

# Chichester District Council - Annual Partnerships Report 2015

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<b>1. CHICHESTER IN PARTNERSHIP (CIP)</b>
<b>Partnership Description</b>
<p>CIP is an umbrella body, which brings together a wide range of organisations from the public, private, voluntary and community sectors within the district. Its original remit is to develop and deliver a Sustainable Community Strategy for the district.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Development &amp; Delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy for Chichester District.</li><li>• Being a network for local organisations.</li><li>• Dissemination of information to partners to enable better-coordinated working.</li><li>• The coordination, support and championing of local partnerships.</li><li>• Developing projects across the partnerships to provide multi agency solutions to local issues.</li><li>• Engaging elected members in partnership working.</li><li>• Coordination of local community engagement.</li></ul> <p>Priorities for the partnerships are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reducing Worklessness,</li><li>• Targeted support for communities in need</li><li>• Dementia Friendly Chichester</li><li>• Family Intervention.(Think Family)</li><li>• Helping those with Low level mental health needs</li></ul>
<b>Planned Outcomes 2015/2016</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Choosework to engage <b>120</b> customers from all working age benefits referred to the programme</li><li>• Chichester District Council offering at least <b>50</b> work experience placements to customers across all benefits who are not on Work Programme</li><li>• Recruiting <b>5</b> local businesses/organisations to offer a minimum of 2 work placements each</li><li>• Delivery of "ChooseWork Workshops" which offer a form of life coaching</li><li>• Increase the number of people in the district with qualifications</li><li>• Increase in the average wage salary</li><li>• At least 25% of those young people secure a permanent job at the end of their apprenticeship</li><li>• Create at least 15 traineeship opportunities</li><li>• CommunityWorks - Deliver 10 community projects a year, Upskill 150+ individuals through the project</li><li>• A wide range of people working in front facing roles and coming into contact with members of the public who could potentially have dementia or be a Carer are skilled and have confidence to support them</li><li>• A sustained programme of sponsorship and support 'in kind' is in place from local businesses and organisations for dementia projects.</li><li>• People with Dementia and their Carers are engaged in evolving a sustained programme of activities.</li><li>• Regular arts related activity in place for people with Dementia and their Carers.</li><li>• Delivery of Community Safety Action Plan</li></ul>
<b>Chichester District Council resources</b>
£1,000 per annum 70% of Partnerships officer time Desk space and management time of Work experience officer £30,000 invested into the ChooseWork project £5,000 invested into the SelseyWorks project £25,000 from CDC grant pot for Community Works programme
<b>Other resources</b>
£27,000 from DWP for extension Choose Work for a year.

28 hours of senior officer time from partner organisations  
£25,000 from Chichester College in Community Works programme

### **Reporting Lines**

CDC overview and scrutiny committee  
Wider LSP (AGM)

### **CDC priority link**

- Promote economic development
- Supporting Vulnerable people and Communities
- Use resources effectively and efficiently

### **Headline achievements 2014/15**

- In the past year our ChooseWork (work experience project) has engaged over a 100 people in meaningful dialogue, 45 people have been helped into a work experience placement. At least 14 (31%) customers into education, employment or training within 13 weeks of placement. At least 7 placements converted to jobs (or straight into paid work as a result of being part of Choose Work, with a further 2 awaiting confirmation of paid work). In partnership with the job centre information workshops have been set up as a way of engaging more people.
- ChooseWork has expanded, it now has two workers and they are holding workshops in the rural areas of the district.
- This year the GPIW strategy has been reviewed and published with a three year action plan
- Two major apprenticeship conferences (in January 2014 and January 2015) have been organised in conjunction with a number partners involved with the GPIW Strategy
- 25 families have been supported through the Think family Worker
- From February to September 2014 SelseyWorks has had 381 clients, 45% of these come in asking for help in returning to work, 14% Benefits advice, 19% other including housing, form filling and food vouchers. So far 30 people have been helped into work and 13 self employed businesses have been set up due to the support that Selseyworks offers
- Community Works project, and employment project led by Chichester College has completed on 10 different community projects
- Dementia Action plan has been developed and will be delivered in 2015-16
- For the first time, the partnership held a "showcase" event for our partners. The purpose of the event was to help frontline workers gain knowledge in what services and projects are in the district that they can refer their clients to and help local services promote what they do and how they can help. The event was a great success with feedback from partners being very positive.

### **Risk Assessment**

- Risk of partners such as West Sussex County Council not becoming fully engaged with projects, thus leading to failure.
- Internal reorganisation with partners can cause ramifications on partner relations.
- Lack of funding to complete projects.
- Lack of revenue funding for projects.

## **2. CHICHESTER DISTRICT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

### **Partnership Description**

A statutory requirement under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to form a strategic Partnership that brings together partners to have a coherent approach to community safety.

