

Title:	Sustainable Community Strategy: Brighton & Hove - The Connected City
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Purpose/Key Messages:	To inform the LSP of activities taken place since the previous update in October 2013
Significance to BHSP and Delivering SCS outcomes:	The SCS is the overarching strategic document for the city which the LSP takes the lead on delivering.
What is BHSP being asked to do?	To adopt the Sustainable Community Strategy 2014/17- Brighton & Hove - The Connected City
Next steps and report back mechanism:	Following adoption the SCS will be presented to Full Council in January 2014, and then formally launched in March 2014.

1. Recommendations

1. For the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) to adopt the refreshed Sustainable Community Strategy 2014/17 – **Brighton & Hove - The Connected City**
2. For the LSP to recognise its new name as **Brighton & Hove Connected** (replacing the current Brighton & Hove Strategic Partnership)
3. For Partner organisations to take the strategy through their own mechanisms for adoption as appropriate

2. Brighton & Hove Connected – The New Sustainable Community Strategy 2014/17

As previously agreed, the partnerships team and the steering group have produced a short, accessible summary booklet entitled **Brighton & Hove - The Connected City**. The booklet is designed to provide an overview of our priorities and principles.

The steering group have agreed that there should be two overarching principles of:

- Increasing equality
- Improving engagement

Using our five key principles as a guide, we have agreed a set of overarching priorities that we will work collectively to achieve. These are:

- Economy
- Health & wellbeing
- Children & young people
- Community safety & resilience
- Environmental sustainability

The detailed information on the work within these areas being carried out by our family of partnerships will be available on our website. This is drawn from key existing plans, strategies and documents which have been agreed and approved previously.

The website content will be updated and amended for each area as new plans and strategies are agreed. This will ensure that our strategy remains a live and vibrant.

3. 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' Local Strategic Partnership (LSP). The LSP 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 at 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.

The following recommendations for refreshing the SCS were agreed at the last LSP meeting on 5th 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 LSP website for more information.

2. The LSP 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

4. Next Steps

Following the adoption of the Sustainable Community Strategy paper document by the LSP on the 10th December, it will then be for Partner 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.

The Brighton & Hove – The Connected City strategy, along with the new website, will be launched at an event in March 2014.