



Title:	Thematic Partnership Changes
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Purpose/Key Messages:	To update BHC members about changes to thematic partnership
Significance to BHC and Delivering SCS outcomes:	The thematic partnerships is the structure in which the SCS will be delivered
What is BHC being asked to do?	For information
Next steps and report back mechanism:	BHC will be kept up to date with future changes

1. Introduction

The city's thematic partnerships are collectively responsible for the implementation of Brighton & Hove's Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS). In order to reflect the changes made to the refreshed SCS for 2014-17, it was agreed that the current partnership structure would need to be reviewed, in order to ensure that the most effective mechanisms are in place for delivering the SCS.

2. Children's Services Forum

Following the refresh of the SCS, Brighton & Hove Connected (BHC) are seeking to create a forum for all aspects of Children's service across the city reflecting the Children & Young People priority within the new strategy.

The forum is intended to be discursive rather than business and decision orientated. We are looking to work with a wide range of stakeholders to develop a clear vision for a children's service for the city and to help in connecting different services for children into a coherent whole.

The forum will not hold any budget or resource; rather it will connect organisations and services together to deliver real results for children and young people

3. Health & Wellbeing Board

As previously reported to BHC, the Health & Wellbeing Board have emerged from its shadow phase and now moves into its delivery phase. Legislative changes such as the introduction of the Better Care Fund will mean that we need to ensure that the board is able to meet its new responsibilities. Work is ongoing and further reports will be provided to BHC as this progresses.

4. City Engagement Partnership & City Inclusion Partnership

The CEP and the CIP held a joint meeting in December 2013 to explore the possibility of merging. There was agreement from both partnerships to start merging into one partnership. This will help to develop better links with BHC and will be an important opportunity to re-launch key areas of work such as the City Engagement Framework.

The next steps are;

- Set up a small working group to merge/draft Terms of Reference and consider membership (this could include getting commitment from all partners)
- Set up mechanisms with other partnerships to help them deliver on their priorities and support them to meet equality and engagement needs
- Communicate to others about the new partnership and how it adds value