

**Summary report for the Brighton & Hove Strategic Partnership
meeting 22/03/11**

TITLE: Partnership Feedback from across the Brighton & Hove Strategic Partnership

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Advice Partnership

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Your Partnership	Advice Partnership
Date of Meeting	4/2/2010
Date of next meeting	8/4/2010
3 key points to be communicated from the Partnership Meeting to the Brighton and Hove Strategic Partnership	
1	<p>Consultation on proposals for legal aid reform closed on 14th February. The consultation prompted more than 5000 responses.</p> <p>The proposals, if implemented are likely to result in the removal of local face to face social welfare, immigration and family law related services for local residents. In addition, implementation of the proposals will result in the termination of a significant funding stream for two voluntary sector providers and more than ten local businesses.</p>
2	<p>Strategic Director David Murray has met with the Partnership Chair and Partnership Manager to discuss the imminent challenges relating to advice need and provision in the city. Mr Murray will attend the next meeting to discuss formulating the action plan that will ensure the sustainable way forward.</p>
3	<p>The Partnership is hosting a 'Family Finance Day' in Bevendean Funplex on 19th March. Residents are invited to bring their children along for a free fun play session whilst they discuss money issues with staff and</p>

	<p>volunteers from a range of advice and information services.</p> <p>The Partnership will use the opportunity to survey residents regarding the financial challenges they face (e.g. around debt, accessing credit and insurance services) and the advice and information services they need.</p>
<p>Additional Information</p> <p>BHT and the Citizens Advice Bureau currently hold Social Welfare Law and Immigration Legal Aid contracts worth, in total, in excess of £1m per year. More than 10 local private practice solicitors also hold Family Law contracts. All of these are at risk under the Legal Aid proposals.</p>	

Strategic Housing Partnership

Name	Martin Reid
Your Partnership	Strategic Housing Partnership
Date of Meeting	15 February 2011
Date of next meeting	26 April 2011
3 key points to be communicated from the Partnership Meeting to the Brighton and Hove Strategic Partnership	
1	<p>Repairs on Prescription – The Council’s Private Sector Housing Section & Public Health are working together on a pilot scheme which helps vulnerable households who have health problems linked to their housing. The GP Referral service is now up & running and a large response has been received by the Private Sector Housing team which has resulted in enforcement action. A bid has been submitted for additional Department of Health funding to expand the scope of the current scheme.</p>
2	<p>Student Housing – The Council are looking to consult on additional licensing of small HMOs in areas of high pressure student housing in the city. Both universities are projecting shortfalls in student accommodation. While we are looking to manage some shortfall by joint working to facilitate new build student housing in certain major project sites and also through joint head leasing schemes to secure private sector housing for students there was felt to be the need for a more strategic LSP discussion on the impact of growth in student numbers across the city in areas other than housing alone.</p>

3	Local Delivery Vehicle - The council have accepted the financial offer from Brighton & Hove Seaside Community Homes for leasing up to 500 council properties in exchange for a capital receipt. The company are currently negotiating with two lenders & are aiming for a positive outcome by 31 March.
Additional Information	

Stronger Communities Partnership

Name	Keith Beadle
Your Partnership	Stronger Communities Partnership
Date of Meeting	3 rd February 2011
Date of next meeting	12 th May 2011
3 key points to be communicated from the Partnership Meeting to the Brighton and Hove Strategic Partnership	
1	<p>Strengthening Communities Review (SCR) - the meeting was pleased to welcome Mary Evans (ME) who updated the group on progress of the Strengthening Communities Review (SCR).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SCR has highlighted the importance of the SCP, the need for a strategic lead in the city on community engagement, and the value of the partnership being third sector led. • Part 1 of the SCR (which contained the principles for commissioning Community Development and CVSF) has been taken through the council's decision making processes and the BHCC Communities & Equality Team are now working through the commissions. • Part 2 of the SCR is about a wider mapping of engagement activity and in relation to this how the council needs to remove some of the duplications occurring in community engagement activity, and how it needs to join things up in ways that make sense to all city partners. • David Murray (DM) (Strategic Director for Communities) is particularly interested in how engagement with grassroots and the person on the street may practically work.
2	<p>City Performance Plan – A City Performance Plan to replace the Local Area Agreement is being developed. The plan will be for one year and will be agreed in June by the B&HSP. KB informed the group that the SCP has been asked to look through the outcomes and to consider, in the current climate of significantly reduced resources, which ones are still achievable and which ones are aspirational. The partnership considered this in detail and suggested some work to be done outside the meeting to respond effectively to the request. (Work progressing).</p>
3	<p>CEF Action Plan - Highlights from the activities undertaken include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Community Engagement Training, delivered by the TDC has received consistently excellent feedback and the learning and development team at the council plan to embed it into their core training

