



Brighton & Hove Connected
Tuesday 18th October 2016, 4.00-6.00pm
Suite 1, Jurys Inn, 101 Stroudley Road
Brighton, BN1 4DJ

Present:

Nev Kemp	Sussex Police, Brighton & Hove (Chair)
Vic Borrill	Biosphere Delivery Board (Vice-Chair)
Geoff Raw	Brighton & Hove City Council
Cllr. Julie Cattell	Brighton & Hove City Council
John Chid	Clinical Commissioning Group
Sue Baxter	University of Brighton
Eduardo Hernandez	University of Sussex
Mark Buchanan-Smith	Business Sector
Caroline Ridley	Brighton & Hove Community Works
Gary Pargeter	Brighton & Hove Community Works
Lev Eakins	Brighton & Hove Community Works
Sally Polanski	Brighton & Hove Community Works
Toby Buckle	Brighton & Hove Community Works
Imogen Forbes	Advice Partnership
Andrew Comben	Arts & Creative Industries Commission
Pinaki Ghoshal	Children's Services Partnership Forum
Dean Orgill	Economic Partnership
Geraldine Des Moulins	Equality & Inclusion Partnership
Ed Allison-Wright	Learning Employment & Skills Partnership
Kamini Sanghani	Safe in the City Partnership
Julie Frith	Strategic Housing Partnership
Martin Harris	Transport Partnership

Independent Secretariat:

Charmian Hay-Ellis (minutes)
 Simon Newell

Presenting:

Peter Wilkinson	Brighton & Hove City Council
Carolyn Woods	Brighton & Hove City Council

Officers Attending:

Carolyn Bristow	Brighton & Hove City Council
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Apologies:

Cllr. Emma Daniel	Brighton & Hove City Council (Vice-chair)
Cllr. Warren Morgan	Brighton & Hove City Council
Nick Juba	City College, Brighton & Hove
Michael Davies	University of Sussex
Sarah Springford	Business Sector
Lisa Dando	Brighton & Hove Community Works

1. Welcome, Introductions & Chair's communications

- 1.1 Nev Kemp (NK) opened the meeting and everyone was introduced
- 1.2 Apologies listed as above
- 1.3 NK informed the group that the next meeting would focus on the city's street community, what services are currently doing about issues involved, and what more can be done to help.
- 1.4 NK stated that the Community Works representative elections were soon to take place, so may result in some changes to their representation at this board. This will be confirmed mid-November.

2. Minutes & matters arising from meeting 5th July 2016

- 2.1 The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed
- 2.2 Regarding item 1.3, it was confirmed that a Fairness Commission event, hosted by Brighton & Hove Connected, has been arranged for Monday 14th November which all BHC members have been invited to.
- 2.3 From item 1.4, it was confirmed that the presentations from the previous meeting are now available on the BHC website - www.bhconnected.org.uk/content/5-july-2016
- 2.4 For item 1.5, it was agreed that the 'Withdrawal from the EU' briefing paper would be made available on the BHC website and would be updated as and when further information becomes available. **Action: Charmian Hay-Ellis**
- 2.5 All other actions from the previous meeting have been completed

