



**Brighton & Hove Connected**  
**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015, 4.00-6.00pm**  
**Renaissance Suite, Thistle Brighton Hotel, Kings Road,**  
**Brighton BN1 2GS**

**Present:**

Tony Mernagh	Business Sector (Chair)
Cllr. Bill Randall	Brighton & Hove City Council (Vice-chair)
Cllr. Jason Kitcat	Brighton & Hove City Council
Richard Butcher-Tuset	Brighton & Hove City Council
Paula Murray	Brighton & Hove City Council
Penny Thompson	Brighton & Hove City Council
Ramona Booth	Clinical Commissioning Group
Carl Rushbridge	Office of the Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner
Nev Kemp	Sussex Police, Brighton & Hove
Chris Baker	University of Brighton
Ed Allison-Wright	Business Sector
Toby Buckle	Brighton & Hove Community Works
Geraldine Des Moulins	Brighton & Hove Community Works
Sally Polanski	Brighton & Hove Community Works
Caroline Ridley	Brighton & Hove Community Works
Jessica Sumner	Brighton & Hove Community Works
Vicky Watson	Advice Partnership
Andrew Comben	Arts & Creative Industries Commission
Pinaki Ghoshal	Children's Services Partnership Forum
Dean Orgill	Economic Partnership
Leighe Rogers	Safe in the City Partnership

**Independent Secretariat:**

Simon Newell  
 Kynan Kelly

**Presenting:**

Kate Gilchrist	Brighton and Hove City Council
Tom Scanlon	Brighton and Hove City Council
Katie Stead	Clinical Commissioning Group

**Officers Attending:**

Frank Le Duc	Brighton & Hove News
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**Apologies:**

Sarah Springford	Business Sector
Richard O'Callaghan	Environment Agency
Janet Hughes	Jobcentre Plus
Ian Chisnall	Brighton & Hove Community Works
Lisa Dando	Brighton & Hove Community Works
Gary Pargeter	Brighton & Hove Community Works
Vic Borrill	City Sustainability Partnership (Vice-chair)
Marcelo Staricoff	Learning Partnership
Julie Frith	Strategic Housing Partnership

**1. Welcome, Introductions & Chair's communications**

- 1.1 Apologies listed as above
- 1.2 Tony Mernagh (TM) welcomed the new members of the board:

- 1.2.1 Ed Allison-Wright, representing the business sector
- 1.2.2 Toby Buckle, representing Community Works
- 1.2.3 Ramona Booth, representing Brighton & Hove Clinical Commissioning Group
- 1.3 TM welcomed back Nev Kemp, Sussex Police, from his sabbatical
- 1.4 TM thanked Cllr. Bill Randall and Cllr. Jason Kitcat for their contribution to Brighton & Hove Connected. This was their last meeting as they are standing down from their positions within the Local Authority
- 1.5 TM provided positive feedback on the Community Safety summit that took place on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015. He stated that there had been good attendance that contributed to high quality discussion. The feedback report will be circulated to members in due course.

## **2. Minutes & matters arising from meeting 16/12/14**

- 2.1 The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed
- 2.2 All items had either been completed or would be discussed during this meeting

## **3. Budget Updates**

- 3.1 Penny Thompson (PT) introduced this item, and explained that the local authority had passed a budget incorporating a Council Tax rise of 1.99%. PT continued that there had been extensive consultation and engagement throughout the budget setting process. She confirmed that £24m had been taken out of the budget through a variety of measures including the value for money programme and the Stop/Start/Change campaign. PT reaffirmed that the core purpose of Brighton & Hove City Council is to promote wellbeing and aspiration, ensuring that Brighton & Hove continues to be a fantastic place to live, work and visit.
- 3.2 Turning to Police budgets, TM enquired what changes the Police may have to make as a result of their own budget pressures. Nev Kemp (NK) responded by saying that serious crimes will remain a priority, but less serious incidents, such as anti-social behaviour and minor acquisitive crime may be dealt with through the new resolution centre. Carl Rushbridge (CR) added that Hampshire already has a resolution centre up and running, and is proving to be effective. NK stated that there is a 4 year plan for the resolution centre, but it will be under constant review. Its success will be judged through the reduction in crime, not simply by shifting crime around the system
- 3.3 CR emphasised that the PCC saw partnership working in the field of community safety as the future model of provision, and NK stated that the resolution centre should help with further developing a partnership approach.
- 3.4 Caroline Ridley pointed out that on a practical level, reductions will lead to gaps in the system, and that these gaps move around, often affecting the most vulnerable. NK responded by saying that PCSOs will be better equipped, and the Police will make better use of volunteers.
- 3.5 Cllr. Bill Randall (BR) stated that we need to ensure that we see the community as an asset. A good example of this is the work of Due East in Whitehawk.

## **4. Progress on Health and Wellbeing in Brighton & Hove**

- 4.1 Tom Scanlon (TS) provided an update on the work of the Health & Wellbeing Board (HWBB). The Health & Wellbeing Board is one of Brighton & Hove Connected's key partnerships. It is responsible for city outcomes in terms of the health and wellbeing agenda. BHC Members were asked to consider and discuss the paper in terms of development of the future health and wellbeing

strategy for the city. BHC members will be kept informed of ongoing work in this area.