	<p>programme. The council is looking to use the cross-sector approach to this training in all of its courses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The CEF group will reconvene the learning sub-group to pick up on the advice and guidance and case studies emerging from the training. - Speakout is producing an easy read version of the CEF. - The Democratic Services Team at the council have all been on the community engagement training and they are now doing more outreach in neighbourhoods. - The CEF was flagged up as being a key part of the recent council's equality assessment. - There is £1,000 in the budget for a strategic networking event, which has not yet been planned, although this money can be carried over to next year. - The next B&HSP development morning will be on the SCP and the CEF. - An update will go to scrutiny on the CEF soon. - Keeping a watch on anything to do with engagement, devolved budgets and localism as the SCP will need to think about how this activity could be coordinated.
<p>Additional Information</p> <p>Priority Action – A Handover Meeting is to be arranged to ensure the future support of the SCP and its programme of work going forward. This follows recent announcements that the current funding and support arrangements for the SCP will finish at the end of March 2011.</p> <p>Keith Beadle 01273 810238 keith@cvsectorforum.org.uk</p>	

City Sustainability Partnership

Name	Catherine Miller
Your Partnership	City Sustainability Partnership
Date of Meeting	17 th January 2011
Date of next meeting	14 th March 2011
3 key points to be communicated from the Partnership Meeting to the Brighton and Hove Strategic Partnership	
1	CSP were introduced to Charlie Stewart and Geoff Raw who informed the CSP about the need for practical programmes to address key sustainability issues in the city and shape commissioning.

2	<p>Royal Sussex County Hospital Redevelopment Proposal: Key points from the CSP: Greater efforts should be made to employ local sources of labour and materials. Further work on heat management and recovery needs to be done Issues with the design and size of the car drop off point as it blocks easy access to public transport and unconvinced of the need for more parking provision; recommended bus and train info in main concourse. Partners feel there is a need for a full consultation re: biodiversity and greening of the site and expect a Health Impact Assessment to ascertain the likely impacts on the city of the expansion of the hospital.</p>
3	<p>CSP discussed the inadequacies of the consultation processes for both the LTP3 and the Air Quality strategy – CSP Chairs to raise with B&HCC</p>
<p>Additional Information The partnership discussed the ongoing need for funding and resourcing for the partnership’s administration and support. This is to be discussed by B&HSP Chairs.</p>	

Children and Young People

Name	Steve Barton
Your Partnership	Children and Young People
Date of Meeting	31 st January
Date of next meeting	21 st March
3 key points to be communicated from the Partnership Meeting to the Brighton and Hove Strategic Partnership	
1	<p>As part of monitoring progress on the Children and Young people’s Plan the Board (31st Jnauy) doiscussed presentations in respect of Youth Crime, Do,mestic Violence and Sexual Violemnce. The Board would welcome feedback, proposals for further city wide initiartives.</p>
2	<p>At the same meeting the Board’s new Head Teacher representatives sumamrised the key issues facing schools, skills and learning – the Strategic Partnership might wish to have similar dilogue</p>

3	At the meeting on 21 st March the Board will receive reports/presentations on Safeguarding and Child Protection and Child Poverty (needs analysis/emerging strategy) and would welcome support/engagement from the
Additional Information	

