

Title:	Sustainable Community Strategy Review update
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Purpose/Key Messages:	To inform the BHSP of activities taken place since it was agreed the SCS would be refreshed in March 2013
Significance to BHSP and Delivering SCS outcomes:	The SCS is the overarching strategic document for the city which the BHSP takes the lead on delivering.
What is BHSP being asked to do?	For information
Next steps and report back mechanism:	Regular updates will be brought to the BHSP board, providing members with an opportunity to comment

1. 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 Strategic Partnership (BHSP). The SCS explains how the BHSP will work together to improve, in a sustainable way, quality of life in Brighton & Hove. The BHSP is responsible for the strategy's development and implementation.

The SCS is the umbrella strategy in which all other strategies should come under. As the SCS should reflect the current policies & workstreams from across the partnerships, its content is largely derived from existing contributing documents. As such, the SCS is an amalgamation of other documents and represents the point as 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 SCS is:

- The overarching strategic document for the city
- The shared vision from all partners
- Develops and protects the long term vision for city
- Reflects the needs, desires and aspirations of the community
- Aims to enhance social, environmental and economic well being of all
- Provides the framework for policy development and performance priorities for the city as a whole

2. The new Sustainable Community Strategy

The following recommendations for refreshing the SCS were agreed at the last BHSP 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 BHSP website for more information.
2. The BHSP 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

A short booklet will be produced containing overarching aims and vision. The website will be transformed to reflect the changes required. The content of the SCS on the website will be revised bi-annually/annually as appropriate. Maintaining a constant full strategy would need to be ensured. This will be particularly important to note when the website detail is refreshed and potential gaps in areas could form if left unchecked. Thematic partnerships will be asked to lead on refreshing their particular area of the SCS, with some areas being taken forward by more than one single partnership.

3. Activities completed to date

Since the BHSP meeting on 5th March, a steering group has been set up in order to provide guidance and sign off as the process progresses.

Membership of this board includes:

- Chair and vice-chairs of Brighton & Hove Strategic Partnership
- Chief Executive, Brighton & Hove City Council

- Assistant Chief Executive, Brighton & Hove City Council
- Head of Policy, Performance & Analysis, Brighton & Hove City Council
- Chief Executive, Community & Voluntary Sector Forum
- Chief Superintendent, Sussex Police
- Chief Operating Officer, Clinical Commissioning Group

Thematic partnership leads have been contacted with a copy of their current chapter content, asking them to respond to the following questions:

- Does your area require updating?
- If yes, have you recently completed a strategy review that can be used as the basis for any new content?
- Are you planning to complete a strategy review in the next 12 – 18 months that can be used as the basis for any new content?

When responses have been received, working groups will be arranged with partnership managers to begin updating these specific chapters.

Initial conversations have taken place with the Local Authority's Design and IT teams in order to start scoping out the changes that need to be made to the current BHSP website and paper document.