



Title: Partnership Feedback

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Name	City Sustainability Partnership
Date of meeting	16 July 2014
Date of next meeting	11 September 2014
1	<p>The meeting discussed the city's annual performance results and what improvements are needed. The focus was off- target performance for: city carbon dioxide emissions reduction; groundwater status; nitrogen dioxide levels; and the domestic recycling rate, which was very poor. It was also argued that the target of 50 per cent for Wildlife Sites in positive conservation management should be much more ambitious, and that a result of 52% should be Red too. It was felt that accountability for Groundwater status should be assigned to one person, rather than shared, and that the way targets are set and performance and activity are reported should be improved.</p> <p>The Partnership is raising this with the Chairs of Brighton & Hove Connected (the LSP) and the City Management Board, asking for action to be prioritised to improve performance across these indicators.</p>
2	<p>The partnership welcomed the recent UNESCO designation of Biosphere status for Brighton & Lewes Downs. There was a further discussion about streamlining partnership work to avoid duplication, and a workshop involving the Chairs of the CSP, the Biosphere Partnership Board and the One Planet City Board is being planned for September to discuss more detailed proposals with the City Council.</p>
3	<p>Members were updated on City Plan Urban Fringe Assessment and a forthcoming CSP Sustainable Cities Working Group meeting, involving stakeholders with planning and sustainability expertise and interest. This would consider all the relevant issues in detail.</p>

Name	Economic Partnership
Date of meeting	29.07.14
Date of next meeting	02.09.14
1	The Economic Partnership has formed an Executive Committee which will meet in between regular quarterly meetings of the full Partnership to oversee activity and respond to issues and challenges that occur.
2	The Partnership will be contributing to the debate around the development of the urban fringe in the City Plan and supporting the local authority to get the Plan passed by the Planning Inspectorate.
3	The Partnership is also producing a high-quality magazine, expected to be launched in the autumn, for distribution to developers promoting the city as a good place for inward investment.

Name	Equip: Equality & Inclusion Partnership
Date of meeting	24 June 2014
Date of next meeting	14 October 2014
1	<p>A New Partnership:</p> <p>The City Inclusion Partnership and City Engagement Partnership have now merged to form Equip. The first meeting was on 24 June.</p>
2	<p>Aims:</p> <p>The partnership has an overarching role to help bring diverse organisations together under the Brighton & Hove Connected family of partnerships to form a common approach to engagement, reducing inequality.</p> <p>Through the Communities Chapter of the Sustainable Community Strategy, the Equality & Inclusion Partnership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • will contribute to the overall performance management framework for B&H Connected to support the delivery of the Community Strategy priority outcomes • will advise, drive, guide and support the B&H Connected family of partnerships on equality, inclusion and community engagement • will identify, promote and share good practice to help B&H Connected and all its constituent organisations develop and improve its equality, inclusion and community engagement policies • will provide a critical friend to the work of the B&H Connected partnerships to help them improve practices and champion, address and promote equality, inclusion and community engagement • will use research and data to gain insight into our communities, service users, customers and social capital to identify opportunities, needs and service gaps for championing across the family of partnerships • will work to ensure services hear the voice of residents from protected groups
3	<p>A sub group is currently refreshing the Communities Chapter of the Sustainable Communities Strategy. A final draft will be presented to the 14 October meeting for sign-off prior to submitting to Brighton & Hove Connected</p>

Name	Advice Partnership
Date of meeting	23 rd July 2014
Date of next meeting	8 th October 2014
1	<p>The partnership has completely redesigned the 'Advice Brighton and Hove' Partnership website. The site is now more accessible & includes a fully searchable directory of local advice services. www.advicebrighton-hove.org.uk</p> <p>The partnership has also responded to the Government's challenge to deliver advice through 'new channels' by using lottery funding to develop the Webcam Advice and Online Booking system. Members of the public are now able to book appointments online and access face to face advice from the comfort of their own home. Digitally excluded residents will be supported to access the service by community partners including the Bridge, the Whitehawk Inn and the Hangleton and Knoll project. The partnership is particularly interested in investigating whether supported access to digital provision at community venues proves to be a more cost effective method of reaching residents in need than traditional advice outreach models.</p>
2	<p>The partnership has collated evidence from across local frontline advice services and produced a number of social policy reports looking at the Local Discretionary Social Fund, PIP assessment waiting times, ESA and Housing.</p> <p>These reports have been picked up by the local media, discussed in Parliament and drawn the attention of national organisations via Social Media.</p> <p>Citizen's Advice (the national charity) described the report on Employment Support Allowance as "<i>one of the most succinct, [&] persuasive...we've read</i>" and invited the project to write a blog for their website on good practice tips for undertaking social policy work in partnership.</p>

