

Report to: RLSP Executive

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Report Title: LSP Conference de-Brief

Date: 25 July 2018

- Recommendation:**
- 1) RLSP Executive to agree 3 Priorities for 2017-18:
 - a) Tackling Isolation & Loneliness
 - b) Supporting places and spaces where vulnerable people can get help
 - c) Delivering solutions for rough sleepers
 - 2) RLSP Executive to discuss and agree final version of Action Plan (Appendix 1) for 2018-19
 - 3) RLSP Executive to agree responses to questions raised at the conference
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1. Introduction

The Rother Local Strategic Partnership (RLSP) held its annual conference on 4th July 2018 at Bexhill Town Hall. The conference was well attended by partners across all sectors. A full list of attendees is attached at Appendix 2.

During 2017-18, the RLSP has focused on 3 housing related priorities:

- a) Increasing Housing Supply
- b) Improving Quality of Housing Stock
- c) Supporting Vulnerable Residents: Fire Safety, fuel poverty, falling/trip hazards, crime

This year's conference continued the housing related theme: *"Helping and enabling – vulnerable communities"*, with presentations from –

- Inspector Daniel Russell, Sussex Police (Scams)

- Paula Gorvett, Director of Localities and Primary Care - NHS Hastings & Rother Clinical Commissioning Group (The role partners in Locality Groups)
- Ruairi McCourt, Care & Support Programme Manager - Sussex Community Development Association; and Olli Jeffs, Manager - The Pelham (Health & Wellbeing Centres)
- Jo Rogers, Senior manager - BHT Fulfilling Lives (Multiple Complex Needs Project); and Joe Powell, Service Manager for Housing & Communities - Rother District Council (The role of partnerships in working with homelessness and people with complex issues)

Three discussion groups followed and a summary of these are provided in the next section of this report.

2. Conference Discussion

The conference was split into 3 discussion groups. Potential actions for the LSP from each group are highlighted below:

Discussion Group 1: Group 1: Health & Wellbeing Hubs – next steps

- Communications plan to spread the message about H&W centres to include GP surgeries screens, RDC MyAlerts, Customer interviews used on social media
- Consider community transport methods to reach older and isolated people
- Set up partner surgeries, including housing – options and solutions in one place with all organisations on one day

Group 2: Scams

- Encourage the use of respected methods of communication to make people aware of the types of scams in use. These should include weekly or Parish newsletters, RDC MyAlerts, police alerts, neighbourhood watch etc
- Encourage the sharing of information with partner agencies and community volunteers
- Make use of the scams video shown at the conference
- Encourage victims to talk about their experience
- Consider how data on vulnerable people can be used to protect them

Group 3: Partnership working to support homeless and vulnerable people

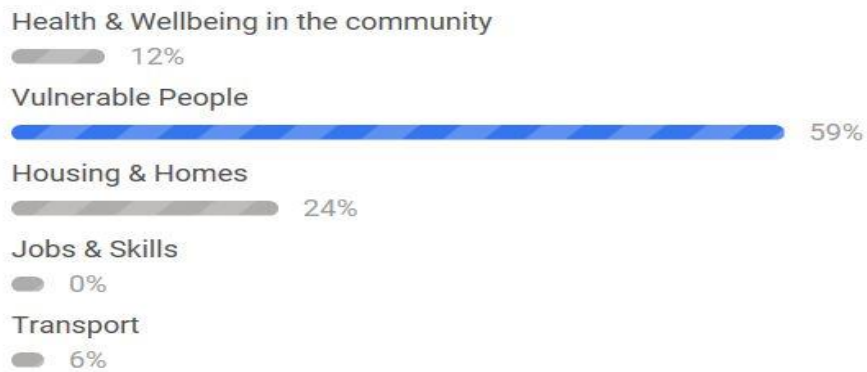
- Focus on the development of a winter shelter for street homeless
- Implementation of 'Housing First' units in Bexhill
- Key services working together to share knowledge

- Internet access to enable access to services rather than physically entering a place – to support those who are anxious about accessing services

3. Sli-do Poll Results

Sli-Do was used during the event to ask two questions via a poll. Details are set out below:

Strategically where does the RLSP need to focus?



Which vulnerable people should be a priority?