**Planned Outcomes 2015/2016**

- Domestic abuse awareness raised amongst young people
- Reducing the number of repeat victims of ASB
- To work with families causing harm to communities per year (Think Family Project)
- To improve the quality of life in specific identified neighbourhoods (Think Family Neighbourhoods project )
- Reduction in overall ASB
- Ensure that number of burglaries does not increase
- Ensure that number of theft from/ of vehicles incidents does not increase and seek to reduce.
- Ensure that number of cycles stolen does not increase and seek to reduce

**Chichester District Council resources**

90 hours officer time

**Other resources**

£42,295 – police crime commissioner

Officer time from other organisations

**Reporting Lines**

Chichester in Partnership &amp; CDC Overview and Scrutiny Committee

**CDC priority link**

- Supporting Vulnerable people and Communities
- Use resources effectively and efficiently

**Headline achievements 2014/15****Rural crime**

Beauty spot car park thefts tend to rise during the Spring and Summer months and in preparation 2 overt CCTV cameras were purchased by the JAG. These have been deployed in car parks where historic peaks of vehicle breaks have occurred. In quarter 1 this year we have had 2 less vehicle breaks and an overall reduction of 24% on the rolling year. Social media has played a big part in crime prevention messaging and the use of twitter by Sussex Police and CDC has been very useful in providing real time alerts and reminders to those residents out and about. Stickers to place on vehicle windscreens which state “no valuables left in this vehicle “have also been purchased by JAG.

**Hate Crime**

It was brought to the attention of JAG that there had been a disproportionate number of taxi drivers in the District who were reporting being the victim of racist incidents. A small task and finish group was set up involving the Community Interventions Manager at CDC, the ASB and Hate crime Co-ordinator, NPT Inspector and the Licencing Officer at CDC responsible for taxi licencing. Each incident was discussed and assessed. They were all related to customers who racially abused the taxi driver and often the passengers were intoxicated. It was decided to tackle this issue initially by way of an e-mail to all taxi drivers licenced by CDC to inform them of what constituted a hate crime, how to report a hate crime and what the response would be. It was felt there had probably been other incidents that had gone un-reported and the drivers were encouraged to report to Sussex Police with the assurance that any report would be thoroughly investigated and hate crime would not be tolerated. It was felt this response was sufficient in the short term with longer term plans to research preventative measures such as recording equipment and in cab CCTV.

**Beauty spot car park thefts**

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in place a suspect from out of area was quickly identified, arrested and charged with numerous offences.

### **Killed and seriously injured (KSI's)**

JAG has set up a task and finish group to look at KSI's and casualty reduction as it was evident the Road Safety Action Group (RSAG) was no longer meeting in our area. We have had two meetings and although the data does not show any particular trends, young drivers still tend to be the main focus for casualty reduction. The group are looking to run speed operations in areas where speeding has been a longstanding issue on an NMP agenda and seek to prove or disprove the scale of the problem. We are also looking to raise awareness of the dangers of mobility scooters and promote their safe and legal use by working with retailers by promoting the Safer Roads Partnership booklet.

### **Community Tensions**

A high density student house area in Chichester was coming to attention in two ways, residents were complaining about noisy parties and rowdy behaviour coming from student properties and a number of student vehicles had been damaged. Community tensions were heightened and there was an underlying suspicion that it was a disgruntled resident who had caused the damage to the vehicles. The issue was raised at a multi- agency meeting and we decided to think slightly more creatively and see if there was any merit in trying to bring the two groups together. The University agreed we could hold a "meet you neighbour " event up at the University bar and they would supply tea and coffee. I supplied the cake ! Despite it being a drizzly damp day we had over 30 residents and students turn up for the event which was run by myself and the PCSO for the area. Things started off a little strained and the divide between the two groups was evident , however with some encouragement people started to engage with one another and very quickly it was clear they had many more things in common that they had thought. Students who were living in substandard accommodation were able to share their experience and residents were able to relay their frustration at the noise levels especially those with young children or early starts in the morning. Neighbours spoke for the first time ever and realised they could share skills and equipment to manage over grown gardens. The event was successful in bringing people together , changing the perceptions they had of each other and realising they all had a part to play in their community. Since the event in October there have been no further incidents reported in the area and we are planning more in the future.

### **School project (Think Family Neighbourhoods)**

As part of the Think Family Neighbourhoods work we have engaged local primary schools in a project called "Ideas into action", the project is targeted at year 6 pupils and asks them to look at their local area and think of something they would like to change , improve or do to support their community. They then form a political party and draw up a manifesto. The first school we ran this with was Portfield Academy in Chichester East and area which has a relatively high level of deprivation. The children engaged extremely well with the project and a number of very good ideas came out of it including , feeding the poor, improving accessibility for the disabled, helping the elderly, community garden and wildlife projects. It was decided to bring the ideas to the Joint Action Group (JAG) and get partner support to move the project from ideas into actions. Contacts were given and so far we have planted trees in a local park, the children have engaged with the local foodbank, had a presentation on dementia and the needs of the elderly and are speaking to Highways about drop kerbs. We are building on this work with Portfield academy and starting again in Tangmere and Kingsham Primary schools

### **Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)**

The JAG decided to set up a task and finish group to look at CSE and it was agreed that the existing Human Trafficking group would be best placed to do this work due to overlap of issues. The group is established and an action plan has been developed which will evolve over time



CSE Action Plan.docx

**Risk Assessment**

- Loss of funding through Police crime Commissioner decision
- Lack of engagement by partners into delivery of projects
- Public pressure on partnership to take action over issues they have no funding for.

