

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

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Name	City Sustainability Partnership
Date of meeting	Monday 10 th September 2012
Date of next meetings	Monday 12 th November 2012
1	Air quality in Sussex was discussed with the Sussex Air Quality Partnership (Sussex-Air). Of concern to partners were levels of nitrogen dioxide (NO ₂) and fine particulates (PM10 and PM2.5) and the possibility of government fines for poor air quality. Sussex-Air sees NO ₂ and ozone as of particular concern to the city.
2	CSP agreed to set up a Health & Sustainability Working Group; and a sub-group to develop a new partnership work programme. A key focus for this was likely to be overseeing the implementation of the One Planet Living Sustainability Action Plan.
3	CSP recommended to BHSP that other partnerships and bodies run induction sessions for new/recent members (if they don't already); this was taken from positive feedback from inductees at the CSP induction sessions in August, and a feeling that not many other partnerships do this.
Additional Information:	
The CSP heard that the council had secured £50k funding in the Future Cities bid, for a feasibility study to be submitted by 14.11.12. This will support a bid for £25m for Future Cities funding by the Technology Strategy Board.	

Name	Economic Partnership
Date of meeting	Tuesday 2 nd October 2012
Date of next meeting	Thursday 7 th March 2012
1	<p>Separate presentations on inter-city public transport [rail] and intra-city transport [buses] outlined the difficulties of improving the already impressive efficiency of the latter without radical improvements to congestion.</p> <p>The meeting was held before the West Coast Mainline franchise debacle which has led to a hiatus in all franchise renewals casting the Southern and Thameslink services into a state of uncertain flux. The crucial role that transport will play in the success of the local [and regional] economy just got more crucial without any firm proposals for a solution on the horizon!</p>
2	<p>With the publication of the Toads Hole Valley Vision Document outlining basic options and ideas for the 47 hectare site on the outskirts of the city, the Economic Partnerships longstanding support for the development of the valley was reinforced. The proposals include the wholesale realignment of King George VI Avenue, 700 Code 6 low rise homes, a new school, 25,000 sq metres of employment space and the creation of an ecology park from the SNCl site on the western bank.</p>
3	<p>A demonstration of the beta version of the new inward investment website was welcomed by the EP. It is expected to go live in November. Also the outline details of the refresh of the city's economic strategy were discussed and consultants Roger Tym & partners were appointed on 11th October to assist with the process.</p> <p>The new strategy will attempt to marry a reduction in the city's carbon footprint with the sustainable growth of employment opportunities to cater for the needs of our young and growing population. The 2011 Census has revealed that the city has 14,600 residents more than projected and practically all of them are of working age putting even greater pressure on the economy to provide growth.</p>

Name	City Employment & Skills Steering Group (CESSG)
Date of meeting	Thursday 11 th October 2012
Date of next meeting	Thursday 17 th January 2013
1	The City Prospectus website which is designed to attract investment and generate employment opportunities in the city will be live by the end of November.
2	A careers convention is planned for 12 th March at the Corn Exchange.
3	The CESSG is supporting the South East Assist Brighton & Hove pilot which aims to support local Social enterprises with a loan of £10,000 offered by Legal & General through the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF). www.se-assist.co.uk

Name	City Engagement Partnership
Date of meeting	Thursday 6 th September
Date of next meeting	Thursday 6 th December
1	<p>The Engagement Calendar</p> <p>This calendar is now available via the City Engagement Partnership (CEP) webpage on the Brighton & Hove Strategic Partnership website: http://www.bandhsp.co.uk/index.cfm?request=c1268374.</p> <p>This calendar will help to ensure that we all engage with local communities, businesses and interest groups in the most efficient and effective way. In turn, we may be able to better coordinate planned activity, identify any possible duplication and learn from the findings of engagement activity.</p>
2	<p>CEP Work Plan for the coming year</p> <p>The following highlights from the work plan were discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Engagement Toolbox (tools to help people planning an engagement activity) - to be improved with information about engaging with equalities groups and people who are often excluded. 2. CEP Key Messages document - to be produced to help members to promote the partnership as the place to come for advice around engaging with communities. 3. Community Engagement Framework (CEF) – action plan to be updated and partners to be asked whether they are still using the CEF and signed up to the standards of community engagement.
3	<p>Learning Theme: Engagement within Health and Wellbeing</p> <p>Our themed discussion centred on learning from recent engagement mechanisms connected to the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and the imminent Healthwatch (replacement for B&H LINK). Patient Participation Groups (PPGs) are seen to be the 'bedrock' of CCG engagement and discussions centred on how PPGs can be more inclusive and represent their local populations better, how they can expand their remit from GP specific issues to wider health issues in their area and how they are going to interact with other CCG structures in a meaningful way. Regarding Healthwatch, good practice in engaging with equalities groups within consultation was highlighted, including how to measure this. We also discussed how to overcome a difficult issue that the consultation had brought up.</p>

Name	Strategic Housing Partnership
Date of meeting	Tuesday 9 th October
Date of next meeting	Tuesday 18 th December
1	<p>Older People's Health Care & Housing</p> <p>A presentation was provided which focussed on the future housing need for older people highlighting the provision of good quality sheltered and extra care housing as a commissioning and delivery priority due to the expense of residential care and the growing numbers of vulnerable elderly people. We are working closely with our partners on identifying extra care housing provision as an investment priority.</p>
2	<p>Warm Homes Healthy People Bid</p> <p>Brighton & Hove City Council has submitted a bid for Warm Homes Healthy People funding which aims to reduce Brighton & Hove's annual winter death toll necessitating partnership working between all local stakeholders to reach those who are most vulnerable. To address issues and the associated risks of cold weather on health, the approach has three strands: knowledge & resilience, prevention & response.</p>
3	<p>Affordable Housing Development Programme</p> <p>The council works in partnership with Registered Providers to develop and promote new affordable housing in the City. There are currently 560 affordable new build homes in the programme with full planning permission, plus many sites in the pipeline. Over 400 new affordable homes are currently on site in the City. A Housing Investment report was submitted to Housing Committee in September regarding the future development of affordable housing on council housing sites.</p>