Social media was actively used during the day. Twitter posts and retweets data is set out below:

- 28 total tweets sent with the #RLSP18
- 23 from @RDCconsult and 5 from other people/orgs.
- 14 re-tweets on those 28 tweets.
- 60 likes on those 28 tweets

4. Proposed post-conference Action Plan

A suggested action plan is attached at Appendix 1. This sets out a set of proposed priorities for 2017-18, with some examples as to how the LSP might tackle each.

5. Conclusion

The RLSP conference provided all partners with the opportunity to have some input into decision making about the work of the RLSP over the coming year. A final action plan will provide executive members with a clear work plan for delivery during 2018-19 and will include an element of awareness-raising to ensure stakeholders, including local MPs and residents are aware of the issues being tackled by RLSP organisations as part of an ongoing, successful partnership.



DRAFT (Version 1)
Rother Local Strategic Partnership Action Plan
2018 – 2019
Helping and Enabling – Vulnerable Communities

Priority	Issue and outcome	Action	Lead Agency	Partnership Resources required	Update
1. Tackling Isolation & Loneliness	Issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scams • Mental health • Disengaged communities Outcome: tbd				
2. Supporting places and spaces where vulnerable people can get help	Issue: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited community assets (or limited access/knowledge) Outcome: Increase access to community places where vulnerable people can access advice and support	Eg: Asset mapping Gap identification Next steps - actions			
3. Delivering Solutions for Rough Sleepers	Issue: Increasing numbers of rough sleepers in Bexhill and across the rural areas of the Rother District Outcome: Provide sustainable solutions to reduce the numbers sleeping rough	EG: Support the development of a winter shelter for rough sleepers Support the delivery of 'Housing First' units in Bexhill	RDC/HUG Optivo	Involvement from all partners	

Confirmed Attendee Registration List

Name of Organisation	First Name	Last Name
Action in rural Sussex	Kim	Richards
Active Sussex	Anthony	Stratham
Battle & Villages Lions Club	Wendy	Cattaway
Bexhill Homelessness Unity Group (HUG)	Fr Richard	Tuset
Bexhill Homelessness Unity Group (HUG)	William	Bullin
Bexhill Job Centre Plus	Eamonn	Andrews
BHT Fulfilling Lives	Jo	Rogers
East Sussex Better Together	Michelle	Crouch
East Sussex County Council	Cllr Carl	Maynard
East Sussex County Council	Sarah	Feather
East Sussex County Council	Elaine	Bowdery
East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service	Julie	King
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Freedom Leisure	Paul	Norris
Hastings & Rother Disability Forum	Rosemary	Iddenden
Hastings & Rother Mediation Service	Alison	Rouncivell
Hastings & Rother Rainbow Alliance	Mary	Benton
Hastings & Rother Representation Centre	Mark	Webb
Hastings & Rother Transport Action Group	Cllr Ian	Hollidge
Heart of Sidley Project	Jocelyn	Tilbrook
Locality Links - Rural Rother	Jen	Wells
NHS Hastings & Rother CCG	Paula	Gorvett
Optivo	Vanessa	Biddiss
Optivo	Sharon	Bewley
Optivo	Romy	Rookwood
Rother District Citizens Advice Bureau	Hilary	Osimani
Rother District Council	Cllr Martin	Kenward
Rother District Council	Dr Anthony	Leonard
Rother District Council	Malcolm	Johnston
Rother District Council	Cllr Mrs Joy	Hughes
Rother District Council	Alison	Spring
Rother District Council	Joe	Powell
Rother District Council	Marie	Kennedy
Rother District Council	Cheryl	Poole
Rother District Council	Joanne	Wright
Rother District Council	Amy	Fearn

Rother District Council	Debbie	Peters
Rother District Council	Adrian	Gaylon
Rother Race Action Forum	Linda	Seddon
Rother Seniors Forum	Ron	Sunderland
Rother Voluntary Action	Martin	Fisher
Rother Voluntary Action	Jan	Cutting
Rother Voluntary Action	Luke	Sanderson
Rother Voluntary Action	Katy	Croft
Southdown Housing (Community Connectors)	Caroline	Castle
Southdown Housing (Community Connectors)	Richard	Baxendale
Sussex Business Board	Lord Brett	McLean
Sussex Community Development Association	Ruairi	McCourt
Sussex Police	Insp Daniel	Russell
The Pelham	Ollie	Jeffs
The Pelham	Pili	Lucas
Total x 51		
Market Place spaces x 9		