

**Title:** Partnership Feedback from the BHSP Thematic Partnerships

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<b>Name</b>	City Sustainability Partnership
<b>Date of meeting</b>	16 May 2013
<b>Date of next meeting</b>	4 July 2013
<b>1</b>	Members formally endorsed the proposed application in September 2013 by the Brighton & Hove and Lewes Downs Biosphere Partnership to UNESCO to be recognised as an international Biosphere Reserve, in support of our collective efforts to become a 'world-class environment'. Members recommended to the Brighton & Hove Strategic Partnership that they too endorse it in their subsequent meeting.
<b>2</b>	The partnership agreed its Big Asks on a low carbon city should shape the sustainable economic strategy selection of transformational projects, including business resource efficiency, environmental industries development, city retrofit and, sustainable energy generation programmes, Food production and Eco Tourism should also be considered. The OPL Sustainability Action Plan should be used to identify projects.
<b>3</b>	The University of Brighton's success in securing a share of £50m Catalyst Funding for a Green Growth platform for Sussex's environmental industries and services sector was welcomed; the partnership heard about the detail of the Sustainable Business Partnership's programme of resource efficiency support for sme's
<b>Additional Information</b>	
The partnership also welcomed the success of the Living Wage Campaign in signing up more than 50 employers, and the Fair Trade work in the city which are all part of Equity & Local Economy section of OPL plan – the theme of the meeting.	

<b>Name</b>	Strategic Housing Partnership
<b>Date of meeting</b>	5 February 2013
<b>Date of next meeting</b>	9 April 2013
1	<p data-bbox="384 423 608 459"><b><u>Homelessness</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="384 477 1241 551">A presentation was provided and the key points are as follows:</p> <ul data-bbox="384 568 1342 1393" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="384 568 1342 604">• Accepted households are increasing at a rate of 15% pa.</li> <li data-bbox="384 622 1342 741">• Prevention is more difficult as access to private rented accommodation is hard due to rising rents resulting from increased demand</li> <li data-bbox="384 759 1342 878">• In addition to increasing numbers, the level of vulnerability has increased e.g. people with dual diagnosis, substance misuse and mental/physical health issues</li> <li data-bbox="384 893 1342 1086">• 43 rough sleepers counted in Nov 2012 of which 29 did not have a local connection (due to diminishing resources &amp; closure of direct access hostels across other parts of the country, more difficult to relocate clients without a local connection)</li> <li data-bbox="384 1104 1342 1223">• Reasons for rough sleeping include: eviction &amp; abandonment from private rented section &amp; hostels; leaving prison; leaving travellers site</li> <li data-bbox="384 1238 1342 1393">• Increase in levels of vulnerability, high number of rough sleepers with complex support needs (drug &amp; alcohol dependency; mental health issues; physical health/social care needs)</li> </ul>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2</b></p>	<p><b><u>Build to Let</u></b></p> <p>Improving housing supply is a cornerstone of our <b>City-wide Housing Strategy</b> to ensure that the City has the right type of housing to meet the needs of residents. Progress is subject to regular review at SHP.</p> <p>As part of our aim of maximising inward investment to increase housing supply, SHP discussed Private Sector Funding Options, in particular <b>Build to Let</b>, increasing the supply of private rented / leased housing to meet needs in the City through harnessing the interest of institutional investors, including pension companies and finance houses in providing development finance.</p> <p>Banks and institutional investors are seeking to invest relatively large sums in safe places against the backdrop of stock market and business uncertainty. Council or other guaranteed borrowing is regarded by them as low risk. This is an option that is being explored in relation to kick starting schemes in the City through the provision of private rented / leased housing to improve overall housing supply &amp; meet overall housing need in the City.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>3</b></p>	<p><b><u>Empty Homes Funding</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brighton &amp; Hove's allocation, subject to contract and including delivery for Lewes DC, is £900k to bring 60 long term empty homes back in use over three years across both authorities. This is on the basis of recyclable loan fund supporting capital investment for repair and lease back to the Council for a minimum of 5 years. Additional homes will also be returned to use as the loan funding is repaid and then recycled and used to fund further loans.</li> <li>• Discussion with potential partners regarding bidding for funding in Round 2 of the empty homes programme (deadline 25 March) currently in hand</li> <li>• Work with local community groups continues. Four groups funded in the first round of empty homes programme funding – one currently finalising their property. Further bids expected for the next bidding round</li> <li>• The Empty Homes Team currently carries out empty property work for Horsham DC and is about to enter into a contract with Lewes DC for the same service</li> </ul>

<b>Name</b>	Learning Partnership
<b>Date of meeting</b>	22 April 2013
<b>Date of next meeting</b>	10 June 2013
<b>1</b>	The Learning Partnership's Strategic Board has agreed priorities for the forthcoming year and is working on making our action in regard to these SMART. As part of this work we are supporting a City-wide Maths project aimed at boosting attainment and this is founded on a new and dependable system of collecting and evaluating performance data.
<b>2</b>	Work also continues on strengthening our partnership working and having successfully produced a protocol to govern LA consultation-exercises we are presently engaged on defining as closely as we can precisely what the relationship between the LA and the Learning Partnership is to be.

<b>Name</b>	Economic Partnership
<b>Date of meeting</b>	7 March 2013
<b>Date of next meeting</b>	3 September 2013
<b>1</b>	The meeting was devoted to a second workshop on the review of the Economic Strategy particularly discussing the range of project that will be included in the action plan to accompany the strategy.
<b>2</b>	A presentation by Nick Hibberd outlined the development of the City Deal which will be the subject of a future LSP presentation.
<b>3</b>	The finalisation of the City Plan was welcomed by the Partnership after many months of consultation and input from the Partnership.