**3. MANHOOD PENINSULAR PARTNERSHIP****Partnership Description**

The MPP was formed over 13 years ago as a standing forum for local strategic issues. This multi-agency and community group has initiated and facilitated many initiatives in recent years by attracting funding to the area from the EU, DEFRA, RSPB and other sources. These include: land drainage studies, Medmerry coastal realignment, a Destination Management Plan and various tourism and economic initiatives in line with the Integrated Coastal Zone Management strategy. The MPP has achieved national and international recognition.

Its aims are to raise the profile of environmental, social and economic challenges facing the Peninsula, seeking solutions by collaborative working and undertaking key projects to promote inter-sectoral integration through improved understanding between stakeholders.

The Partnership is a low cost way for CDC to act as an exemplar for localism and community engagement. The contribution is £5,000 a year and the "hosting" of the MPP Project Officer post. The partnership reinforces the District Council commitment to coastal adaptation and the protection of the Peninsula's special environment to enhance community viability and the economy.

**Planned Outcomes 2015/2016****Selsey Haven**

A sub group of the MPP, the Selsey Haven Working Group, has submitted a bid for Coastal Communities Team status to undertake the feasibility study for a small harbour or haven at Selsey. The construction of a small harbour will generate economic opportunities for the town bringing benefits to the fishing industry, recreational boat users while protecting the local area from sea flooding during stormy weather. It will reenergise the traditional small boat fishing industry at Selsey by providing protection from bad weather and improving fisherman's safety by providing a place to unload the catch easily and safely. Visitor safety will be improved by eliminated winch wires and other working activities on the beach. It will boost the economy by creating a destination point for tourism with potential for associated commercial outlets e.g. fish market, fish restaurants, harbour café etc. A harbour wall will improve coast protection extending the life of the existing seawall, thereby reducing maintenance/replacement costs. Outcomes of the feasibility study are to establish local commitment to the concept and produce a scoping document including a tender/ funding specification for future bids for European funding.

**Green Links Across the Manhood (GLAM)**

Development of green links to support sustainable transport accessing key conurbations and other areas of the Manhood e.g. tourist attractions such as the harbours, thereby reducing congestion, offering tourist opportunities and improve travel times.

**Network Events**

Support business growth through the integration of the economic and environmental benefits of the uniqueness of the Manhood and the realignment and increase the potential for inward investment into the area by hosting 2 network events for local businesses - A Sea and Salad Fair and a Food Trail

**Completion of the Selsey Rain Garden Project**

The Rain Garden project was secured through bidding to Operation Watershed. It is a showpiece sustainable drainage system (SUD) for land drainage in areas prone to flooding following heavy rain. On completion of the rain garden, workshops will be run to engage and educate the community about soft engineered solutions to the surface water problem on the Peninsula.

**Standing Conference**

Ensure sustainable development of the peninsula for the benefit of future generations and consider long-term issues through improved coordination, communication and understanding between those involved in the Manhood Peninsula and by providing a platform for dialogue between the agencies and local communities enabling integration of strategic issues as per the MPP Terms of Reference.

**Chichester District Council resources**

£5000 contribution to fund the part time MPP Project Officer. The Project Officer is leading the Selsey Haven sub group and also coordinates and administers the other MPP planned objectives outlined above. The MPP work supports the work of the Economic Development team in particular the support for the fishing industry in Selsey through the Selsey Haven Project.

**Other resources**

The MPP's other funding partners are West Sussex County Council (WSCC) £5,000 per annum and the Environment Agency (EA) £7,000 per annum (ends March 2016). WSCC has yet to confirm funding for 2016/17 but has cited the value of being able to liaise with community representatives first hand, and that Operation Watershed, parish surface water management plans and work to improve local resilience to flooding have all benefited from MPP membership.

**Reporting Lines**

Project Officer currently reports to the Environment Manager in Housing and Environment Services, however she works in close association with Economic Development Team.

**CDC priority link**

Use resources effectively and efficiently  
Protect and maintain our natural and built environments.

**Headline achievements 2014/15**

The key outcomes from 2014/15 are as follows;

**Network Events** - In November 2014, the MPP hosted a second economic workshop looking at tourism which attracted 43 Manhood businesses and 64 attendees. This type of initiative benefits the community, local businesses and local agencies through improved understanding of the significance and benefits of the Medmerry realignment scheme. The MPP continues to work on the integration of economic and environmental benefits that can arise from this scheme and from sustainable transport routes across the Peninsula.

