

Feedback from Children's Services Partnership Forum (12 June 2014)

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Why have a Forum?

- Lots of different governance groups covering different aspects of services for children
- Intended to be discursive rather than business and decision orientated – focussing on a shared vision for the city across partners about all aspects of children
- Networking & Sharing

Attendance

- Chair of LSCB
- Schools & Colleges (Headteachers & Governors)
- The three lead elected Members for children
- CVS representatives (eg Rise, Safety Net, WISE, Hangleton and Knoll Project, Amaze, Parent & Carers Council)
- Children's Services senior managers (BHCC)
- Other BHCC representatives from the Economic Development Team, Policy Team & Public Health
- Albion in the Community
- Clinical Commissioning Group
- Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals
- Brighton & Hove Youth Collective
- Sussex Police
- Brighton and Hove Food Partnership

The Organisation of the Morning

8:45am Arrivals & Networking

9:15am Welcome, Introductions and Purpose of the Day – Tony Mernagh,
Chair of Brighton & Hove Connected

9:45am Keynote Speakers:

- Pinaki Ghoshal, Executive Director of Children's Services
- Graham Bartlett, Chair, Local Safeguarding Children's Board
- Xavier Nalletamby, Chair CCG & Kathy Felton, Commissioning Manager, CCG
- *Lynne Thackway, City College Brighton & Hove was to have attended*

10:30am Break/Networking

10:45am Partnership Approaches: Facilitated Tables

- Keeping safe
- Skills for work
- Being healthy/making healthy choices
- Social/relationship skills (getting on well)
- Schools benefitting from their community and communities benefitting from their schools

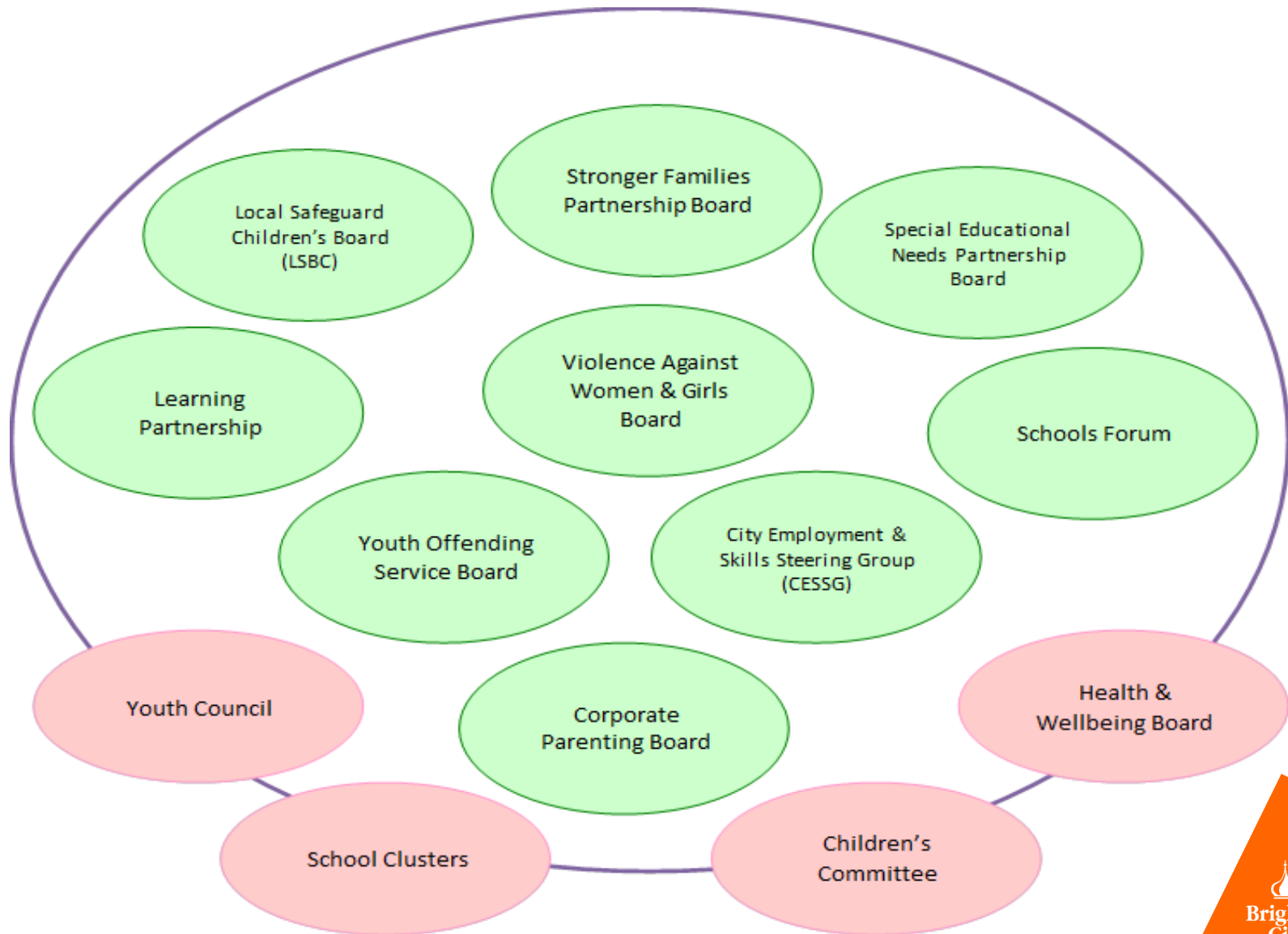
12:00pm Next Steps/Networking

12:30pm Close

Some Key Messages

- Our achievements & challenges – supported by some performance information
- There is lots of excellent partnership working taking place already, but also challenges
- Budget challenges
- What's happening at the moment
- The concept of a 'Child Friendly City'

Feedback – too many groups?



Other Feedback

- Very positive feedback about the value of the forum – there's lots to do!
- Strong feeling that the Early Help focus is right
- More links across children & adult services
- The link to skills and economic development needs strengthening
- We need to be better at connecting up the offer for children & young people
- A stronger relationship with schools
- The voice of children and young people – to be viewed as our commissioners

What Next?

- Don't just focus on structures and governance arrangements ... but are there some changes we might want to make
- Repeating the Forum twice a year was valued
- It's not just about what the council does

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potential**

Thank You