



## Brighton & Hove Connected

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2015, 4.00-6.00pm

Hanover Room, Brighthelm Centre

### Present:

Vic Borrill	Brighton & Hove Community Works (Vice-chair)
Paula Murray	Brighton & Hove City Council
Cllr. Warren Morgan	Brighton & Hove City Council
Cllr. Geoffrey Theobald	Brighton & Hove City Council
Kamini Sanghani	Kent, Surry & Sussex CRC
Nev Kemp	Sussex Police, Brighton & Hove
Sarah Jones	Office of the Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner
Steve Benwell	Jobcentre Plus
Sarah Springford	Business Sector
Toby Buckle	Brighton & Hove Community Works
Ian Chisnal	Brighton & Hove Community Works
Lisa Dando	Brighton & Hove Community Works
Sally Polanski	Brighton & Hove Community Works
Caroline Ridley	Brighton & Hove Community Works
Jessica Sumner	Brighton & Hove Community Works
Vicky Watson	Advice Partnership
Andrew Comben	Arts & Creative Industries Commission
Geraldine Des Moulins	Equalities & Inclusion Partnership

### Independent Secretariat:

Charmian Hay-Ellis (minutes)  
Simon Newell

### Presenting:

Richard Butcher-Tuset Brighton & Hove City Council

### Officers Attending:

Frank LeDuc Brighton & Hove News

### Apologies:

James Farrell	Environment Agency
Janet Hughes	Jobcentre Plus
Mark Streater	Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner
Gary Pargeter	Brighton & Hove Community Works
Pinaki Ghoshal	Children's Services Forum
Julie Frith	Strategic Housing Partnership

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

1.1 Vic Borrill (VB) opened the meeting and everyone was introduced

### 2. BHC Partnership Review Presentation

- 2.1 Paula Murray (PM) and Richard Butcher-Tuset (RBT) gave a presentation to the group outlining the review of Brighton & Hove Connected
- 2.2 Cllr. Warren Morgan gave an overview of the new local administrations plan for the next 4 years. He stated that their focus would be on social inclusion whilst setting measurable, realistic goals. The new Fairness Commission and Neighbourhoods, Equalities & Communities Committee will play key roles in delivering these plans.

- 2.3 Sally Polanski (SP) asked what other areas had done with their Local Strategic Partnership's (LSP's). SN responded that they had mostly been removed in 2 tier areas, as they often struggled to work. This has not so much been the case in unitary authorities. VB asked if the Fairness Commission would create something similar to the LSP. PM replied that the commission was time limited, unlike the LSP. RBT stated that there was a report being sent to the Neighbourhoods, Equalities & Communities Committee outlining the Fairness Commission's role and aspirations. This can be sent round to BHC members for information. **Action: Richard Butcher-Tuset**

### 3. Highlights from the Discussion

- 3.1 The following recommendations came from the workshop discussions after the presentation:
- 3.1.1 A chance for networking at BHC meeting is valuable in helping to create and improve relationships with other partners
  - 3.1.2 Consider reducing the number of meetings a year from 4 to 3 with along with hosting additional events when necessary
  - 3.1.3 Further forward agenda planning
  - 3.1.4 Include timely agenda items, responding to specific needs
  - 3.1.5 Increase collaboration opportunities amongst partners
  - 3.1.6 Consider asking a different partnership to run each meeting
  - 3.1.7 Content of the partnership meetings to stem directly from the Sustainable Community Strategy
  - 3.1.8 Allow partners a chance to have difficult conversations openly in a safe environment
  - 3.1.9 Items being considered allow time for members to be engaged at an early stage, to influence policy direction rather than at the end of a process when it comes for sign off
  - 3.1.10 Honesty about how much partners can influence certain subjects
  - 3.1.11 Create a proactive communications channel for member use and between each partnership, particular the Health & Wellbeing Board
  - 3.1.12 Include items for information on agendas
  - 3.1.13 Invite BHC members to other citywide events
  - 3.1.14 Review the BHC on a 1½ year basis
  - 3.1.15 Consider inviting additional member organisation onto the board where necessary. Suggestions included:
    - East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service
    - More business sector representatives
    - Stronger education links
    - Biosphere Board representative
    - Greater Brighton Board representation
    - Faith representative
  - 3.1.16 To provide greater clarity about which of the family of partnerships are working on which of the priorities in the SCS and to identify areas that aren't currently being covered. – are there any bits that aren't being picked up.
  - 3.1.17 We need to ensure clarity around membership i.e. when people are representing our thematic partnerships rather than sector or organisations this needs to be made clear to other members.
- 3.2 RBT confirmed that he and the Partnerships & External Relations Team will work together to take the above recommendations forward. **Action: Richard Butcher-Tuset/Simon Newell**

### 4. Date of next meeting

- 4.1 The next Brighton & Hove Connected meeting takes place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015, 4.00-6.00pm, Suite 1 at the Jury's Inn Hotel, 101 Stroudley Road, Brighton, BN1 4DJ