**Rain Garden Project (SUDS), Selsey**

The MPP bid successfully to Operation Watershed on behalf of Selsey Town Council for one Rain Garden, a sustainable drainage system. The rain garden will be delivered in 2015.

**GLAM Project** – Green Links across the Manhood, sustainable transport opportunities between main towns across the Peninsula.

**Standing Conference** - Facilitated 4 partnership meetings to ensure joined up working on issues key to the Peninsula.

**Risk Assessment**

Future plans dependent on funding opportunities and successful funding applications.  
Community inspired partnership – withdrawal from the partnership could have a detrimental impact on community relations

#### 4. COASTAL WEST SUSSEX AND GREATER BRIGHTON STRATEGIC PLANNING BOARD

**Partnership Description**

Local authorities are required by law through the Duty to Co-operate to '*engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis*' on planning matters that impact on more than one local planning area.

The Coastal West Sussex and Greater Brighton Strategic Planning Board is a grouping of local planning authorities within the coastal West Sussex area responsible for identifying cross boundary strategic planning issues and agreeing how these should be prioritised and managed. The Board operates on the basis of a memorandum of understanding agreed by the constituent authorities. The Board is an advisory body and so decisions on taking forward its work programme remain the responsibility of the individual local authorities.

<b>Planned Outcomes 2015/2016</b>
Increased likelihood that draft Local Plans prepared by the constituent local planning authorities will be found sound and can be adopted. Refresh of local strategic statement setting out the Board's planned work.
<b>Chichester District Council resources</b>
Officer and member time to attend Board (and officer Group) meetings.
<b>Other resources</b>
Agreed shared funding costs to resource the Board's work programme where appropriate.
<b>Reporting Lines</b>
Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning and Head of Planning Services attend Board meetings Planning Policy, Conservation and Design Service Manager attends Officer Group meetings
<b>CDC priority link</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve the provision of and access to suitable housing.</li> <li>• Support our communities.</li> <li>• Manage our built and natural environments.</li> <li>• Improve and support the local economy.</li> </ul>
<b>Headline achievements 2014/15</b>
The work of the Board has been used to help demonstrate compliance with the Duty to Co-operate on cross boundary strategic planning issues. The draft Chichester Local Plan has recently been found sound by the Local Plan Inspector who commented that: <i>'It is evident from the Council's 2014 Duty to Cooperate (DTC) Statement that the Plan has been developed through joint working with Local Planning Authorities in the Coastal West Sussex and Greater Brighton (CWS &amp; GB) area'</i> . This significant milestone means that the Local Plan can now be adopted by the Council and be used as part of the development plan to make decisions on planning applications.
<b>Risk Assessment</b>
Risk of failing to meet Duty to Co-operate – therefore local plan (and other relevant development plan documents) being found unsound and delay to adoption of Local Plan. Risk of unplanned speculative housing schemes being allowed on appeal.

<b>5. SOLENT RECREATION MITIGATION PARTNERSHIP</b>
<b>Partnership Description</b>
The Solent is internationally important for its wildlife interest and there are various protective designations including three Special Protection Areas (SPAs). A substantial amount of house building is planned around the Solent and this could have potential impacts on the SPAs. One of which is increased recreational activity at the coast resulting from population increases associated with the new homes. Such disturbance reduces the birds' opportunities to feed, potentially resulting in a reduction in the bird population. In order to comply with the Habitat Regulations and ensure that potential harm to the integrity of the protected habitats is mitigated, Chichester District Council has entered in to a partnership with the other local planning authorities around the Solent to deliver a strategic mitigation package.
<b>Planned Outcomes 2015/2016</b>
Residential development can continue to be granted planning permission and comply with the Habitat Regulations.
<b>Chichester District Council resources</b>
Officer time to attend officer steering group and project board meetings.
<b>Other resources</b>
The collection of £174 per dwelling granted planning permission.
<b>Reporting Lines</b>
Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing and the Planning Policy, Conservation and Design Service Manager to attend Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) Planning and Infrastructure Panel meetings. Planning Policy, Conservation and Design Service Manager to attend Solent Recreation Mitigation

Partnership Project Board. The Leader and Chief Executive (or their nominated substitutes) represent CDC at the PUSH Joint Committee. Cabinet approves the Authority's Monitoring Report each year which will report on this issue.
<b>CDC priority link</b>
Improve the provision of and access to housing. Manage our built and natural environments.
<b>Headline achievements 2014/15</b>
Interim Strategy agreed by PUSH Joint Committee and CDC Cabinet.
<b>Risk Assessment</b>
Risk of challenge through appeals and lack of Inspector support. Risk that harm to protected sites still occurs as mitigation insufficient

## 6. SUSSEX AIR QUALITY PARTNERSHIP

### Partnership Description

Improving air quality is a statutory duty for local authorities. The aim of the partnership is to improve the expertise and knowledge base for officers and to communicate air quality issues or initiatives in Sussex to the public. The partnership membership includes all local authorities in Sussex (East and West) including the county councils, the Environment Agency, University of Brighton and King's College London (Environmental Research Group). The group reports to the Chief Environmental Health Officers' (CEHOs') Group and one CEHO sits on the group.

