



**Brighton & Hove  
City Council**

**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY  
COMMISSION  
ADDENDUM**

**4.00PM, TUESDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2009**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL**



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# OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMISSION

## Agenda Item 41

Brighton & Hove City Council

**Subject:** Discussion item on the LSP/SCS  
**Date of Meeting:** 20 October 2009  
**Report of:** The Director of Strategy and Governance  
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**Wards Affected:** All

### FOR GENERAL RELEASE

#### 1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 This report provides contextual information for the discussion session with the Chairman of the 2020 Community Partnership, Roger French.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That Members:
- Note the information contained within Appendix 1 and 2.
  - Agree to submit comments made in relation to the Sustainable Community Strategy consultation as outlined in Appendix 3.

#### 3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION – O&S REPORT PATHWAY

- 3.1 At the July meeting of the Commission members agree a working protocol to develop the relationship between scrutiny and LSP.
- 3.2 Part of this protocol was the extension of an invitation to the Chair of the LSP to attend Commission meetings to discuss the work of the LSP and areas for collaboration.
- 3.3 Information in Appendices 1 and 2 provides members with background information. Appendix 3 presents drafts notes from the scrutiny workshop on the Sustainable Community Strategy which members are recommended to feed into the consultation process.

#### **4. CONSULTATION**

4.1 None.

#### **5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

##### Financial Implications:

5.1 There are no direct implications arising from this report.

##### Legal Implications:

5.2 There are no direct implications arising from this report.

##### Equalities Implications:

5.3 There are no direct implications arising from this report.

##### Sustainability Implications:

5.4 There are no direct implications arising from this report.

##### Crime & Disorder Implications:

5.5 There are no direct implications arising from this report.

##### Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

5.6 There are no direct implications arising from this report.

##### Corporate / Citywide Implications:

5.7 There are no direct implications arising from this report.

#### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

##### **Appendices:**

1. Briefing on the role of the LSP and the role
2. Scrutiny/LSP Protocol
3. Comments from the scrutiny workshop on the SCS.

##### **Documents in Members' Rooms:**

None

##### **Background Documents:**

None

### **SUMMARY REPORT FOR BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMISSION WORKSHOP 9/10/09**

**TITLE** Local Strategic Partnership Introduction & Sustainable Community Strategy: 2009 update

**AUTHOR** Anthony Pope, Policy Development Officer

**PURPOSE** To brief OSC members regarding the Brighton & Hove Local Strategic Partnership & Sustainable Community Strategy refresh process.

Local Strategic Partnerships (LSPs) exist in nearly all local authority areas in England and Wales. They bring together representatives from the local statutory, voluntary, community and private sectors to address local problems, allocate funding, and discuss strategies and initiatives. They aim to encourage joint working and community involvement.

The Brighton & Hove LSP was formed in 2002 and meets four times a year

- It is the Local Strategic Partnership for Brighton and Hove
- The partnership of partnerships
- Oversees the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS)
- Oversees the Local Area Agreement (LAA)
- Drawn from all sectors (Public, Private and Voluntary) and the family of partnerships

Members of the Community Partnership include representatives from:

- Community and Voluntary Sector Forum
- Public Sector (Police, Environment Agency, Primary Care Trust – Health, Jobcentre Plus)
- Local Authority
- Business sector including the Economic Partnership
- Regional government (SEEDA and GOSE)

Members of the Family of Partnership comprises of:

- Brighton & Hove Learning Partnership
- Strategic Housing Partnership
- Healthy City Partnership
- Brighton & Hove Economic Partnership
- Crime & Disorder Partnership
- City Sustainability Partnership
- Arts Commission
- Brighton & Hove Children's Trust
- Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership

- City Inclusion Partnership
- Advice Services Strategy Group
- City Employment Skills Steering Group

The Brighton & Hove LSP has responsibility for preparing and implementing a **Sustainable Community Strategy** for Brighton and Hove. This document is:

- The overarching strategic document for the city
- The shared vision from all partners
- Develops and protects the long term vision for City
- Reflects the needs, desires and aspirations of the community
- Enhances social, environmental and economic well being of all

The eight priority themes identified within it are:

- Promoting Enterprise and Learning
- Reducing Crime and Improving Safety
- Improving Health and Well-Being
- Strengthening Communities and Involving People
- Improving Housing and Affordability
- Promoting Resource Efficiency and Enhancing the Environment
- Promoting Sustainable Transport
- Providing Quality Services

This document was first published in 2003 and during 2009, the LSP has been working towards an updated version of the strategy which will be published early 2010.

