



Title:	Brighton & Hove Connected – Introduction of Future Possibilities
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Purpose/Key Messages:	To request partnership members consider possibilities for future arrangements for Brighton and Hove Connected
Significance to BHC and Delivering SCS outcomes:	The partnership is the overarching strategic partnership for the city, and is responsible for the creation, implementation and monitoring of the sustainable community strategy.
What is BHC being asked to do?	To request partnership members consider possibilities for future arrangements for Brighton and Hove Connected
Next steps and report back mechanism:	Proposals will be considered by chairs prior to the meeting in June and a final proposal brought to BHC in June for discussion and agreement

1. Background

The new Sustainable Community Strategy was launched in April 2014. Since that time we have used various structures for the board meetings.

The chairs group have agreed recently that we should again consider our approach to the board meetings. You will be aware that Tony Mernagh, our current chair will be standing down following this meeting, and this will also be the last meeting for one of our vice chairs, Cllr. Bill Randall, as he is also standing down from his role as a councillor.

In the light of the upcoming national and local elections, we have been asked to consider drawing up some proposals for future agreement at our June meeting, where we will also agree the future leadership for the partnership.

2. Proposals

Outlined below are 3 brief introductions to possible models. At this point we have not outlined any of the downsides to the models.

- 1. To remain as is.** This option will provide consistency of approach and allow any local and national, political and policy changes around us to

bed in and settle down, while the partnership is able to retain strategic overview. It allows us to stay on the direction we have set ourselves, providing ballast and consistency. The partnership membership and purpose can be further refined to provide the required city leadership.

2. **Sub Regional** – With the creation of Greater Brighton City Region, and through the work of a lot of our partnerships, including the City Management Board, our understanding of our ‘local area’ has evolved. Many of the organisations that are members of our board and of our thematic partnerships already operate at a sub-regional level, and it is understandable that the overarching partnership should evolve to reflect this change. Depending on political developments, the devolution agenda will probably be further refined, and this option helps to ensure that Brighton & Hove Connected is in a good place to respond.
3. **Forum based** – The continued development of the City Management Board, the removal of central government requirements such as CAA and LAA, and increasingly embedded partnership working has led to diversification of the work of Brighton & Hove Connected. Much of this over the last 18 months has been the creation and development of forums and one off events, such as the Children’s Services Forum, Health & Wellbeing Partnership and the Community Safety Summit. An option for BHC could be to develop this work further, with perhaps one or two open city forums per year. These could act solely as discussion forums, and be led by CMB partners and supported by others.