### Planned Outcomes 2014/2015

#### Air quality initiatives and projects.

1. Continued support for Sussex authorities regarding LAQM<sup>1</sup> – Review and Assessments and Detailed Assessments in support of local Action Plans and consultations.
2. Managed the Sussex Air Quality Network contract.
3. Continue to support Rye and the Sussex mobile AQMS<sup>2</sup> on behalf of Sussex authorities.
4. Managed and developed the airAlert service for Sussex.
5. Provided airAlert to Southampton, East & West Surrey plus Sevenoaks/Dartford with Eastleigh and Herts & Beds to potentially join.
6. Supported authorities with planning application consultations (air quality).
7. Provided presentation/training at:
8. University of Brighton, Medical School – Masters course in Public Health Sussex-air meetings.
9. Attended meetings/seminars/conferences regarding air quality including: PHE – member of Air Quality and Health expert group (Developing (UK wide) PHE business plan (2015-20). EPUK – annual meetings and member on the Air Quality Committee. DEFRA – regular Air Quality Co-ordinators meeting.

#### **Chichester District Council resources**

Subs are £4500/authority/year.

There are eight meetings per year of approx. half a day duration each with some time spent providing support to the project development officer.

#### **Other resources**

Every local authority in East and West Sussex (including the counties and Brighton and Hove) and the Environment Agency all pay £4500 each.

#### **Reporting Lines**

Portfolio Holder and Head of Service.

#### **CDC priority link**

- Support our communities.
- Manage our built and natural environments.

#### **Headline achievements 2013/14**

<sup>1</sup> Local Air Quality Management regime.

<sup>2</sup> Air Quality Monitoring Station.a



1. Developed and delivering the eV South East Network project 2013-15 (£2.4mill DfT/OLEV grant) with partners across SE of England (Sussex, Surrey and Kent). Network known as Energise <http://www.energisenetwork.co.uk/>
2. Submission of paper to Public Health East Sussex and West Sussex Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for PHE air pollution indicator to be incorporated.
3. Implemented Sussex Air Quality and Emissions Mitigation Guidance for Sussex planning and transport authorities.
4. Delivered airAlert and coldAlert services across Sussex for respiratory vulnerable individuals, 650 and 350 recipients respectively.
5. Joint bid for OLEV Low Emission Bus Grant. Initial meeting held (March 2015) Stagecoach, A E Dennis and Ricaro present.

**Risk Assessment**

No major risks to CDC, makes a financial saving on a statutory duty we have to deliver.

**7. SAFER WEST SUSSEX PARTNERSHIP**

**Partnership Description**

The Safer West Sussex Partnership (SWSP) is a statutory group formed as a result of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. This Act also led to the creation of Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) in each district and borough in West Sussex.

SWSP brings together these six CSPs along with other key agencies to provide a coordinated approach to reducing crime and anti-social behavior in West Sussex.

The group is structured to provide accountability and strategic direction. There is an Executive Board, a CSP Chairs group and a Performance Management Group. CSPs are represented at all levels of governance.