3. How will the planned infrastructure developments affect the people that live, work and visit our city?

- 3.1 Peter Wilkinson (PW), Carolyn Woods (CW), John Child (JC) and Pinaki Ghoshal (PG) provided presentations covering Public Health, Adult Social Care, Primary & Acute Care and Families, Children & Learning. This presentation will be made available on the BHC website. **Action: Charmian Hay-Ellis**
- 3.2 NK asked whose responsibility it was to pick up the services that organisations are now unable to provide. CW responded that organisations are still providing these services to a limited extent, but going forward, work will be carried out to enable people to do some of these things themselves, reducing the need for more front line staff. CW continued that although the challenges are significant, it is forcing organisations to work more efficiently and effectively. Geoff Raw (GR) added that major budget pressures are being experienced in adult social care, children's services and temporary housing. With people living longer and rising costs of care, choices need to be made about what services can/need to be funded.
- 3.3 NK asked regarding Brighton General Hospital being 50% underutilised, what it could potentially be used for? JC stated that this hadn't been formally agreed as yet but that it would be ring-fenced to the health sector.
- 3.4 Cllr. Julie Cattell asked about the limited availability of doctors in the city. JC responded that this was proving a real challenge for the city, as many areas are struggling to recruit, putting pressure on GP surgeries and many relying on locum doctors, which have greater costs and can reduce consistency.
- 3.5 Lev Eakins (LE) asked what effect budget reductions had had on mental health commissioning, JC replied that a lot of resources are being spent on mental health. A plan has been created that includes a lot of 'must do's' regarding this area to ensure it is well covered. JC added that this is an area of significant spend for the city's CCG, more so than others.
- 3.6 Ed Allison-Wright (EAW) asked if the Sustainable Transformation Plan estate covered Greater Brighton. JC confirmed that it did, and that it is part of bigger conversation with estates around infrastructure and transport
- 3.7 NK noted that there had been good results for primary and secondary schools over the last few years, but asked if what was being done regarding rates of alcohol, drugs and violence. PG replied that work had started on employing a mental health worker in each school. He added that schools were working with CCGs in order to provide more support at an earlier stage where needed.

4. Workshops: What are the implications of these developments, both positive and challenging?

- 4.1. NK encouraged table groups to consider the following questions
 - How will the developments affect people?
 - What is the current situation?
 - Can we look at good practice elsewhere? What are other places doing in response to the challenges?
 - What happens when things go wrong?

5. Feedback and Next Steps

- 5.1 **Group 1:**

- Brighton & Hove Bus & Coach Company has trained their staff to recognise and aid vulnerable people or those in distress either on the bus or near bus stops/stations. This is a good example of how an organisation has taken it upon itself to further help the local community while still delivering its primary service
- It was suggested that more could be done to tap into voluntary organisations and schools about being more aware of vulnerable people in their area, and what to do if concerns arise, e.g.: have the curtains been opened? Have the lights been switched on? Etc. This could link into community awards and create more social responsibility and resilience.
- It was suggested to consider best practice elsewhere regarding preventative work. Some schools do this already but this isn't currently drawn together into a coherent framework. It was agreed that something more formal was needed to provide more opportunities. **Action: Simon Newell**
- It was noted that a lot of public sector bodies are under pressures from outside influencers, but that voluntary sector organisations are finding it increasingly difficult to engage. This needs to be considered going forward. **Action: Simon Newell**

5.2 Group 2:

- A key part of this session is to recognise the importance of taking the information gained within this session back to our individual organisations and use it to influence progress forward. **Action: All members**
- It was highlighted that it is often difficult to ensure that strategic thinking translates into action for clients. It is important that more effective mechanisms are found. Voluntary sector organisations are well placed to work with those that need it most. These relationships therefore need to be strengthened.

5.3 Group 3:

- It was brought out that the changing landscape required an change in mind set, e.g.: “what are **we** going to do about it?” rather than “what is the council doing about it?”.
- Living space and commercial space continue to be issues for the city. There is a significant shortage of larger family units, and more flexible business units are also required. When considering new builds, more flexibility needs to be included

5.4 Group 4:

- A suggestion was made to consider what assets the city has already that are being underutilised. E.g.: bowls clubs. With small amounts of funding, these could become hubs of social care, while at the same time bringing areas of the community together. We need to consider what assets are in danger and could be better used.

5.5 Group 5:

- When things go wrong, it can include housing market failure in the city. This can involve some people having to live elsewhere to where their family/friends are and thus lose easy access to a good (free) support network. Longer-term planning is required in order to anticipate what the future might look like in this area.

6. Questions and Networking

- 6.1 NK thanked all the presenters for their presentations and input into the session.
- 6.2 NK asked BHC members to give thought to the next meeting regarding the street community, particularly around what challenges members want to be considered.
- 6.3 NK asked for any suggestions for themes for future meetings to be sent to Simon Newell (simon.newell@brighton-hove.gov.uk). **Action: All Members**

7. Date of next meeting

- 7.1 The next BHC Meeting takes place on Thursday 2nd February 2017, from 4pm-6pm in Suite 1 of the Jury's Inn Hotel, 101 Stroudley Road, Brighton, BN1 4DJ