Economic Partnership

Name	Tony Mernagh
Your Partnership	BHEP
Date of Meeting	Jan 18 th 2011
Date of next meeting	April 5 th 2011
3 key points to be communicated from the Partnership Meeting to the Brighton and Hove Strategic Partnership	
1	<p>Development of the Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership is progressing and BHEP is represented on the steering group guiding it towards the formation of the Board.</p> <p>Adverts for open recruitment of Board members and the Chair of the LEP were published on 7.2.11</p> <p>Although not included in the Coast to Capital LEP, BHEP considers Lewes and Newhaven to be important strategic locations in Brighton & Hove's functional economic area and it is actively exploring opportunities for further engagement with them. We have invited both locations to attend future BHEP meetings.</p>
2	BHEP submitted a proposal to develop an aspirational needs analysis around economic development to the Public Service Board which was agreed. Work commences on 18.02.11.
3	Shoreham Port Authority have produced their masterplan and the Chief

	<p>executive of SPA presented on it at the last BHEP meeting. It met with approval and was generally considered to be an achievable and constructive development. SPA have been invited to attend future meetings of BHEP/</p>
<p>Additional Information</p>	

City Inclusion Partnership

Name	Sarah Tighe-Ford
Your Partnership	City Inclusion Partnership
Date of Meeting	15 th February 2011
Date of next meeting	7 th June 2011
<p>3 key points to be communicated from the Partnership Meeting to the Brighton and Hove Strategic Partnership</p>	
1	<p>David Murray BHCC Strategic Director, Communities David attended the meeting to introduce himself and explain some of the changes occurring in the council and the city at present. He highlighted that in the Intelligent Commissioning model the needs of people and communities are at the centre of planning. Assessing public need ensures that resources are targeted, maximising impact and providing outcomes that make a real difference to the people and the city. Improving closer working with other public agencies will mean less duplication and reinvention and greater possibilities of sharing costs, especially important with budgetary challenges across the city.</p>
2	<p>CIP Work Plan and Progress Report: The Work Plan and first annual report on progress / actions of the Charter will be presented at the BSHP meeting on 22 March 2011.</p> <p>The workplan is being revised in light of local changes (as discussed above) and national legislation. Priorities for action now are different and will need to focus on engagement in relation to equalities groups, the requirements of Intelligent Commissioning and the Equality Act 2010 (equalities in procurement, engagement, publication of data etc).</p>

3	<p>Thumbs Up Campaign Tim Wilson from Brighton & Hove City Council provided the group with information on the Thumbs Up Campaign, a free scheme launched in September 2010 to help improve services to people with a learning disability. More information see: www.brightpart.org/thumbsup.php</p>
Additional Information	

City Employment & Skills Steering Group

Name	Angela Gaitani
Your Partnership	City Employment & Skills Steering Group (CESSG)
Date of Meeting	27 January 2011
Date of next meeting	24 March 2011
3 key points to be communicated from the Partnership Meeting to the Brighton and Hove Strategic Partnership	
1	<p>The City Employment & Skills Plan is being refreshed. The group met on 27th January to discuss the findings of the socio-economic analysis and the priorities/ actions of the draft Action Plan for 2011/14. Suggestions made from members will be included in the revised version of the action plan.</p> <p>A final version of the plan and the Equalities Impact Assessment will be discussed in the next meeting (24th March)</p>
2	<p>The chair of the group and the leads of each priority of the action plan are under review. Members were asked to nominate themselves or another member of the group for these roles.</p> <p>The CESSG chair is recommended to be a senior person who is credible to elected members of the City Council, as well as the business and community sectors; and who can develop strong links with partnerships and organisations, including national Government departments, outside Brighton & Hove</p>
3	<p>Members discussed the changes in the Housing Benefits system. The Housing Benefits manager has been asked to provide data about the number of people into work who are affected by these changes in the next meeting. There is a concern that these changes might drive low skilled/low paid residents out of the city.</p>
Additional Information	