

<b>Title:</b>	Partnership Review
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<b>Purpose/Key Messages:</b>	To BHSP informed about the progress on review of partnerships
<b>Significance to BHSP and Delivering SCS outcomes:</b>	The family of thematic partnerships play a key role in delivering the priorities of BHSP through collaborative working and expert knowledge from a wide range of organisations
<b>What is BHSP being asked to do?</b>	BHSP is asked to consider and, if appropriate, support the proposals within the paper
<b>Next steps and report back mechanism:</b>	Should the proposal be agreed, further progress and implementation reports will be brought back to BHSP

## **1. Background**

BHSP is made up of three main constituent parts – The BHSP board, City Management Board and Thematic Partnerships. In order for the whole partnership to remain effective and efficient, it is important to regularly review the constituent parts

As part of the refresh of the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS), we will need to ensure that we have the right delivery mechanisms for the SCS

## **2. Services for children**

Currently within the BHSP family of partnerships there is no specific partnership for children, other than the Learning Partnership (LP), which as the name suggests focuses on learning and education of children rather than children as a whole

The LP has identified its 3 main priorities for the coming year as:

- High educational standards in the City
- High aspiration and engagement among young people

- Leadership and partnership

The LP has a vision, terms of reference and an action plan, and currently good engagement from a wide range of stakeholders involved with learning across the city.

Following discussions with Director and Assistant Director of Children's services, and Stronger Families Safer Communities lead, it was agreed that the LP is currently effective and, as a relatively new partnership, should continue its development. This will be supported not only by the Chair but by a new Partnership manager post to assist in the workings of the partnership.

As you may recall, previously in the City, there was a Children & Young People's Trust (CYPT) partnership board. This was disbanded with the re introduction of the Brighton & Hove City Council committee system as many of the people involved with CYPT Board identified regular duplication of work, reports and little added value.

As the committee system remains in place, it is unlikely that a replication of CYPT Board would be more effective than previously, but that should not preclude discussion on other forms or structures.

### **3. Children's Partnership Forum**

Following discussion, the proposal is to explore the setting up of a children's partnership forum.

- The forum will meet up to four times per year for half a day
- Will include all major stakeholders and leads from across the City
- Will take a holistic look at Children's experiences, services, needs and aspirations across the piece and will not be limited to education
- Will have a set of priorities that could be based on the every child matters principles – these will be determined by the forum
- The Forum will not act as a board and will not look at business, but rather will focus on the overarching strategy, in a collaborative and creative context

### **4. Health Services**

The Health and Well Being Board (HWBB) has recently moved from being a shadow board to a full board.

As part of the ongoing review partnerships review it has been agreed that the Healthy City Partnership now acts as a project board under HWBB.

It has also been agreed to investigate the position and function of HWBB as the lead mechanism in the area of health and well being

## **5. Next Steps**

Should the proposal be agreed, further progress and implementation reports will be brought back to BHSP