The Brighton & Hove LSP carries out much of the work contained within the Sustainable Community Strategy through the **Local Area Agreement (LAA)**. This document:

- Is the work plan for the SCS
- Is an agreement between the LSP and Government
- Reflects local priorities
- Also has local indicators
- Has a focus on shared outcomes and links


Further information can be found on the 2020 Community Partnership website:

 [www.2020community.org](http://www.2020community.org)

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## Appendix 2

Recommendations agreed at 14 July OSC to help develop the role of scrutiny within the LSP:

- 1) Overview and Scrutiny Committees continue to receive quarterly performance reports on the LAA.
- 2) The Chair of the LSP be invited to the Overview and Scrutiny Commission once a year to provide an overview of the priorities and achievements of the LSP.
- 3) The Chairs of each of the Thematic LSP Groups are invited to attend the relevant O&S Committee once a year.
- 4) That the LSP be invited to suggest items for the O&S work programme including in-depth reviews into specific areas of work, and that O&S Committees are able to request issues are discussed by the LSP
- 5) When undertaking work-planning O&S Committees take into account the work of the relevant LSP themed groups and actively consult with them. This is especially relevant when looking to establish a scrutiny panel.
- 6) That the possible roles of O&S in relation to the CAA be considered.
- 7) That the Head of Overview and Scrutiny attends the Partnership Managers Group and provides regular updates to that group.
- 8) O&S undertake a desk based review of good practice with regard to LAA/Scrutiny as part of a wider study of the O&S function.



## Agenda Item 41- Appendix 3

### Consultation with OSC on Sustainable Community Strategy

9 October 2009; 4pm Brighton Town Hall

Present: Councillor Mitchell, Older, Peltzer Dunn and Wakefield-Jarrett

- 1.1 The Head of Partnerships and External Relations introduced the Update report that had been presented to the 14 July Overview and Scrutiny Commission and provided contextual information set out below.
- 1.2 The SCS has undergone extensive consultation with partner organisations. Each of the political groups has been given the opportunity to respond.
- 1.3 Formal consultation on the refresh (not full review) ended on 5 October. A second draft is to be prepared in early November for agreement by Council and Local Strategic Partnership.
- 1.4 The SCS includes within it the policies and plans adopted by the council and partnership organisations. It can be seen as an amalgamation of the City's strategies.
- 1.5 Each section of the SCS sets out aims, issues of concern, what has happened over the last three years, current position and what we plan to do.
- 1.6 A Transport Partnership is being established to deal with key areas of debate.
- 1.7 Areas indicated in the Audit Commission's Comprehensive Area Assessment are also to be incorporated; draft is available 16 October (?)
- 1.8 The start date for refreshed Strategy is February 2010 – slipped from April 2009.
- 1.9 A number of the different policy strands that make up the SCS are decided upon by individual organisations following consultation and debate with partners. For example the final decision on Local Development Framework Core Strategy amendments will be made by the Local Authority.
- 1.10 Performance information can be viewed via website using the BHLIS system. A new website is to be launched alongside the refreshed strategy.
- 1.11 Members made comments/asked questions:

- What is the role of scrutiny compared with political group/other responses in responding to the Strategy?
  - Can the strategy include:
    - a) actual baseline performance achievements rather than indicators from previous performance plans?
    - b) dates/timelines that are consistent between chapters?
    - c) 'direction of travel' for each agreed target/outcome?
    - d) indication of what has been removed from the previous iteration of the SCS?
    - e) how and where the outcomes and targets are evidenced and budgeted for?
- 1.12 Specific Edits: -
- P87 – Cllr Mitchell is not Vice-Chair of 2020 Community Partnership
  - P57 – Why temporary households 'TBC'.
  - P39 – 4x4=16
- 1.13 These comments will be reported back to 20 October OSC.
- 1.14 Revised SCS to be reported for information to OSC at the appropriate time.

**EXTRACT FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON THE  
17 SEPTEMBER 2009**

**CABINET MEETING**

**4.00PM 17 SEPTEMBER 2009**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillors Mears (Chairman), Brown, Fallon-Khan, Kemble, K Norman, Simson, Smith, G Theobald and Young

**Also in attendance:** Councillors Mitchell (Leader of the Labour Group), Randall (Convenor of the Green Group) and Watkins (Opposition Spokesperson, Liberal Democrat)

**73 TARGETED BUDGET MANAGEMENT (TBM) 2009/10 MONTH 4**

73.1 The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Finance & Resources concerning the forecast outturn position on the revenue and capital budgets as at the end of July 2009 (for copy see minute book).

73.2 Councillor Mitchell expressed concern at the identification of a £3 million overspend across the Council's directorates and noted that further steps were required to tackle to situation.

