



Mid Sussex Partnership (MSP) Board meeting, 17th July 2025

Key Decisions

It was agreed that the recommendations and priorities proposed by the subgroups are approved.

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
Paul Turner	Community Services Manager, MSDC
Nick Hurley	Interim Community Safety and Safeguarding Manager, MSDC
Matt Roberts	Community Transport Sussex (CTS)
Nicola Walker	Sussex Police Crime Commissioner
Henry McLaughlin	WS Public Health
Katie Rabone	CEO, Community People (CP)
Daniel MacIntyre	WS Public Health
Inspector David Derrick	Sussex Police
Magdalena Steel	Partnership Data Analyst, WSCC
Cllr Anne Eaves	Mid Sussex Association of Town Councils

Apologies:

Lucy Corrie	Assistant Director for Communities, MSDC
Nicky Dodds	Clarion Futures
Trevor Leggo	Mid Sussex Association of Local Councils
Ben Friar	Haywards Heath College

2. Minutes of the MSP Board Meeting 15th May 2025

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

3. Strategic Intelligence Assessment (SIA) – Community Safety

MS, Partnership Data Analyst, WSCC presented to the Board the Strategic Intelligence Assessment (SIA). The presentation is attached as Appendix One to these minutes.

4. Public Health – Data Insight – Health Profile

HM and DM updated the Board on the Public Health, Data Insight.

5. Mid Sussex Partnership Structure 2025

PT presented a paper that provides an up-to-date summary of Mid Sussex Partnership (MSP) arrangements. It outlines how Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC) and partners, structure and support, strategic and operational partnership working across community safety, health and wellbeing, and community development. The paper also provides a comparison with partnership models in other West Sussex districts.

In July 2023, an extensive consultation and review of the Mid Sussex Partnership was undertaken, gathering feedback from a wide range of partners and stakeholders. This review demonstrated overwhelming support for retaining the existing partnership structure, recognising its value in bringing together partners to improve outcomes for Mid Sussex residents. While any discussions about future Local Government Devolution are at an early stage, it is vital to ensure that the MSP remains well placed to respond to any changes in local governance arrangements while maintaining its strengths.

The MSP Board note the current structure and unique integrated model of the MSP.

6. Board Decision - Question time in respect of the LCN Health Subgroup Quarter One 25-26

An end of Q1 report on the proposed priorities of the LCN Health Subgroup was circulated prior to this meeting. The LCN Health Subgroup met in June 2025, where members discussed areas relevant to their remit. The discussion included evidence from the Strategic Intelligence Assessment and resulted in agreeing the proposed priorities for the LCN Health Subgroup for 2025-26.

Priorities for LCN for 2025-26:

1. Adults, children, and young people suffering from mental health issues;
2. Independent living for older people, including access to services and dementia support;
3. Working age health conditions;
4. Health inequalities, including promotion and screening.
5. Food and nutrition.

Board Decision: The Board agreed the priorities, as listed above, of the LCN Health Subgroup to work towards during 2025-26.

7. Board Decision - Question time in respect of the Community Safety Subgroup Quarter One 25-26

An end of Q1 report on the proposed priorities of the Community Safety Subgroup was circulated prior to this meeting. The Community Safety Subgroup met in June 2025, where members discussed areas relevant to their remit. The discussion included evidence from the Strategic Intelligence Assessment and resulted in agreeing the proposed priorities for the Community Safety Subgroup for 2025-26.

Priorities for CSS for 2025-26:

1. Young People;
2. Serious Violence;
3. Anti-Social Behaviour.

Board Decision: The Board agreed the priorities, as listed above, of the Community Safety Subgroup to work towards during 2025-26.

8. Board decision - Question time in respect of the Community Development Subgroup Quarter One

An end of Q1 report on the proposed priorities of the Community Development Subgroup was circulated prior to this meeting. The Community Development Subgroup met in June 2025, where members discussed areas relevant to their remit. The discussion included evidence from the Strategic Intelligence Assessment and resulted in agreeing the proposed priorities for the Community Development Subgroup for 2025-26.

Priorities for CDS for 2025-26:

1. Support for community transport;
2. Addressing digital exclusion and support for Digital Champions;
3. Retention, recruitment, and celebration of volunteers;
4. Provision of youth service activities for those aged 8+;
5. Brookleigh, Burgess Hill Community.

Board Decision: The Board agreed the priorities, as listed above, of the Community Development Subgroup to work towards during 2025-26.

9. MSP Projects and Budgets for Quarter One – 2025-26 Year.

Rebecca Hair (RH) updated all on the budget and spend to date.

The opening balance for 2025-26 for the MSP Board is £170,633. This consists of the closing balance of £90,633, the 2025-26 £50,000 MSP allocation, and the 2025-26 £30,000 Engagement and Prevention NEETs project.

During Q1 of 2025-26 the MSP received one partner contribution. This is: £38,126 from Sussex PCC. This brought the available budget to £208,759.

In Q1 £22,728 was spent. The expenditure included: £10,000 to WSCC to deliver the Think Futures NEETs contract; £4,000 to WSCC for MSDC share of the Partner Analyst role; £8,532 to the Community Project Officer for Young People; and £196 that the CDS have granted to various projects.

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

The next MSPB meetings are scheduled for:

- Thursday 23rd October 2025.
- Thursday 29th January 2026.

These are all currently scheduled to be hybrid meetings.
RH has already sent Outlook Calendar invitations to all these meetings.