



**Brighton & Hove Connected**  
**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016, 4.00–6.00PM**  
**Suite 1, Jury's Inn Brighton,**  
**101 Stroudley Road, Brighton, BN1 4DJ**

**Present:**

Nev Kemp	Sussex Police, Brighton & Hove (Chair)
Cllr. Emma Daniel	Brighton & Hove City Council (Vice Chair)
Cllr. Robert Nemeth	Brighton & Hove City Council
David Kuenssberg	Brighton & Hove City Council
Nick Juba	City College, Brighton & Hove
John Child	Clinical Commissioning Group
Sue Baxter	University of Brighton
Eduardo Hernandez	University of Sussex
Sarah Springford	Business Sector
Toby Buckle	Community Works
Lisa Dando	Community Works
Sally Polanski	Community Works
Caroline Ridley	Community Works
Jessica Sumner	Community Works
Imogen Forbes	Advice Partnership
Andrew Comben	Arts & Creative Industries Commission
Pinaki Ghoshal	Children's Services Partnership
Dean Orgill	Economic Partnership
Marcelo Staricoff	Learning, Skills & Employment Partnership
Kamini Sanghani	Safe in the City Partnership
Julie Frith	Strategic Housing Partnership
Martin Harris	Transport Partnership

**Independent Secretariat:**

Simon Newell

**Officers Presenting:**

Nick Hibberd Brighton & Hove City Council

**Officers Attending:**

Emily Ballantyne Citizens Advice Bureaux  
 Alistair Hill Brighton & Hove City Council

**Apologies:**

Vic Borrill	Biosphere Delivery Board (Vice-Chair)
Cllr. Warren Morgan	Brighton & Hove City Council
Cllr. Geoffrey Theobald	Brighton & Hove City Council
Cllr. Phelim MacCafferty	Brighton & Hove City Council
Geoff Raw	Brighton & Hove City Council
Michael Davies	University of Sussex
Mark Buchanan- Smith	Business Sector
Ed Allison Wright	Learning, Skills & Employment Partnership

**1. Welcome, Introductions & Chair's communications**

- 1.1 Nev Kemp (NK) opened the meeting and all members were introduced
- 1.2 Apologies listed as above.
- 1.3 NK asked the members to formally accept the report of the Fairness Commission. This was agreed. It was agreed that there would be report back to BHC on progress in October, but with the possibility of a specific meeting, organised by BHC to look in more detail at progress and implementation outside of the main meeting. **Action: Simon Newell**

- 1.4 It was agreed that all presentations from this meeting would be made available to the group via the website for information. **Action: Charmian Hay-Ellis**
- 1.5 A further point was raised concerning Brexit and the possibility of a discussion hosted by BHC. It was agreed that as the situation becomes clearer, BHC would monitor progress and make sure that members are aware of implications and actions being taken across the city by a range of partners. **Action Simon Newell**

## **2. Minutes & matters arising from meeting 26<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

- 2.1 Minutes of the meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> April were agreed, and all actions had been completed

## **3. Our City: Future Developments**

- 3.1 Nick Hibberd, Assistant Director - City Development & Regeneration, Brighton & Hove City Council presented this item
- 3.2 Following the presentation, members were asked to work together in small groups, and consider the following question: *What are the implications of these developments, both positive and challenging on Brighton & Hove being a great place to:*
- *Live?*
  - *Work?*
  - *Visit?*
- 3.3 The feedback from the groups is detailed below.
- 3.4 Each group were to consider:
- What are the positive aspects of the development programme and what challenges does it present?
  - Where does the development programme help us make good progress in terms of being a great area to live/work/visit?
  - What are the areas that we need to improve in terms of being a great area to live/work/visit?
  - What actions do we need to undertake to get us there?
- 3.5 Each group was encouraged to produce some specific ideas/issues for Brighton & Hove Connected to consider and take forward.
- 3.6 Some general questions/comments were asked by members following the presentation
- We need to have a clear view if the type of communities that we are creating with this type and amount of development
  - The involvement of transport in the planning of these developments is essential as we are reliant on sound infrastructure to ensure their success
  - The role of Education in the city is key, and a request was made the BHC look at this issue in more detail in future
  - In terms of Toad Hole Valley, why isn't that included and what are the timelines for that development? – It was confirmed that a supplementary Planning Document would be prepared in the next 12 months or so.
  - Why are the housing numbers so low compared with demand, where less than 50% of overall demand is being met?
  - In all these developments we need to ensure that we maintain architectural integrity

## **4. Workshop Feedback**

- 4.1 **General points:**
- Key worker accommodation needs to be a priority and impacts on all sectors
  - Need to ensure we do not increase numbers of working poor through high housing costs and low wage jobs
  - Where do the desires of the general voting public impact and determine the decisions made? E.g. Tall buildings, where there is strong need but possibly community reluctance
  - Need to raise awareness of Greater Brighton and generate support for it as an extended option for the city
  - The vision has internal conflicts – increasing people and business success and the need for affordable and inclusive accommodation is a big challenge
  - It is essential that we ensure that those from more disadvantaged areas and communities benefit from the success and opportunity through employment enhanced communities and increased resources
- 4.2 **Positive aspects of the developments**

- Heritage and its preservation
- Increased work in retail and tourism
- Aspiration to increase opportunity re a low wage economy
- Improvements to the public realm
- Improved profile of city with businesses and students
- Wide range of employment/ business space e.g. retail, construction, digital

#### 4.3 Challenging aspects of developments

- Need to emphasise the importance of learning/ studying as a key consideration
- Requirement for forward planning for schools, social care and health facilities
- Health/ care and community facilities require funding so will need to be funded through increased tax base
- The potential increase in the low wage economy
- Office accommodation being converted to housing has the result of driving up office costs and consequently competitiveness
- Management of construction traffic to ensure that public transport and freight traffic remains efficient – we need some ground rules policy for this.
- Commitment to tall buildings, increased densification
- Selling of developments for 2<sup>nd</sup> homes

#### 4.4 Areas for Improvement

- Transport and accessibility – pressure on in/out routes for the city, and the need to develop those routes
- There is a need for better East – West routes through the city – somewhere between the by-pass and the sea
- Need to improve inclusivity in the community regarding developments
- Need to design in community identity
- Awareness of health inequalities and the social determinants of those
- New developments should include a mixed offer of housing
- Are developers contributing to services and public realm through section 106, Community Infrastructure levy or other means
- 13K new dwellings only represents 44% of objectively assessed need
- Continued and possible increases in inequality between inner/ central Brighton and Hove and outer areas

### 5. Specific Actions

- 5.1 Engagement of and ownership by BHC members to share information with the partnerships that they attend. **Action: All members**
- 5.2 Resources i.e. presentations and slides to be made available to all members to lift and use. **Action: Simon Newell/Charmian Hay-Ellis**
- 5.3 It was suggested that BHC use its next meeting to look at the ‘Human’ side of these developments, particularly in terms of Health and Social care provision. **Action: Simon Newell/Charmian Hay-Ellis**

**The next BHC Meeting takes place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, from 4pm-6pm in Suite 1 of the Jury’s Inn Hotel, 101 Stroudley Road, Brighton, BN1 4DJ**