

From: Chair, BHLSP Strategic Board
To: Brighton & Hove Learning Partnership (BHLSP) Strategic Board
For: Discussion and decision

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Brighton and Hove Learning Partnership: Terms of Reference

Vision Statement

“To achieve the best possible outcomes for all learners in Brighton & Hove through working in partnership.”

Statement of Purpose

1. Ensure impact and close learning gaps across the City through the development of a sustainable infrastructure that will ensure effective working and provide value for money
2. Ensure entitlement of access to high quality, inclusive education
3. Create effective, consistent educational strategy for the City by bringing those with responsibility for policy together with those with expertise in implementation so as to connect the Learning Partnership's Strategic Board, through individual organisations, to every classroom and workshop in the City
4. Promote effective cross-phase working (ie. across primary, secondary, further and adult education, community groups) to ensure links between education and the community
5. Promote and model the adoption of good ideas from the grass-roots across the City and ensure that good ideas and practice are identified, shared and promoted
6. Engage as a coherent voice in conversations with other key partners within the Brighton and Hove Local Strategic Partnership.

Values Statement

We believe we best serve the City's learners when we:

1. Put learners first and at the heart of all we do and consider providers always
2. Ensure providers serve learners, not the reverse, so as to ensure high quality learning
3. Implement policy in deference to the Government and local councillors, and do so critically in deference to learners
4. Win empowerment by taking on responsibility and use what powers we have responsibly.
5. Work together, not in isolation

6. Operate with integrity to serve whole communities : trust, respect, transparency, selflessness, accountability and a clear moral purpose.

Structure of key internal relationships

Please see diagram at Annex 1.

The Strategic Board:

1. Contributes to the setting of educational policy in the City
2. Sets educational strategy for the City in the light of the statutory responsibilities on the Local Authority, academy sponsors and governing bodies
3. Commissions advice on the formation of policy and on the implementation of strategy from its Operational Boards
4. Approves operational plans drafted by the Operational Boards
5. Communicates operational plans to Community Clusters/monitors the results.

Operational Boards:

1. Have representation on the Strategic Board
2. Propose policy to the Strategic Board
3. Formulate operational plans to implement Board strategy for the Board's approval
4. Consult on these plans via the Community Clusters.

Community Clusters:

1. Have their own issues to pursue which are possibly unique to individual clusters and possibly independent of the Learning Partnership (ie Community Clusters have a foot in the Provider Network as well as in the Learning Partnership)
2. Have representation on the Strategic Board
3. May propose policy to the Strategic Board
4. Provide mutual support for the implementation of operational plans.

External relationships

BHLP and the Provider Network of other partnerships

Three things distinguish BHLP from the many temporary and permanent partnerships and links that constitute the Provider Network.

1. BHLP makes it possible for the Local Authority and Head Teachers to devise educational strategy for the City.
2. BHLP provides a direct line of communication from the Strategic Board to every classroom in the City, making it more likely that our strategy will make a positive difference for learners.
3. A difference in thinking. As a member of groups within the Provider Network, we are likely to be thinking, 'How can membership of this group assist my organisation?' As members of the Learning Partnership we ask, 'How can my organisation best contribute to the City?' Both kinds of thinking are important, each in its appropriate context.

An attempt to depict this diagrammatically is at Annex 2.