Name	City Employment & Skills Steering Group
Date of meeting	24 th July 2014
Date of next meeting	30 th October 2014
1	<p>Wave 2 Growth Hub Regional Growth Fund Programme Update</p> <p>The W2GH (£1.79 RGF) includes the Greater Brighton City Region Business Grants Programme and a suite of business support options ('Business Growth Toolkit') across the Coast to Capital (C2C) geography linking businesses to expertise held within the universities and specialist organisations experienced in helping to drive growth. Latest update is given below.</p> <p>Overall targets by March 2017 include:</p> <p>No. of jobs created (400 – combination of jobs from grants and business support programmes)</p> <p>No of jobs safeguarded (21)</p> <p>April 2014 to August 2014: 14 offers of RGF grants have been made within the Greater Brighton Area:</p> <p>Examples of location / type of business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lighting design / distribution – Brighton & Hove • Independent brewery – Brighton & Hove • Functional Skills Training Centre – Brighton & Hove • Environmentally-friendly soap manufacture – Brighton & Hove • Fungal nail technology – Shoreham Airport, • Community Football Club - Lewes • Community Playcentre - Walberton West Sussex • Motorcycle engineering - Partridge Green West Sussex • Sensor equipment for marine industry – Haywards Heath • Industrial and medical adhesives – Lancing • Accountancy business – Reigate • Psychometric software for careers guidance – Crawley • Charity bicycle recycling business – Worthing • Online airport taxi booking system - Redhill <p>Total RGF: £627,190</p> <p>Jobs from grants (if all delivered by the end of the programme): 154.5 FTE (target from grants = minimum of 65 FTE).</p>

2	<p>Brighton & Hove City Council has recently been awarded Skills Academy Status by the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) due to improvements made within its Invitation to Tender. Developers are now required (for developments in excess of 10 units) to complete employment and training agreements as part of contract compliance. The agreement sets out how many opportunities for work experience, jobs and learning opportunities such as apprenticeships, will be available through the life of the build.</p> <p>The council's Brighton & Hove Local Employment Scheme (BHLES) works closely with the CITB and offers advice and guidance to contractors such as information on grants and training.</p> <p>BHLES focuses on the construction industry and brings together employers and local people looking for work. BHLES delivers a free recruitment service to developers on major projects who have committed to providing employment and training opportunities to local residents.</p>
3	<p>The City Employment & Skills Plan (2011-14) is coming to an end. The notable achievements so far include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living Wage Campaign – led by the Brighton & Hove Chamber of Commerce (£7.65 per hour compared with £6.31 National Minimum Wage. Over 130 businesses have signed up. • Green Growth Platform – successful bid by the University of Brighton in support of the Low Carbon Goods and Services Sector. • Brighton Your Futures 2014 – careers and opportunities fair held on 3rd April 2014 at the Brighton Dome and attracted over 500 young people, 70 exhibitors with 2,000 opportunities for training, employment, work experience and apprenticeships. • City Skills Shop – based in Queen's Road, Brighton offering training and employment information to individuals and business. Run by City College and shared with other delivery partners. • Apprenticeship Training Agency (City College) – takes the burden of recruitment from SMEs and enables them to provide apprenticeship training to local people. • Award winning BEACH website – Brighton Employability And Careers Hub, designed by young people for young people and providing tips and information on a range of job related subjects.
<p>Additional Information</p> <p>New Members of the CESSG who have joined in the last 12 months include representatives from Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership, Community Works, University of Sussex, Centurion Group and Sussex Downs College.</p> <p>Pinaki Ghoshal, Executive Director, Children's Services now has responsibility for employment and skills at Brighton & Hove City Council.</p>	