

Chichester District Council

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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Chichester in Partnership – Annual Report 2017-2018

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2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The committee is requested to review the progress achieved by Chichester in Partnership in 2017-18 and its Business Plan for 2018-19 and to make any recommendations it considers appropriate to the partnership.**

3. Background

- 3.1. Chichester in Partnership (CIP) was formed as a Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) in 2002. The Local Government Act 2000 placed a duty on local authorities to prepare a Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) to promote and improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of their areas, and contribute to the achievement of sustainable development. It was expected that this would happen through LSPs. In 2007 the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act considered Local Strategic Partnerships as the overarching partnership to bring together key themes and deliver the priorities in the Local Area Agreement and Sustainable Community Strategy. The “Creating Strong, Safe and Prosperous Communities Guidance” in 2008 also provided an impetus for working in Local Strategic Partnerships.
- 3.2. The statutory guidance (*Creating Strong, Safe and Prosperous Communities*) that governed LSP’s was rescinded by Government in 2012. Government also revoked the Duty to Involve and the Duty to Prepare a Sustainable Community Strategy in 2014, therefore there is no legal obligation for the Council to have an LSP or a Sustainable Community Strategy.
- 3.3. Although current government thinking may appear to place less emphasis on formalised local partnership arrangements, they still see collaboration and joint working as a key part of the national agenda on health reform, policing, and economic development. Support for the Localism and Devolution agenda remains. It is therefore considered good practice to maintain ways to encourage partner conversation and collaboration.
- 3.4. In recent years, CIP has become more focussed and productive with action plans and strategies, priorities developed and set, outcomes planned and projects delivered. The Partnership also incorporates what was the Healthy Chichester Partnership and covers local health issues. CIP enables work to happen on cross cutting issues that can be integrated into partner plans. With

the deep funding cuts that all partners face, there could be a tendency for partners to move away from the partnership to protect themselves. In other areas such as Horsham, Crawley, Havant and Gosport the LSPs have ceased or amalgamated with other partnerships. In Chichester the opposite is happening, partners are increasingly engaged and a growing amount of joint work is developing because of our commitment to partnership working.

4. Progress so far

4.1. Some of the successes for the partnership are set out below:

- **Choose Work** – This has been the first year of the new model of Choosework where they are helping Employment Support Allowance (ESA) clients who are further from the workplace than others. This year 125 clients were supported. 80% of clients have moved forward with their lives (they may still not be ready for work but they have made steps towards being ready for employment). 17 clients have been supported into employment or training. For the first time the Choose Work team have worked in schools and worked with 126 students on career and employability skills. They also held 5 engagement days with 85 people attending. A recent Cost Benefit analysis of this project showed that the overall financial return on the project was £12.49 for every £1 spent while the public value return on investment was £109.47 on every £1 spent.
- **Dementia Friendly Chichester** – CIP have continued to support the Dementia Alliance and find opportunities to train more Dementia Friends.
- **Helping residents with low-level mental health needs** – A continuation of the support for the “Time to Change” hub and meeting the pledge made. In partnership with Coastal West Sussex Mind, CIP have helped promote a number of Time to Change events.
- **Access to services** – In partnership with West Sussex County Council CIP have been identifying and working with a number of different community based groups to identify how best to support them. This work in future will be part of the Social Prescribing project (see below)
- **Community Assessment Framework** –CIP have completed Community Assessments on Tangmere and Petworth with positive feedback received from both. *“The community assessment is a good tool for the parish, it enables us to use appropriate and accurate data to provide evidence for some of the issues and challenges we face. Tangmere Action group (TAG) is working towards three strands: Identity, Projects and Events, which bring the village together. These strands have been identified as a way to better support and serve the community” Tangmere Parish Council.* Community Assessment guidance has also been developed and published on the CDC website.
<http://www.chichester.gov.uk/article/29177/Community-assessments>
- **Social Prescribing project** – a partnership has been developed with the two Local Community Networks (LCNs) and West Sussex County Council and funding sourced. The project will launch in June 2018 with four Community referrers working from the local surgeries in the district. Their role will be to help and support

patients who have more social, than medical needs. (e.g. linking them with local community groups)

- **Young People's services** – In partnership with Coastal West Sussex Mind CIP are funding a Youth Services Forum, to bring together all the different services that support young people, with the aim to reduce duplication, and encourage joint working on local youth issues.

4.2. Specific outcomes for the priorities are set out in the Chichester in Partnership Annual Report 17-18. (appendix 1)

5. Future of the Partnership - plans for 2018/19

5.1 With the structural changes within the Council being implemented it was felt a good time to do a light touch review of the Partnership to ensure that it was fit for purpose.

5.2 This has meant focussing the amount of work the Community Project and Partnerships Manager is leading on for the partnership. A partnership framework has been developed (appendix 2). The framework sets out the main projects for the partnership in the next year but also encompasses the work being delivered by other partners and partnerships. The main projects will be:

- Neighbourhoods – visual diagram of the project in Appendix 3 it will include Community Assessments, Community safety work and work in the local schools.
- Social Prescribing – the launch and initial delivery of this project, CIP will help with making links with communities and services and supporting community groups to develop their community based services.
- Choose Work – the continuation and development of the Choosework Project in line with the West Sussex County Council “Journey to Work” project.
- CIP will also look at developing a digital portal that will help communities, groups and services to connect with each other on different issues.

The CIP Business Plan is set out in Appendix 4.

6. Partners

6.1 The Partnership is linking work across the district and is allied to other partnerships within the area that are led by other organisations and have a particular focus, the work of these partnerships is cross cutting and feeds in to our priorities. A diagram of the partnerships can be found in Appendix 5.

6.2 Chichester District Council is the lead partner in CIP and is responsible for the overall running of the partnership historically CDC has taken the lead for a number of projects. In recent years, partner organisations including the Dementia Friendly, Time to Change and the Youth Services Forum are now leading more projects.

6.3 Chichester District Council is the lead accountable body for the partnership, and is therefore responsible for any funding that comes through the delivery of this action plan. For example, Chichester District Council is ultimately responsible

for the delivery of the Choose Work Coordinator posts and the Community referrers.

7. Consultation

7.1 Partner organisations consulted in the development of the Annual report and Business Plan:

- Department for Work and Pensions
- Sussex Police
- West Sussex Fire and Rescue service
- Voluntary Action Arun and Chichester
- Chichester Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Chichester College
- University of Chichester
- West Sussex County Council
- South Downs National Park
- Coastal West Sussex Mind
- Change Grow Live
- Arun & Chichester Citizens Advice
- Chichester Festival theatre
- Chichester Cathedral

8. Community impact and corporate risks

8.1. The work of the partnership encourages local organisations to work together to deliver on issues relevant to the local community. By working together they can share resources, avoid duplication and offer better value for money

9. Other Implications

Are there any implications for the following?		
	Yes	No
Crime & Disorder: Supports the work of Chichester Community Safety Partnership	✓	
Climate Change:		✓
Human Rights and Equality Impact: Partnership projects such as ChooseWork / Neighbourhoods are fully inclusive and have been highly successful at reaching minority and hard to reach groups.	✓	
Safeguarding: Partnership projects are developed to help the most vulnerable in society. The partnership supports the work of the CSP including its Child Sexual exploitation work.	✓	
Other (Please specify): eg Biodiversity		

10. Appendices

1. Chichester in Partnership Annual Report 2017-18
2. Partnership framework
3. Neighbourhoods Project
4. Chichester in Partnership Business Plan 2018-19

5. Partnerships Landscape diagram

11. Background papers

None