



Brighton & Hove Connected
(Formerly Brighton & Hove Strategic Partnership)
Tuesday 10th December 2013, 4.00-6.00pm
Suite 1, Jurys Inn, 101 Stroudley Road
Brighton, BN1 4DJ

Present:

Tony Mernagh	Business Sector (Chair)
Chris Todd	Brighton & Hove Community Works (Vice-chair)
Cllr. Jason Kitcat	Brighton & Hove City Council
Cllr. Warren Morgan	Brighton & Hove City Council
Penny Thompson	Brighton & Hove City Council
Cllr. Dee Simson	Brighton & Hove City Council
Geraldine Hoban	Clinical Commissioning Group
Nev Kemp	Sussex Police, Brighton & Hove
John Eagles	Office of the Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner
Grahame Widdowson	Jobcentre Plus
Richard O'Callaghan	Environment Agency
Chris Baker	University of Brighton
Trevor Freeman	Business Sector
Ian Chisnell	Brighton & Hove Community Works
Vicky Watson	Advice Partnership
Lynne Thackway	City Employment & Skills Steering Group
Vic Borrill	City Sustainability Partnership
Chris Thomson	Learning Partnership
Leighe Rogers	Safe in the City Partnership
Julie Frith	Strategic Housing Partnership

Independent Secretariat:

Simon Newell

Presenting:

Sally Polanski Brighton & Hove Community Works

Officers Attending:

Corrina Allen	Brighton & Hove City Council
Carolyn Bristow	Brighton & Hove City Council
Thurstan Crockett	Brighton & Hove City Council
Lorraine Prince	Brighton & Hove City Council
Frank Le Duc	Brighton & Hove News

Apologies:

Cllr. Bill Randall	Brighton & Hove City Council
Cllr. Geoffrey Theobald	Brighton & Hove City Council
Lisa Dando	Brighton & Hove Community Works
Doris Ndebele	Brighton & Hove Community Works

Andrew Comben	Arts and Creative Industries Commission
Geraldine Des Moulins	City Engagement Partnership
Gary Peters	Economic Partnership
Mark Streater	Office of the Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner

1. Welcome, Introductions & Chair's communications

- 1.1 Tony Mernagh (TM) recorded thanks to Jackie Lythell for all of her contributions to the strategic partnership over the last 7 years
- 1.2 TM welcomed Richard O'Callaghan as the new representative from the Environment Agency
- 1.3 TM explained that the room layout had been changed on a trial basis to a cabaret style rather than a boardroom style.

2. Minutes & matters arising from meeting 01/10/13

- 2.1 TM welcomed the CMB taking on the issue of work experience for young people as a priority, and provided feedback on the debate that he had attended on the subject. The event had received positive coverage in The Argus.
- 2.2 TM also informed the meeting that he had arranged to meet with Paul Sweeting and Vicky Watson from the Advice Partnership to explore with them the role that he and other businesses may have in taking that agenda forward

3. Interviews with BHSP members

- 3.1 TM interviewed Chris Thomson, Chair of The Learning Partnership and Chris Todd, Chair of the City Sustainability Partnership

4. Transforming Local Infrastructure

- 4.1 Sally Polanski (SP) gave a presentation on the Transforming Local Infrastructure (TLI) work. The presentation covered the creation of Community Works, a new organisation bringing together a range of community and voluntary sector organisations to support the sector within the city.
- 4.2 The second part of the presentation covered the Taking Account survey
- 4.3 In response to a question from TM, SP confirmed that the changes leading to the creation of Community Works was driven by funding and central government directions
- 4.4 SP agreed with TM that this was the best outcome that could be delivered given the requirements of the work.
- 4.5 Vic Borrill (VB) agreed that it was a starting point which could be further developed rather than an end point in itself
- 4.6 The question of large local events, such as the marathon, being used to raise money for local organisations rather than just big national ones was discussed. Following discussion, Paula Murray (PM) agreed to investigate this matter further. **Action: Paula Murray**

Taking Account:

- 4.7 The survey concluded that the voluntary sector within Brighton & Hove is resilient and that partners recognise its value and invest time and resources in supporting it. The voluntary sector is thriving but we should not be complacent. Some good examples include The Youth Collective, increasing partnership work around early help and prevention, Brighton & Hove City

Council budget proposals and the Clinical Commissioning Group initiative to include social value in all commissioning practices.

- 4.8 There was further discussion on the role that the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) could have in securing funding for voluntary sector groups. Cllr. Jason Kitcat pointed out that on a per capita basis Brighton & Hove was doing quite well from the LEP, but that the vast majority of funds are for transport

5. Brighton and Hove Strategic Partnership and the Sustainable Community Strategy Refresh

- 5.1 TM informed the meeting that the order of items had changed and that the CMB update would be first in this section
- **City Management Board 12 month report**
- 5.2 Penny Thompson (PT) presented the update and stated that the CMB was:
- Action orientated
 - Focussed on outcomes as well as outputs
 - Raising the profile of safeguarding
 - Exploring how we can transfer learning for one programme to another (for example, the lessons learned through the Stronger Families Stronger Communities work being applied to work with single people with complex needs).
- 5.3 Nev Kemp (NK) agreed, and informed the meeting that as a direct result of the CMB, they were exploring their role in the worklessness agenda.
- **BHSP Supper**
- 5.4 TM asked the meeting to work in groups around their tables. The key points from the discussion were:
- That the partnership should not focus exclusively on the priorities identified at the supper
 - Housing and transport are also key issues
 - That the partnership should not 'challenge' individual members or families but rather assume the role of a critical friend
 - In order to improve things, there is a greater need to work together, improve connections, support each other and be prepared to work collaboratively.
 - It was agreed that partnership membership needed to be re-considered but that no rushed decisions about membership should be made at this stage
- **Sustainable Community strategy 2014/17 – 'Brighton & Hove - The Connected City'**
- 5.5 It was assumed that members had read the draft strategy document circulated before the meeting and it was adopted, with the caveat that there were a few minor editorial changes to be made.

6. AOB

- 7.1 None

Items for information

7. Partnership Feedback

- 7.1 All partnerships were encouraged to provide key points from their meetings to help members remain informed

8. Date of next meeting

- 8.1 The next **Brighton & Hove Connected** meeting takes place on Tuesday 4th March 2014, 4.00-6.00pm, Suite 1 at the Jury's Inn Hotel, 101 Stroudley Road, Brighton, BN1 4DJ