73.3 In response to questions from Councillor Mitchell the following comments were made:

- Councillor Young agreed to circulate details of the assets being marketed to achieve the level of capital receipts budgeted for, as well as details of vacant posts being held open across the Council.
- Councillor Brown reported that following the case of Baby P the Council had seen a 33% increase in the number of children with a child protection plan and a 12% increase in the number of looked after children. While these numbers were difficult to control, thresholds had been tested and children were only taken into care when necessary; the Council had put a significant number of measures in place to help control costs.
- Councillor Norman maintained that while managing growth could be difficult, changes would be made to assessment criteria for clients across the Adult Social Care directorate; the Council would be seeking to improve value for money across all services whilst still meeting the needs of clients.

- Councillor Theobald explained that it was important for the Council to defend its decision of its Planning Committee in relation to the Marina development and that while £250,000 had been set aside for this, it was impossible to estimate the total cost. The budget had been affected by a reduction in the number of large residential planning schemes as a result of the economic downturn, but Councillor Theobald was pleased to report that the income from parking was back up to capacity following a shortfall.
- Councillor Young confirmed that if a break even revenue outturn position did materialise, financial support for the Building Schools for the Future program would be factored into the next budget.

73.4 **RESOLVED** - That, having considered the information and the reasons set out in the report, the Cabinet accepted the following recommendations:

- (1) That the forecast outturn for the General Fund, Section 75 Partnerships and Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for 2008/09 as at month 4 be noted.
- (2) That further recovery measures will be identified by month 6 to achieve a balanced budget.
- (3) That the forecast outturn position on the capital budgets as at month 4 be noted.
- (4) That the changes to the capital budget as summarised in Appendix 3 and detailed in Appendices 4 – 6 be approved.



**EXTRACT FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD ON THE  
29 SEPTEMBER 2009**

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Targeted Budget Management (TBM) Month 4</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b><i>Audit Committee 29 September 2009</i></b> <b>Overview and Scrutiny Commission 20 October 2009</b>		
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Director of Strategy &amp; Governance</b>		
<b>Key Decision:</b>	<b>No</b>		
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<b>Wards Affected:</b>	<b>All</b>		

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**4.00pm 29 SEPTEMBER 2009**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillors Hamilton (Chairman), Watkins (Deputy Chairman), Alford, Fallon-Khan, Kitcat, Simpson, Smith, Taylor and G Theobald

**PART ONE**

**31 TARGETED BUDGET MANAGEMENT (TBM) MONTH 4**

- 31.1 The Committee considered a report from the Director of Finance & Resources regarding the Targeted Budget Management Month 4 report (for copy see minute book).
- 31.2 The Director of Finance & Resources highlighted that this report was for information only and any issues about overspend on the accounts would be an Overview and Scrutiny or Cabinet issue.
- 31.3 The Chairman noted that further recovery measures would be ongoing and results expected by month 6. The Director of Finance & Resources confirmed this, but felt it was likely that month 6 would not show significant recovery to a breakeven position. She noted there was a significant overspend, but this was not out of line with the position at this point in previous years.
- 31.4 **RESOLVED** – That the report is noted.



## Agenda Item 49 App 1

### Scrutiny Panel Update

Panel Title	Current Status
Dual Diagnosis (OSC)	Reported to Council with Executive response
Students in the Community (ASCHOSC)	Reported to Cabinet, awaiting response from SHP
Children and alcohol related harm (CYPOSC)	Reported to CYPT Board, on Novembers Licensing Committee Agenda
Older people and community safety (ECSOSC)	Reported to ECSOSC, on CSF agenda for October
GP Led Health Centre (HOSC)	PCT response tabled at September HOSC, on agenda for December Council
Environmental Technologies (CTEOSC)	Reported agreed at CTEOSC October, forwarded to executive for response
Dignity at Work (OSC)	Panel put on hold awaiting draft strategy
Street Access Issues (OSC)	3 <sup>rd</sup> public meeting held
Dementia Strategy (ASCHOSC)	2 <sup>nd</sup> public meeting held
Climate Change Adaptation (OSC)	2 <sup>nd</sup> public meeting in October
School Exclusions (CYPOSC)	1 <sup>st</sup> public meeting in October
<b>Disability Issues (OSC)</b>	<b>Established awaiting nominees</b>
<b>Road Safety (ECSOSC)</b>	<b>Established awaiting nominees</b>
<b>Cultural provision for children (CTEOSC)</b>	<b>Scoping report to CTEOSC</b>
<b>20 mph (ECSOSC)</b>	<b>NoM – on next ECSOSC agenda</b>
<b>Rape support services (ECSOSC)</b>	<b>NoM – on next ECSOSC agenda</b>
<b>Alcohol related hospital admissions (HOSC)</b>	<b>To commence March 2010</b>