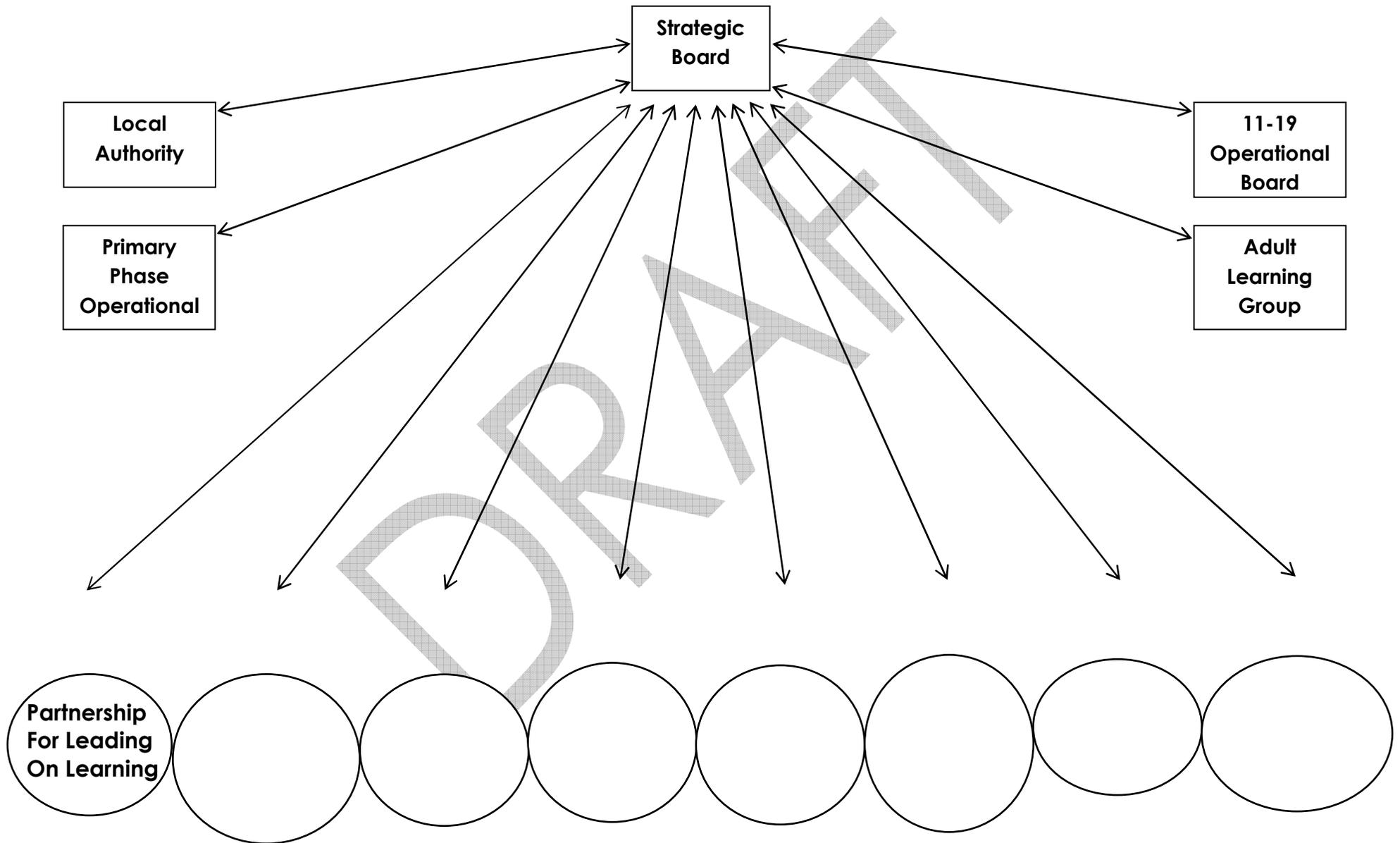
BHLP and the Local Strategic Partnership

The LSP is a citywide partnership body on which the Learning Partnership is represented by its Chair. The website link (below) tells a little of its story. It is a public body in as much as meetings are notionally public. It sets periodically a series of outcomes which partners commit to work together to achieve. These targets are given in the Sustainable Community Strategy.

