



Mid Sussex Partnership (MSP) Board meeting, 17th October 2024

1. Welcome and introductions

Attendees:

Cllr Robert Eggleston	Leader of MSDC - Chair
Cllr Anne-Marie Cooke	Cabinet Member for Community at MSDC
Rebecca Hair	Commissioning and Partnerships Advisor, MSDC – Minute Taker
Robert Baker-Johnson	Fire and Rescue Service, WSCC
Lucy Corrie	Assistant Director for Communities, MSDC
Nick Hurley	Interim Community Safety and Safeguarding Manager, MSDC
Matt Roberts	Community Transport Sussex (CTS)
Nicola Walker	Sussex Police Crime Commissioner
Inspector David Derrick	Sussex Police
Katie Rabone	CEO, Mid Sussex Voluntary Action (MSVA)
Jim Bartlett	West Sussex County Council (WSCC)
Daniel MacIntyre	WS Public Health
Ben Friar	Haywards Heath College
Trevor Leggo	Mid Sussex Association of Local Councils
Marie McNabb	Community Development Officer – Brookleigh, MSDC
Daniel Greenwood	Community Development Officer, MSDC
Nicky Dodds	Clarion Futures
Magdalena Steel	West Sussex County Council (WSCC)
Alex O'Keeffe	West Sussex County Council (WSCC)

Apologies:

Paul Turner	Head of Service - Communities, MSDC
Cllr Jacquie Russell	Cabinet Member for Children and Families, WSCC
Douglas Denham St Pinnock	Chair of Mid Sussex Association of Local Councils (MSALC)

2. Minutes of the MSP Board Meeting 18th July 2024

The minutes were deemed a true and accurate record of the meeting and were agreed.

3. Strategic Intelligence Assessment (SIA) – Community Safety

Magdalena Steel presented the data for the Strategic Intelligence Assessment (SIA). The presentation is attached to these minutes as appendix one. The 2024 SIA reflects data from the calendar year 1st January 2023 – 31st December 2023 but is produced in 2024 – hence it is titled the 2024 SIA. It is noted that some increases in figures are due to better reporting. AOK wanted to emphasise the fact that sometimes when baseline numbers are low, a percentage increase can appear alarming. DD noted that although some figures have increased, overall, the figures for Mid Sussex are comparatively low. KR enquired if there was any experience elsewhere in the country where the VCE can help. AOK said that all intervention delivery is hand in hand with the voluntary sector and that WSCC interventions are aligned to the “Youth Endowment Fund”.

4. Round Table Update – All

DMI informed everyone that October is Positive Ageing month in libraries, with events going on in various libraries. Public Health have received funding to offer a stop smoking service, which will be complimentary to the smoking cessation service that Mid Sussex Wellbeing already deliver. The Mental Health Needs Assessment report can be accessed here: [Public Mental Health Needs Assessment 2024 - West Sussex JSNA Website](#) If anyone has any questions on this, please contact Rachel Jevons directly via rachel.jevons@westsussex.gov.uk If anyone wishes to explore previous needs assessments on other topics, the Public Health and Social Research Unit is responsible for the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA): the evidence base that underpins strategic Public Health decision-making in West Sussex please. Please look at [Welcome to the West Sussex JSNA - West Sussex JSNA Website](#)

JB informed the board that their Digital Inclusion Access Strategy is now available <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire-emergencies-and-crime/digital-inclusion-access-and-safety-partnership/> Independent Lives website can be found here <https://www.independentlives.org/> Following the Domestic Homicide review their policy is due to be updated. They currently have a small pot of funds available, up to £20,000 – if anyone is interested, please contact Jim Bartlett directly via jim.bartlett@westsussex.gov.uk

DD updated the Board that CI Pauline Lanie has moved roles. The new Chief Inspector for Mid Sussex is CI Steven Turner. DD noted that although some of the SIA figures have increased, overall, the figures for Mid Sussex are comparatively low. For example, in three months there were 22 bicycle thefts in Mid Sussex. In the same period there were 44 bicycle thefts in Crawley and 250 bicycle thefts in Brighton and Hove. DISC reporting is successful. Local events take police resources, with this quarter several police attending fireworks events and the Church of Scientology annual event.

