



Mid Sussex Partnership (MSP) Board meeting, 16th April 2026

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	Team Leader - Community Safety and Safeguarding, MSDC
Suzy Downes	Community Transport Sussex (CTS)
Inspector Ben Fahey	Sussex Police
Katie Rabone	CEO, Community People
Daniel MacIntyre	West Sussex Public Health
Paul Scrivens	Love Local Jobs Foundation
Cllr Anne Eaves	Sussex Association of Town Councils
Ben Frier	Haywards Heath College
Nicky Dodds	Clarion Futures
The following three individuals only attended for Item 4:	
Suzie Mulhern	Brighton Housing Trust (BHT)
Jenny Edge	Brighton Housing Trust (BHT)
Lilibet Hill	NHS

Apologies:

Cllr Jackie Russell	Cabinet Member for Children and Families, WSCC
Mark Streater	Sussex Police Crime Commissioner
Nicola Walker	Sussex Police Crime Commissioner
Trevor Leggo	Mid Sussex Association of Local Councils
Robert Baker-Johnson	Fire and Rescue Service, WSCC

2. Minutes of the MSP Board Meeting 29th January 2026

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

3. Guest Speaker for Dare to Dream

Paul Scrivens, Love Local Jobs Foundation presented on how the Mid Sussex Partnership could 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.

PS confirmed that the students that undertake additional support are determined by the schools insight on individuals, and that they listen to schools in respect of including diversity within presentations.

The MSPB agreed to accept a funding application from LLJF for the Dare to Dream project to be delivered in secondary schools in Mid Sussex.

4. Guest Speaker for Mid Sussex Neighbourhood Mental Health Team (NMHT) and the new West Sussex Mental Health Service

Suzie Mulhern and Jenny Edge from Brighton Housing Trust (BHT) presented on the Mid Sussex Neighbourhood Mental Health Team (NMHT) and Lilibet Hill from the NHS presented on the new West Sussex Mental Health Service.

This is mainly an adult service however there are two workers for young people across West Sussex, working with 16-18-year-olds. There is a transition from the children's service to the adult's service via the Be Okay programme.

5. Question time in respect of the LCN Health Subgroup Quarter Four 2025-26

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 2026, 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 spend in Q4 by the LCN of £3,033. The LCN has an end balance of 2025/26 of £2,522.49.

6. Question time in respect of the Community Safety Subgroup Quarter Four 2025-26

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 2026, 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 £10,140. The CSS has an end balance of 2025/26 of £179.72.

7. Question time in respect of the Community Development Subgroup Quarter Four 2025-26

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 March 2026, where members discussed areas relevant to their remit.

The MSDC Community Development Team have completed the initial Brookleigh Resident Engagement Forum, and the initial Stakeholders Forum.

There was spend in Q4 by the CDS of £12,260. The CDS has an end balance of 2025/26 of - £2,193.78.

Board Decision – The MSP Board members agreed to pay the £2,193.78 overspend of the CDS out of the reserves, and that the CDS would start 2026/27 with £20,000.

8. MSP Projects and Budgets for Quarter Four – 2025-26 Year End.

Rebecca Hair (RH) updated all on the budget and spend to date. Q4 started with an available budget balance of £142,526. There has not been any additional income in Q4. In Q4 £46,158 was spent. The expenditure included: £8,532 to the Community Project Officer for Young People; £10,000 to the WSCC Think Futures programme; and £27,627 that the CSS; LCN; and CDS have granted to various projects.

The MSP has been allocated £50,000 from MSDC for 2026-2027 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 £96,368 is retained by the MSP for further spend in 2026/27.
- 2) Each subgroup retains their respective underspend and carry this forward to 2026/27.
- 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.

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

The priorities 2026/27 for each subgroup should be presented to the MSP Board in July 2026. The Strategic Intelligence Assessment (SIA) should be ready in time to be presented to the MSP Board in July 2026.

The next MSPB meetings are scheduled for:

- Thursday 9th July 2026.
- Thursday 22nd October 2026.
- Thursday 28th January 2027.

These are currently scheduled to be hybrid meetings.

RH has already sent Outlook Calendar invitations to these meetings.