

<b>Title:</b>	Sustainable Community Strategy Review update
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<b>Purpose/Key Messages:</b>	To inform the BHSP of activities taken place since the previous update in June 2013
<b>Significance to BHSP and Delivering SCS outcomes:</b>	The SCS is the overarching strategic document for the city which the BHSP takes the lead on delivering.
<b>What is BHSP being asked to do?</b>	For information
<b>Next steps and report back mechanism:</b>	The BHSP board will be asked to sign off the SCS document at the next BHSP meeting in December 2013

## 1. Background

Following the publication of the Sustainable Community Strategy 'Creating The City Of Opportunities' in 2010, a refreshed version of the full document is required to reflect the current position of the Brighton & Hove Strategic Partnership (BHSP). The BHSP is responsible for the strategy's development and implementation.

The SCS is the umbrella strategy in which all other strategies should come under. Therefore, the SCS is an amalgamation of other documents and represents the point as which these join together to form the overall, coherent strategy for the city of Brighton & Hove. This has important implications for the scope of consultation that was appropriate for this level of document.

## 2. The new Sustainable Community Strategy

The following recommendations for refreshing the SCS were agreed at the last BHSP meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> March:

1. To produce a short strategy booklet that sets out a clear vision and key aims for the city. The document would be circulated widely and would provide Brighton & Hove with clear direction. It would remain relevant and up to date for at least 3 years. The strategy booklet would contain clear signposts to the BHSP website for more information.
2. The BHSP website would continue to link directly with the strategy, but would contain a lot more detail about each particular aim plus additional detail as to what is being planned for each area. The website would also provide links to other relevant websites
3. As the website will contain more detail, this would be updated bi-annually/annually as appropriate

Maintaining a constant full strategy will need to be ensured. This will be particularly important to note when the website detail is refreshed and potential gaps in areas could form if left unchecked. Thematic partnerships will be asked to lead on refreshing their particular area of the SCS, with some areas being taken forward by more than one single partnership. Amendments to strategy chapters will be sent to the BHSP partners for comment and sign off.

### **3. Activities completed to date**

A SCS Steering Group meeting took place on 17<sup>th</sup> June, where the chair and vice-chairs of the BHSP board and representatives from Brighton & Hove City Council, the Community & Voluntary Sector Forum, Sussex Police and the Clinical Commissioning Group were invited to attend. The following agreements were made:

- A section specifically on how, as a city, children and young people are developed and supported, was agreed to be included in a dedicated section in the printed document under what is currently the Introducing the Sustainable Community Strategy section (this is to reflect that Children & Young People issues cut across all of the chapters and is not a separate stand alone area)
- The existing chapter of Promoting Enterprise and Learning should be separated in to two different sections and renamed (names currently TBC)
- In order for the printed document to not date quickly and remain high-level, current projects will not be referred to within it. Detail for specific projects would however sit on the website, which can be updated as and when needed.
- Partners interested in contributing to a chapter on the website (but are not the main authors) would be informed when the

chapter was due to be updated. It is important to have clear lines of ownership and accountability for delivery but also retain an open partnership working approach.

- The website will have a PDF download available of the high-level strategy plus contact details to get hard copies of the strategy content if required.

Revised content for each chapter is currently in the stage of being consulted upon, and will then be edited and proofed.

Discussions with the Local Authority's Design and IT teams are ongoing in order to scope out the changes that need to be made to the current BHSP website and paper document.

#### **4. Next Steps**

The refresh Sustainable Community Strategy (paper document) will come to the BHSP meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013 for final sign off. It will then be for Partners organisations to take it through their own mechanisms for adoption as appropriate – for the City Council this will be Policy & Resources Committee and Full Council in January 2014. A launch event will then be arranged for late March 2014.