



Mid Sussex Partnership (MSP) Board meeting, 15th May 2025

1. Welcome and introductions

Attendees:

Cllr Robert Eggleston	Leader of MSDC - Chair
Cllr Anne-Marie Cooke	Cabinet Member for Community at MSDC
Rebecca Hair	Team Leader – Community Development, MSDC – Minute Taker
Lucy Corrie	Assistant Director for Communities, MSDC
Paul Turner	Head of Service - Communities, MSDC
Nick Hurley	Interim Community Safety and Safeguarding Manager, MSDC
Matt Roberts	Community Transport Sussex (CTS)
Inspector David Derrick	Sussex Police
Katie Rabone	CEO, Community People
Henry McLaughlin	West Sussex Public Health
Alice Matthews	Mediation Plus
Paul Scrivens	Love Local Jobs Foundation
Alice Fletcher	East Grinstead Town Council
Jen O'Grady	Burgess Hill Town Council
Cllr Anne Eaves	Sussex Association of Town Councils
Nicola Walker	Sussex Police Crime Commissioner
Robert Baker-Johnson	Fire and Rescue Service, WSCC

Apologies:

Steve Turner	Sussex Police
Cllr Jacquie Russell	Cabinet Member for Children and Families, WSCC
Mark Streater	Sussex Police Crime Commissioner
Trevor Leggo	Mid Sussex Association of Local Councils
Nicky Dodds	Clarion Futures

2. Minutes of the MSP Board Meeting 6th February 2025

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

3. Guest Speaker for Health Local Community Network

Alice Fletcher, East Grinstead Town Council and Jen O'Grady, Burgess Hill Town Council presented on how the Health Local Community Network funds have enabled them to successfully deliver projects that meet the subgroups annual priorities. Without the MSP funding, these events may not have taken place at all and certainly would not have been as successful.

PT thanked EGTC and BHTC for their work with the community health screening events.

4. Guest Speaker for Community Safety Subgroup

Alice Matthews, Mediation Plus presented on how the Community Safety Subgroup funds will enable them to deliver mediation to residents of Mid Sussex that would otherwise be unable to access this service due to financial constraint. Without the MSP funding, these residents may not be able to access this service, which is a tool for the community to resolve certain issues, which may in turn escalate and create larger issues for the Mid Sussex District Council Anti-Social Behaviour team, and Sussex Police.

NH informed attendees that all MSP members have access to this service.

5. Guest Speaker for Community Development Subgroup

Paul Scrivens, Love Local Jobs Foundation presented on how the Community Development Subgroup funds will enable Love Local Jobs Foundation to deliver the Dare to Dream Programme into six secondary schools within the District. Without MSP funding this programme would not be delivered to as many schools, and significantly fewer students would undertake this programme and benefit from it.

NH enquired as to how they engaged with schools. PS replied that most relationships grew organically, however in some instances the sponsors choose a school to engage with.

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

An end of Q4, End of Year report on the activities undertaken of the LCN Health Subgroup was circulated prior to this meeting. The LCN Health Subgroup met in March 2024, where members discussed areas relevant to their remit. This is an established group, and it is noted that the Mid Sussex LCN is very fortunate and how great it is that this group has a budget which allows them to deliver projects. This is a huge benefit over other District and Boroughs.

There was no spend in Q4 by the LCN. The LCN has an end balance of 2024/25 of £7,721.39.

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

An end of Q4, End of Year report on the activities undertaken of the Community Safety Subgroup was circulated prior to this meeting. The Community Safety Subgroup met in March 2024, where members discussed areas relevant to their remit. The discussion included evidence from the Strategic Intelligence Assessment. This is an established group, and it is noted that the Mid Sussex CSP is very fortunate and how great it is that this group has a budget which allows them to deliver community engagement events. This is a huge benefit over other District and Boroughs.

There was spend in Q4 by the CSS of £8,328.77. The CSS has an end balance of 2024/25 of £1,500.84.

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

An end of Q4, End of Year report on the activities undertaken of the Community Development Subgroup was circulated prior to this meeting. The Community Development Subgroup met in January 2025, where members discussed areas relevant to their remit. Following the MSP Board review this group has been allocated more funds and two new priorities.

The MSDC Community Development Team have completed the Community Engagement Strategy for Brookleigh, and it has been submitted to Management Team and Homes England.

There was spend in Q4 by the CDS of £9,413.00. The CDS has an end balance of 2024/25 of £3,156.80.

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

Rebecca Hair (RH) updated all on the budget and spend to date. Q4 started with an available budget balance of £181,007. There has not been any additional income in Q4. In Q4 £90,374 was spent. The expenditure included: £8,532 to the Community Project Officer for Young People; £16,600 to the CCTV transition project; £30,000 to the Food Partnership project; £10,000 to the Audio Active project; and £25,242 that the CSS; LCN; and CDS have granted to various projects.

Mid Sussex District Council have recently parted ways with the previous provider of the NEETs project, however a recent project run with West Sussex County Council, via UKSPF, can be extended using the NEETs funding, so the service can continue, prior to procurement in 2026/27.

The MSP has been allocated £50,000 from MSDC for 2025-2026 and a further £30,000 has been allocated for the Mid Sussex Engagement and Prevention NEETs Project.

The following **Board Decisions** were proposed and agreed:

- 1) the MSP Board agree that the closing balance of £90,633 is retained by the MSP for further spend in 2025/26.
- 2) Each subgroup retains their respective underspend and carry this forward to 2025/26.
- 3) £10,000 is allocated to the Local Community Network (LCN) Health Subgroup.
- 4) £10,000 is allocated to the Community Safety Subgroup.
- 5) £20,000 is allocated to the Community Development Subgroup.
- 6) Any larger projects bids from any subgroup, to be presented to the MSP Board for a spending decision from the closing balance.

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

The priorities 2025/26 for each subgroup should be presented to the MSP Board in July 2025. Devolution and Local Government Reform were identified as emerging issues and future topics to be updated at future MSP Board meetings.

The next MSPB meetings are scheduled for:

- Thursday 17th July 2025.
- Thursday 23rd October 2025.
- Thursday 29th January or 5th February 2026.

These are currently scheduled to be hybrid meetings.

RH has already sent Outlook Calendar invitations to these meetings.