DG notified the members that Mid Sussex District Council are running several “Urban Events” in Burgess Hill during October half term, Saturday 26th October – Sunday 3rd November. <https://www.midsussex.gov.uk/leisure-sport/whats-on-in-mid-sussex/half-term-fun-with-urban-events-in-burgess-hill/>

KR notified the members that Mid Sussex Voluntary Action (MSVA) is being rebranded as “Community People”. They are currently contacting youth organisations to discover what they want from Community People. They are working with Haywards Heath College on youth volunteering.

5. Dental Recovery Plan – Information Item

The Dentistry paper was previously circulated. Cllr RE has asked if this information can be drilled down to a lower level, so that we can have a Mid Sussex picture, and look at this in conjunction with the district plan, and community need.

Action: NHS or ICB to attend the February MSP Board meeting.

6. Question time in respect of the LCN Health Subgroup Quarter Two 2024-25

An end of Q2 report on the activities undertaken by the LCN Health Subgroup was circulated prior to this meeting. The LCN Health Subgroup met in September 2024, where members discussed areas relevant to their remit. The discussion included evidence from the Public Health Mental Health Needs Assessment – please see links aforementioned under Item 4.

7. Question time in respect of the Community Safety Subgroup Quarter Two 2024-25

An end of Q2 report on the activities undertaken by the Community Safety Subgroup was circulated prior to this meeting. The Community Safety Subgroup met in September 2024, the discussion included evidence from the Strategic Intelligence Assessment. Following the MSP Board request that the CSS consider Fraud as an additional fourth priority for 2024-25, Jason Lemm, WSCC presented at the CSS September meeting. It was agreed that the CSS could not add to what WSCC were already delivering, but they would contribute to the WSCC efforts. Subsequently the CSS priorities for 2024-25, are: Public Spaces; Young People; Business Crime.

NH informed the members that the CSS is looking to undertake two initiatives soon. In Q3 they will be running a Young Persons Diversionary Initiative, in conjunction with the Mid Sussex Peer Group Conference (MSPGC). The MSPGC serves as a crucial multi-agency forum involving: police; schools; social care; and Town Councils. The second initiative, Safer You, will be delivered in Q4, and will involve school engagement, be aimed at Year 8 pupils, and would be preventative work.

KR enquired if there was a place for the VCE or youth group leaders to be involved and NH will communicate and include where appropriate.

8. Question time in respect of the Community Development Subgroup Quarter Two 2024-25

An end of Q2 report on the activities undertaken by the Community Development Subgroup was circulated prior to this meeting. The Community Development Subgroup met in September 2024, where members discussed areas relevant to their remit. LC mentioned that three youth groups have received funding from the CDS last quarter, and more funding bids are welcomed.

MM informed the Board that MSDC Communities Team are working toward a Community Engagement Strategy for Brookleigh. One Community Engagement Workshop has already taken place and a second is planned. These aim to collaboratively develop key indicators for the Community Engagement Strategy. The workshops are interactive, involving key people that work with residents of Burgess Hill. The sessions will help to understand the specific needs and characteristics of the Brookleigh, Burgess Hill community and develop measurable indicators to assess the success of engagement strategies. We will be using a place-based approach which is about understanding the issues, interconnections and relationships in a place and coordinating action and investment to improve the quality of life for that community. Place-based approaches are highly collaborative and involve a range of partners working together on complex problems and have a strong focus on people and place. These indicators will help measure the success and impact of community engagement efforts and ensure they are tailored to Brookleigh, Burgess Hill community and the Community Engagement Strategy. MR and Cllr RE emphasised that Brookleigh is beneficial to Burgess Hill, and Bedelands Nature Reserve has doubled in size due to Brookleigh. RBJ asked to be involved in Community Engagement activities regarding Brookleigh.

Action: MM to include RBJ and WSCC Fire and Rescue Service in Community Engagement activities relating to Brookleigh.

9. MSP Projects and Budgets for Quarter Two – 2024-25 Year.

Rebecca Hair (RH) updated all on the budget and spend to date. Q2 started with an available budget balance of £293,477. There has not been any additional income in Q2. In Q2 £20,013.20 was spent. The expenditure included: £8,532 to the Community Project Officer for Young People; and £11,481.20 that the LCN and CDS have granted to various projects. £30,000 has been committed to the Mid Sussex Food Partnership however no spend has taken place as the Food Co-ordinator role is currently out to recruitment.

11. Emerging issues and future topics for Board and dates for future meetings:

No emerging issues or future topics were identified.

The next MSPB meeting is scheduled for:

- Thursday 6th February 2025.

This is currently scheduled to be a hybrid meeting.

RH has already sent an Outlook Calendar invitation to this meeting.