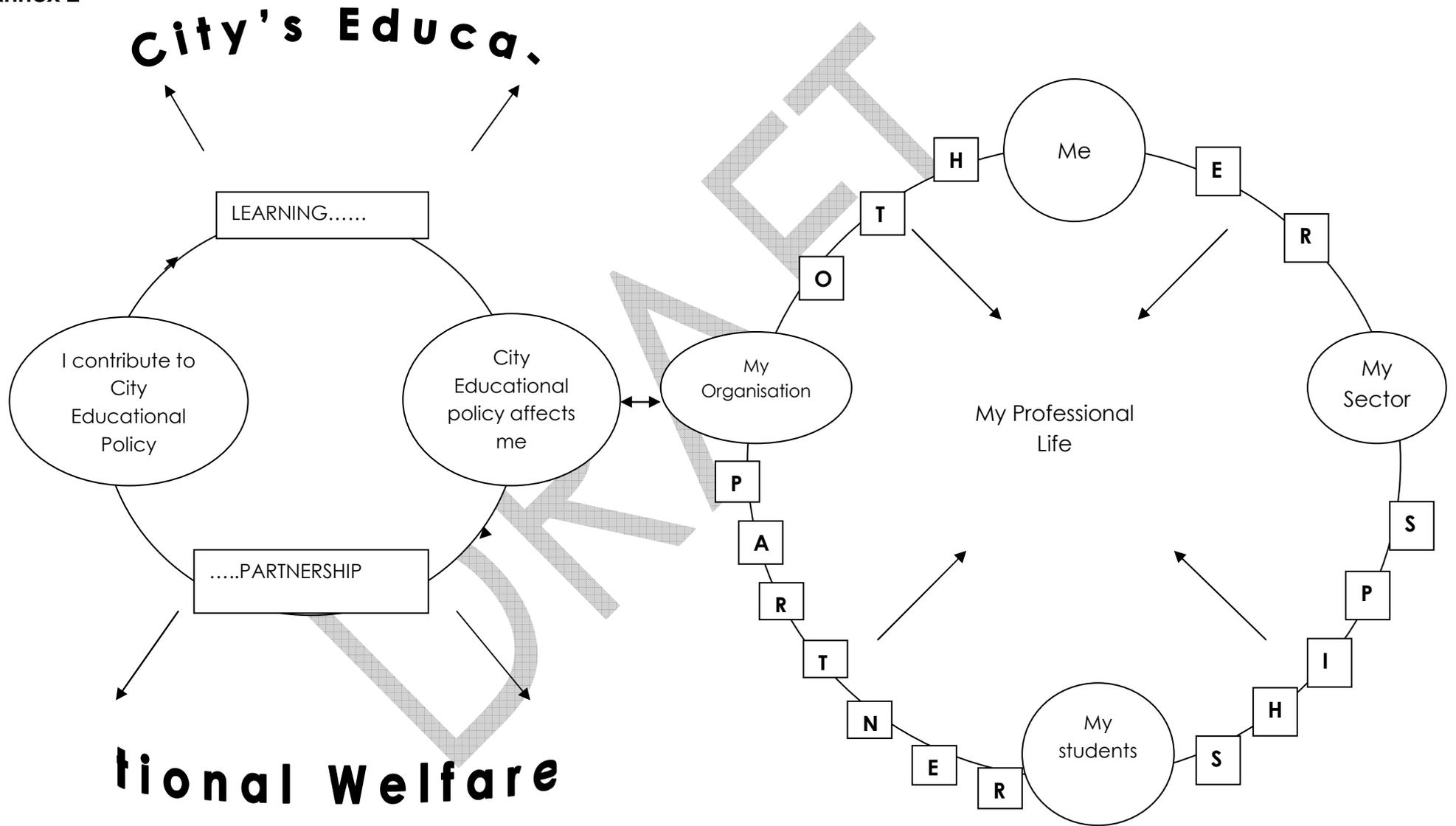
http://www.bandhsp.co.uk/downloads/bandhsp/B_HSP_Sustainable_Community_Strategy.pdf This is due to be refreshed. There is then a second body the Public Service Board (PSB) which brings Chief Executives together and provides strategic commitment and leadership to the work of the LSP. The current Protocol between Brighton & Hove Strategic Partnership and the Learning Partnership is attached at Annex 3.

Annex 1

STRUCTURE OF BRIGHTON & HOVE LEARNING PARTNERSHIP



Annex 2



Annex 3: Protocol between Brighton & Hove Strategic Partnership and the Learning Partnership

Both partnerships agree that:

- The Brighton and Hove Learning Partnership will be the focal point for learning services and others to work collaboratively to inform and influence strategic planning of learning services in Brighton and Hove.
- The Learning Partnership will provide city wide leadership around its specific area. It will continue to work closely with other delivery partnerships and outcome partnerships on areas of mutual concern.
- Both parties will encourage the use of the Learning Partnership as the learning arm of the Brighton & Hove Strategic Partnership.
- The Learning Partnership will seek to use its involvement with Brighton & Hove Strategic Partnership to promote the learning agenda amongst other members of the Brighton & Hove Strategic Partnership.
- Both parties will seek to maximise the impact of the Learning Partnership on the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of Brighton and Hove.
- Relevant information relating to and arising from the Brighton & Hove Strategic Partnership activities and plans will be shared with the Learning Partnership.
- The Learning Partnership will be responsible for contributing to the delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy as part of their ongoing work.
- The Learning Partnership will also work with the Public Service Board, as the delivery arm of the Brighton & Hove Strategic Partnership, to help deliver the relevant sections of the City Performance Plan (CPP).
- The Learning Partnership agrees to provide reports on performance and activity, where required, relating to progress against Sustainable Community Strategy indicators and will contribute to the overall performance management framework for the Brighton & Hove Strategic Partnership.
- The Brighton & Hove Strategic Partnership agrees to promote the work of the Learning Partnership to other City, regional and national parties.
- The Learning Partnership agrees to work cooperatively with the Overview and Scrutiny function of the local authority where relevant to their work.