

**Minutes of the Core Strategy Group meeting held on
Thursday 7 February 2008,
Council Chamber, Eastbourne Town Hall.**

Present: Keith Hinkley, Director, Adult Social Care (Chair)
Sonia Warren, Domestic Violence, ESCC
Alan Sheppard, Hastings Borough Council
Geraldine O'Shea, Older People's Commissioning, ESCC
Mark Holton, Provider Representative
Mike Thompson, Provider Representative
Rebecca Simms, Lewes District Council
Ben Trowell, Eastbourne Borough Council
Candice Miller, Supporting People
Jason Mahoney, Hastings & Rother PCT
Pat Taylor, Eastbourne Borough Council
Jennie Perkins, Hastings Borough Council
Jenny Tuck, Commissioning, ASC, ESCC
Emma Marshall, Supporting People
Jaine Huntley, Commissioning, ASC, ESCC
Imran Yunus, Commissioning, ASC, ESCC
Marc Foinette, Wealden District Council
Ian Copeman, Housing and Support Services
Ian Gutsell, Finance, ASC, ESCC (pm only)

Apologies: Sue Dean, Interim Manager, Supporting People
Alison Dryden, Rother District Council
Ivan Rudd, Hastings and Rother PCT
Ian Fitzpatrick, Eastbourne Borough Council
John Scrace, Wealden District Council
Diets Verschuren, Mental Health, ASC, ESCC
Deborah Winterburn, Occupational Therapy, ESCC
Gill Barwick, Youth Offending Team, ESCC
Allan Jones, Probation Service
Debbie Endersby, Commissioning, ASC, ESCC
Phil Pragnall, Commissioning, ASC, ESCC

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1	Minutes of the last meeting The minutes of the meeting held on 14 December were read and approved.	
2	Purpose of the Day Keith Hinkley outlined the purpose of the day which was to discuss the Supporting People Commissioning Project and develop the commissioning model.	

	<p>The Governance plans and the move for more generic floating support has been endorsed by the Audit Commission as evidenced by our inspection outcome of “promising prospects”.</p> <p>The Core Strategy Group is now charged with the task of deciding how to move the model forward. The Supporting People Conference identified key issues regarding commissioning of services and feedback will be sent out to all participants. The object of the generic model is to allow support to be delivered to more people across East Sussex. There are splits between rural and urban services and there is a need to establish an equity of access to services. Proposals for the Commissioning Model will be taken to the Strategic Forum on 8 May and the consultation period will then commence for 12 weeks.</p> <p>Ian Copeman and Candice Miller presented the discussion document and outlined the questions which were to be discussed in two groups. The outcomes from the discussion groups will be fed into the extra Provider Forum meeting on the morning of 11 Feb and the Steering Group on the afternoon of 11 February. By the time of the next Strategic Forum on 6 March it is expected that a proposal which has broad consensus will be available. It was agreed that this was an acceptable form of process by members of the Core Strategy Group. The key questions for the discussion groups focus on “What does the proposal look like as a Service Model?” Options range from wholesale change to some modification.</p> <p>The CSG broke into two discussion groups to discuss the proposal document in depth. Outcomes and feedback are attached in a separate paper.</p> <p>As a result of the feedback session it was decided that further work needed to be carried out regarding finding a “formula” to help allocate resources. IC has knowledge of a similar formula which was used in a project in London. It was decided that this would be a good starting point and IC will research this and any other formulas which have been used to ascertain their suitability. A working group of the Core Strategy Group will be set up to look at this in detail.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Core Strategy Group meeting scheduled for the end of April would need to be moved to the middle of April to allow further discussion on the project . ES to find a date and venue and inform CSG members.</p>	<p>IC</p> <p>ES</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Other Business:</p> <p>Staying home, Living Well – Housing and Support Strategy for Older People and carers in Hastings and Rother 2007/2027.</p> <p>Geraldine O’Shea presented the paper on Staying Home, Living Well and asked the Core Strategy Group to approve the strategy and implementation of associated action plans.</p>	

	<p>The strategy and action plans set the strategic direction and highlight the key priorities in relation to housing and support services for older people and carers in Hastings and Rother, but also recognises that as we live in an ageing society the need to consider and plan for the future needs of all people in later life. There will also be future implications for capital and revenue investments.</p> <p>A key aim of the strategy is to promote partnership working between the statutory, independent and voluntary sectors to better utilise current resources, maximise access to financial resources to develop new services and ensure value for money.</p> <p>The strategy and action plans have been developed by the multi agency locality group comprising representatives from Adult Social Care, Hastings Borough Council and Rother District Council, the Supporting People Team, Hastings and Rother Primary Care Trust, the voluntary sector, independent sector, Hastings and Rother Seniors Forum and incorporates their priorities.</p> <p>The consultation period has now satisfactorily concluded. There has been support and a positive response from the majority of stakeholders for the vision and strategic direction of the Strategy.</p> <p>Conclusion: The Core Strategy Group approved the strategy and the implementation of associated action plans.</p> <p>Supporting People Inspection</p> <p>Emma Marshall presented a summary of the findings from the Audit Commission Inspection Report. The Supporting People Inspection took place in November last year and the final inspection report was published on 31 January 2008.</p> <p>The result was 1 star (fair) with promising prospects.</p> <p>The main strengths, areas that require improvement, reasons for promising prospects, and barriers to improvement are set out in the summary of findings (circulated).</p> <p>There were four main recommendations: Improve the quality of plans and strategies. Improve the approach to contract management. Improve the approach to performance management. Improve consultation on policy matters.</p> <p>The recommendations will be incorporated into the Supporting People Team Business Plan and Supporting People Commissioning Plan.</p>	
4	<p>Date of next meeting: PLEASE NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED. The meeting on 29 April has been cancelled.</p>	

<p>The next Core Strategy Group will be held on Monday 14 April 2008, 10.00 am till 12.00 noon, Council Chamber, Eastbourne Town Hall.</p>	
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