- 4.2 TS stated that they would like to have a process of ongoing engagement through the development of the Health & Wellbeing Strategy (HWBS). The HWBS will return to HWBB post-election for agreement.
- 4.3 When asked about a lack of business involvement in the development of the strategy, Dean Orgill (DO) said he was not aware of businesses being approached. If businesses were engaged, and exemplars were identified, word would spread quickly and effectively through the business community. DO asked what practical presentations were being made to organisations like the Chamber of Commerce in taking this forward. TS stated there is a healthy workplace charter, and suggested that the Economic Partnership could act as a champion for this at a city level. **Action: Dean Orgill/Tom Scanlon**
- 4.4 Toby Buckle (TB) informed the meeting that he is currently running courses on burnout at work, and a number of these have been taken up by Chamber of Commerce members.
- 4.5 TM asked about the effectiveness of the HWBB. Cllr. Jason Kitcat (JK) responded by stating that the HWBB had been 'on a journey' and that now it was a true partnership, with shared budget approaches, and has a balanced membership between Councillors and other NHS members.
- 4.6 PT pointed out that we face demographic and financial challenges but she remains cautiously optimistic. BR stated that he was confident that partnerships are the future for models of provision and that Brighton & Hove has a good record of delivery in partnership working.
- 4.7 In terms of membership of HWBB, Sally Polanski (SP) stated that as far as she was aware, Voluntary Sector representation was the norm. PT stated that the HWBB represents a whole system, and there is voluntary sector representation on the CEOs group of the HWBB
- 4.8 It was agreed that it would be useful to increase the level of business involvement in the Health and Wellbeing agenda and that the suggestion of a chamber of commerce breakfast should be pursued: **Action: /Dean Orgill/Sarah Springford/Tom Scanlon/Simon Newell**

## 5. Preventing Premature Mortality Report

- 5.1 Kate Gilchrist (KG) and Katie Stead (KS) presented this item. The presentation showed that Brighton & Hove has significantly poorer (higher) mortality rates, for causes considered preventable, than England and the South East. In particular under 75 years mortality from respiratory disease, though it is average compared with comparator areas.
- 5.2 Around one third of all deaths in the city are in those aged 18-74 years and for many people under 75 years, deaths related to three key diseases (cardio-vascular disease (CVD), chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) or diabetes) can be prevented or averted.
- 5.3 This study aimed to determine potentially preventable risk factors for premature death from these conditions including:
  - 5.3.1 Identification of disease
  - 5.3.2 Quality of care
  - 5.3.3 Lifestyles
  - 5.3.4 Links between secondary and primary care
- 5.4 Deaths from cancer were specifically not looked at within this audit (unless the patient had COPD or diabetes) as there had been a recent audit of cancer deaths in the city.
- 5.5 All GP practices across the city signed up to be part of the audit, a first for this type of work across the country, which meant we could provide a comprehensive analysis across the city. The work is being presented at

regional workshops around England on Primary Care and Health Inequalities organised by Public Health England and NHS England.

- 5.6 Following the presentation, Jessica Sumner (JS) described the Community Navigators pilot program, which aims to engage patients within GP surgeries and help them access different kinds of support. KS followed by saying that there are also CAB workers at some surgeries as well as an increasing number of health trainers.
- 5.7 PT asked whether patients knew that they were on the register. KS confirmed that they did, and that where a patient had given consent this information could be shared with other agencies.
- 5.8 JS highlighted the value of multi-disciplinary teams working with those people engaged in damaging behaviour – a multi-disciplinary approach is more likely to encourage different models of intervention. TS stated that it would be useful to have a city wide discussion on data and information sharing. **Action: Tom Scanlon/Simon Newell**
- 5.9 KS pointed out that we need to be sensitive with some of this information as it does not mean that some practices are ‘better’ or ‘worse’ than others. Different parts of the city with different demography will have different outcomes.

## **6. Learning Partnership & City Employment & Skills Steering Group (CESSG) Arrangements/City Employment & Skills Plan**

- 6.1 Pinaki Ghoshal (PG) presented this item. He began by informing the group that there had been a joint partnership event on Feb 5<sup>th</sup> which recommended that the two groups be brought together. PG continued that there is a knowledge gap between the Learning Partnership and the CESSG in that schools often don’t understand the needs of employers and employers often don’t understand the pressures and requirements placed upon schools. The new group will focus on Learning, Skills and Employment taking in issues including NEETS, Information Advice and Guidance and long term unemployment
- 6.2 The partnership agreed to endorse this approach, but did want to ensure that the value of learning for learnings sake was not lost.

## **7. Brighton & Hove Connected Next Steps**

- 7.1 TM introduced a brief paper to the meeting, stating that ongoing funding remained an issue for the partnership. The paper contained some examples of possible future models, but these were not intended to be discussed by the full partnership now, more that they would be considered by the chairs group which is meeting next week ( W/C 23<sup>rd</sup> March)
- 7.2 It was agreed that as the local and national elections were imminent and a number of people are standing down from the partnership, any decisions concerning future structures etc. are deferred until after the election.
- 7.3 PT suggested that as a number of the chairs group are standing down (TM and BR) that Andrew Comben (AC) be asked on a temporary basis to help with leading the partnership. This was agreed.

## **8. Date of next meeting**

- 8.1 The next Brighton & Hove Connected meeting takes place on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2015, 4.00-6.00pm, Suite 1 at the Jury’s Inn Hotel, 101 Stroudley Road, Brighton, BN1 4D