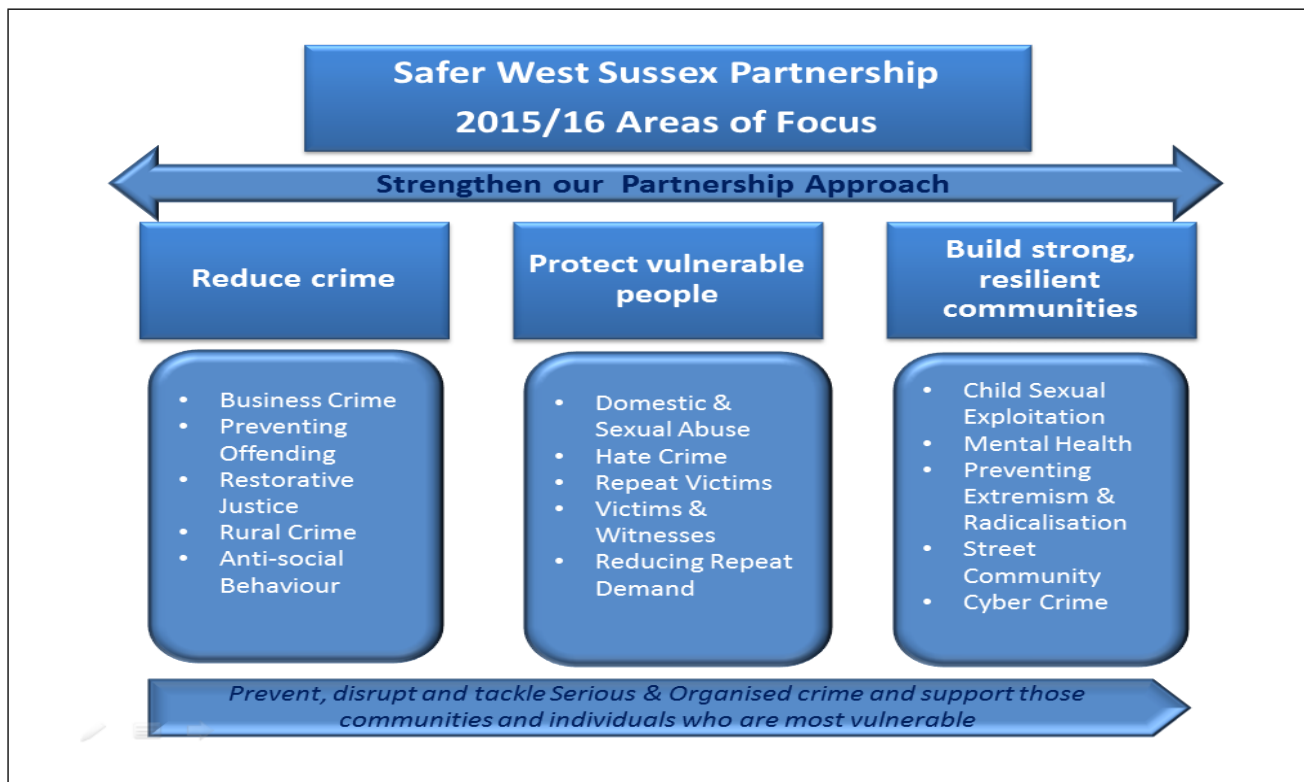
Every year SWSP produces a Strategic Intelligence Assessment and County Community Safety Agreement to help inform the strategic direction of the partnership and the high-level priorities for the year ahead.

**Planned Outcomes 2015/2016**

The Safer West Sussex Partnership carried out an extensive Strategic Intelligence Assessment in order to identify its work-streams for 2015-16. These work-streams are contained within three key areas of focus and are informed by national, regional and local intelligence and data. They are also designed to align closely with the Sussex Police & Crime Plan.

Underpinning all of the work-streams is an emphasis on strengthening the partnership approach, demonstrating a commitment from the SWSP to continue to develop more effective methods of working together, particularly where there are identified gaps, scope to innovate or widen the contribution that agencies and organisations can make and opportunities to make efficiency savings.

In previous years the SWSP has focused on the delivery of identified priorities with associated action plans. This year, recognising that for some agencies and organisations many of the work-streams included in the areas of focus are regarded as 'business as usual', the partnership will seek to clarify the added value that multi-agency working brings. This added value will be reflected in the action plans attached to each area of focus in order that partners more clearly understand their role in the delivery of outcomes. The table below provides more information:



**CDC Officer Hours**

18 hours of officer time

**Other resources**

Partnership administration is resourced by West Sussex County Council  
Funding is drawn down from the Police & Crime Commissioner

**Reporting Lines**

SWSP Executive Board  
Police and Crime Commissioner

**CDC priority link**

- Use resources effectively and efficiently

**Headline achievements 2014/15**

Community Safety Partnerships throughout West Sussex have continued to adapt and change during the past few years. The reduction in budgets, national and local organisational restructures and additional responsibilities imposed through emerging legislation have all had an effect. Moreover, there are a number of emerging national agendas that will continue to affect the delivery of the crime and criminal justice agenda in the coming months and years. Nevertheless, the partnership remains strongly committed to its core objectives to make West Sussex safe.

A number of achievements have been made this year; covering a wide range of subject areas. In relation to Business Crime; the partnership has worked with Sussex Police, Trading Standards, Business Crime Reduction Partnerships and the Federation of Small Business to encourage to businesses throughout the county to promote a zero tolerance approach to retail theft. The partnership has also provided target hardening advice to a number of small to medium businesses in line with the ongoing commitment to support businesses and help make West Sussex economically prosperous.

A series of workshops and focus groups were run this year targeting some of the hard to reach groups within the county. These included sessions dedicated to rural crime and reducing vulnerability. Some key information and community intelligence was gathered at these invaluable events which have been used to help inform the strategic areas of focus for the year ahead.

The partnership continues to support a wide range of initiatives from property marking schemes, through to dedicated support for older people at risk from mass marketing fraud. This year the partnership has been heavily involved in developing a multi-agency action plan to address cyber-crime. This has been achieved with Surrey & Sussex Police's specialist Cyber Crime team and includes work to establish a calendar of events or awareness raising opportunities supported by

Get Safe Online.

SWSP partners, specifically the District and Borough CSPs and Sussex Police have worked together with the Office of the Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner during the last 12 months to formulate a pan-Sussex approach to new ASB powers such as the Community Trigger; which is incorporated within new legislation. Local variations are in place but the approach is broadly the same to ensure that victims receive a consistent response wherever they are in West Sussex.

