brighton and Hove and to involve own sector in the setting of these priorities (with support where necessary).

Contribute to development of strategies and action plans

- To contribute to discussions on the key objectives and priorities of the partnership
- Provide advice to partnership on issues concerning own sector
- Contribute to effective communications and engagement throughout the partnership
- To have a mandate from own sector to participate in BHSP decision-making within decision-making guidelines (to be agreed by the BHSP)
- To help produce and implement the long term vision – the SCS
- To agree ways of working and ground rules that will govern the operation of the partnership
- To identify the contribution that own sector can make to achieving the goals and priorities of the SCS and the action plans
- To develop a common system for monitoring and evaluating the achievements and any failures in delivering these goals and priorities.

Represent the Brighton & Hove Strategic Partnership

- Represent sector at key partnership events
- To set up a framework of accountability to the community
- Be accountable for the performance of the partnership and project working arrangements