Going forward; the impetus remains on reducing crime and vulnerability; engaging with wider partnerships and working hard to make those people who live, work or visit the county feel safe and confident in West Sussex. This will include some new areas of work to address a range of issues such as Child Sexual Exploitation, preventing extremism and radicalisation and to reduce repeat demand on all our services.

#### **Risk Assessment**

Minimum of risk to Chichester District Council as it is a statutory partnership that we have to attend.

## **8. WEST SUSSEX RURAL PARTNERSHIP**

### **Partnership Description**

The Rural Partnership in its present format and membership has been operating for just under 5 years. It meets 3 times a year and has reporting mechanisms to West Sussex County Council, to Coast to Capital,(C2C) and to regional and national rural forums and boards reporting to both DEFRA and the Rural Minister.

Its key economy panel meets a further 3 times per year (minimum)

It has appointed a paid part-time director who commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014

Its format has developed and repositioned towards a stronger economy focus, putting people at the heart of regeneration and working across traditional boundaries to form the foundations for investment. In particular it is a key partner in designing and contributing to our Local Enterprise Partnership's Strategic Economic Plan, and for assisting the delivery of relevant projects in the RWSP area

### **Planned Outcomes 2015/2016**

- Improved alignment with Coast to Capital and with partner's individual economic strategies.
- Input into C2C's Strategic Economic Plan for 2016-17
- Implementation of new economic action plan:
  - Drive access to superfast (and ideally ultrafast) broadband across rural areas
  - Targeted support to help businesses embrace and exploit access to broadband
  - Key infrastructure such as mobile phone signal, power provision (3-phase) are available
  - Engagement with C2C ESIF programme across ESF, ERDF & specifically EAFRD
  - Engagement with C2C SEP and local growth fund/deal programme
  - Ensure local, county, regional/LEP business support schemes are 'rural proofed'
  - Engagement with Sussex LEADER programme 2015 onwards
  - Rural employment land is protected against residential development pressures
  - Developing linkages with FE and HE providers on skills, training and employment
  - Size and breadth of rural economy (beyond core agri-business) is promoted
  - Growth sectors, concentrations and clusters by the C2C team within RWSP are identified and promoted
  - Engagement with neighbouring rural areas

### **Chichester District Council resources**

£5000 a year. Officer time equating to 8 day per annum

### **Other resources**

£5000+ contributions from other districts, SDNPA and West Sussex County Council.

Officer time from other partner organisations

Part-time director

<b>Reporting Lines</b>
Members of the Stakeholder Funding Group The senior officers that make up the Rural Economy Group Indirect link to Coast to Capital LEP
<b>CDC priority link</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote economic development</li> <li>• Use resources effectively and efficiently</li> <li>• Protect and maintain our natural and built environments</li> <li>• Collaboration on projects and activity that has a larger than local impact</li> </ul>
<b>Headline achievements 2013/14</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation and implementation of new economic action plan</li> <li>• Intervention on significant issues with access to superfast broadband in rural areas</li> <li>• Research into the needs of Home Based Businesses (HBB)</li> <li>• Realignment of partnership priorities to that of the Coast to Capital LEP and partner's individual economic strategies.</li> <li>• Input into C2C's Strategic Economic Plan 2015-16</li> </ul>
<b>Risk Assessment</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possible duplication of work of Chichester in Partnership</li> <li>• Risk of missing out on opportunities that benefit the district if we are not involved.</li> </ul>

<b>9. WEST SUSSEX WASTE PARTNERSHIP</b>
<b>Partnership Description</b>
The partnership is delivered through two inter-related groups; the Member led Inter Authority Waste Group (IAWG) and the Strategic Waste Officers Group (SWOG). The aims are reduced municipal waste landfilled, improved services and infrastructure facilities, greater waste minimisation, recycling and waste awareness.
<b>Planned Outcomes 2015/2016</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To update the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between WSCC, the Waste Disposal Authority (WDA) and the districts and boroughs, the Waste Collection Authorities (WCAs). The purpose of the MoU is to clarify the aims, objectives and commitments of the WCAs and WDA to ensure that the respective activities provide Best Value in discharging their relevant responsibilities under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (EPA) and the Refuse Disposal (Amenity) Act 1978 and other relevant Wastes Management Legislation.</li> <li>• To revise the Recycling Support System (ex-recycling credits) between the WCAs and WDA</li> <li>• When a suitable technical, economic or environmental trigger requires, to review waste collection methods to ensure that the Council remains compliant with the Amended Waste Regulations 2012 (TEEP) in respect of separate recycle collections.</li> <li>• To work with the WCAs and WDA to propose additional recycling initiatives with the aim of achieving the EU target to recycle 50% of household waste by 2020.</li> <li>• Continue with the standardisation of the branding and content of waste and recycling communications across the county to improve awareness and understanding, and reduce confusion.</li> <li>• Continue to improve the quality of materials collected and processed through the Ford MRF to reduce wastage and improve materials sales markets and income.</li> <li>• Increase awareness of sustainable waste management and recycling in schools through the Wastebuster programme.</li> </ul>
<b>Chichester District Council resources</b>
Officer 400 hrs per annum. Members 25 hours per annum
<b>Other resources</b>
Officer time from other councils
<b>Reporting Lines</b>

Portfolio member
<b>CDC priority link</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use resources effectively and efficiently</li> <li>• Protect and maintain our natural and built environments.</li> </ul>
<b>Headline achievements 2014/15</b>
<p>The partnership worked on a project to investigate the collection methods operated within the county in relation to the requirements of the Amended Waste Regulations. A full assessment was carried out for CDC, where it was demonstrated that the current system was TEEP compliant. Separation of additional recycling waste streams have been introduced at the Ford Materials Recycling Facility and residents can now recycle domestic mixed plastics (pots, tubs and trays). Continued improvement in the quality of recyclate collected, and consequent reduction in loads rejected at the waste transfer station.</p> <p>A new county-wide contract was tendered and let for the disposal of clinical waste.</p> <p>Greater take up of the schools Wastebuster programme.</p> <p>Past outcomes include provision of mixed recycling collections to domestic premises, construction and operation of Ford Materials Recycling Facility, improvements to household waste recycling sites, provision of waste transfer sites, awarding of joint abandoned vehicle collection and disposal contracts, clinical waste disposal contracts, recycling and waste handling and processing contract, and treatment of residual waste contract. This latter contract is providing for the construction of mechanical and biological treatment and anaerobic digestion facilities, which is due to become operational in 2014.</p> <p>All of these have contributed to the improvement and delivery of more effective and cost efficient services whilst achieving substantial improvements in recycling, waste minimisation and landfill reduction.</p>
<b>Risk Assessment</b>
<p>For waste disposal facilities and joint contractual issues, minimal risk to Chichester District Council as West Sussex County Council is lead partner and main investor.</p> <p>There is a potential risk that a future Amended Waste Regulations TEEP assessment may require separate recycling material collections. When the assessment was carried out during autumn 2014, it suggested that separate collections could cost CDC an additional £700,000 pa</p> <p>There is a potential risk that the EU may apply fines to any council not achieving the 50% recycling target by 2020.</p>

<b>10. COASTAL WEST SUSSEX</b>
<b>Partnership Description</b>
<p>Coastal West Sussex is a public / private sector partnership that have joined together to champion the sustainable development of the coastal communities. Putting people and business at the heart of regeneration and working across traditional boundaries the partnership is forming the foundations for investment. In particular it is a key partner in designing and contributing to our Local Enterprise Partnership's Strategic Economic Plan, managing the CWS and Greater Brighton Strategic Planning Board and for initiating and assisting the delivery of relevant projects in the CWS area</p>
<b>Planned Outcomes 2015/2016</b>
<p>The Board will use its collaborative strength to influence, lobby and coordinate partners to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand and strengthen business supply chains and networks</li> <li>• Match Skills to Business Needs</li> <li>• Promote the CWS area, and work with Coast to Capital to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Secure investment to develop commercial property and support the regeneration of town centres</li> <li>2. Improve transport and communications infrastructure</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Improve Coastal West Sussex's attractiveness to investors</li> <li>• Development of the Visitor Economy</li> </ul>
<b>Chichester District Council resources</b>
£5000 a year.

8 days of senior officer time
<b>Other resources</b>
£66,000 in total from the other coastal authorities and WSCC Officer time from other partner organisations Part-time director ad hoc administrative support when it can be found
<b>Reporting Lines</b>
The CE's and senior officers that make up the CWS Management Group Indirect link to the Coast to Capital LEP
<b>CDC priority link</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote economic development</li> <li>• Use resources effectively and efficiently</li> <li>• Strategic Planning Board</li> <li>• Collaboration on projects and activity that has a larger than local impact</li> </ul>
<b>Headline achievements 2014/15</b>
<p>Establishment of a Strategic Planning Board and delivery of the 'Local Strategic Statement' to assist in fulfilling local authorities Duty to Cooperate. (This received a RTPPI award for innovation in planning).</p> <p>Working with Coast to Capital to secure £40m into the CWS area, from the Local Growth Fund under the SEP</p> <p>Creation of Enterprise Bognor Regis and securing its local development order</p> <p>Headline Achievements for 2014-15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued development of the Strategic Planning Board which is now supported by 9 Local Planning Authorities including Chichester</li> <li>• Restructure of the governance arrangements to bring in more business people</li> <li>• Produced and agreed a joint position statement on expansion at Gatwick Airport that was supported by evidence</li> <li>• Continued to focus and champion the delivery of enterprise activities in education</li> <li>• Commissioned and launched CoastalWestSussexjobs.com and Pathway, an IAG website for CWS</li> </ul>
<b>Risk Assessment</b>
<p>Minimum of risk to Chichester District Council as we are not lead partner</p> <p>Risk of missing out on opportunities that benefit the district if we are not involved</p>