



Mid Sussex Partnership (MSP) Board meeting, 8th February 2024

Key Decisions

It was agreed that the recommendations proposed in the MSP Board Review are approved.

1. Welcome and introductions

Attendees:

Cllr Alison Bennett	Cabinet Member for Community at MSDC - Chair
Rebecca Hair	Commissioning and Partnerships Advisor, MSDC – Minute Taker
Lucy Corrie	Assistant Director for Communities, MSDC
Paul Turner	Community Services Manager, MSDC
Mandy Cunningham	Community Safety and Safeguarding Manager, MSDC
Matt Roberts	Community Transport Sussex (CTS)
Jack Field	Clarion Futures
Jim Bartlett	West Sussex County Council (WSCC)
Douglas Denham St Pinnock	Chair of Mid Sussex Association of Local Councils (MSALC)
Nicky Dodds	Clarion Futures
Katie Rabone	CEO, Mid Sussex Voluntary Action (MSVA)
Inspector David Derrick	Sussex Police
Daniel MacIntyre	WS Public Health
Ben Friar	Haywards Heath College
Neil Fairhall	Fire and Rescue Service, WSCC
Trevor Leggo	Mid Sussex Association of Local Councils
Dan Barritt	WSCC, Partnership Leading Combatting Drugs

Apologies:

Cllr Robert Eggleston	Leader of MSDC
Cllr Jacquie Russell	Cabinet Member for Children and Families, WSCC
Chief Inspector Ben Starns	Sussex Police

2. Minutes of the MSP Board Meeting 16th November 2023

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

3. Insight and Data sets in relation to the Strategic Intelligence Assessment (SIA)

PT gave a presentation on Insight and data sets in relation to the SIA. The paper for this was circulated to the MSP Board members prior to the meeting and is attached.

MC questioned whether the subgroups priorities would change annually or three-yearly – PT explained it could be either, as changes occur.

Councillor Bennett enquired as to why a three-year cycle was deemed appropriate – PT explained how this links in with other strategies and allows time to deliver projects but that the subgroup priorities could still change annually if deemed appropriate and necessary.

The following Recommendations were approved by the MSP Board

- i. The MSPB agrees to publish a public facing a high-level summary of the SIA every three years instead of an annual publication.
- ii. The MSPB will review key changes to data sets on community, health, and crime data annually.
- iii. The MSPB endorse the Task and Finish Group data source recommendations for the SIA.
- iv. The MSPB to receive the new SIA 2024-27 for sign off on the 18th of July 2024 Board meeting.

4. Combatting Drugs Partnership

DB gave a presentation on the Combatting Drugs Partnership. The presentation is attached.

DMI gave an update on the figures relating to deaths related to drugs.

MC and Isp DD are part of working group from Public Health.

DDP enquired as to where the data comes from DMI replied that it comes from coroner data. These figures can include alcohol if it is multi factor. There are additional sources from NHS for alcohol related deaths.

Councillor Bennett enquired if Councillors are picking up on local drug related activity, where should they report to. DMI replied via existing routes such as police channels, and via the Community Safety Team at MSDC.

Councillor Bennett enquired as to whether other addictions are looked at, e.g. gambling? DMI explained that as a public health team, some early scoping has started to take place.

The Combatting drugs presentation (attached) can be shared internally only.

5. 40th Anniversary of Volunteers Week

Katie Rabone (KR) gave a presentation of Mid Sussex Voluntary Action and the 40th Anniversary of Volunteers Week. As a minimum they are asking employers to pledge one day per year for staff to allocate and use to undertake volunteer work.

NF enquired as to whether MSVA are linked in with WSFR via Sophie.

Action: KR to get in touch directly with Sophie at WSFR.

Action: DDP and or TL to invite KR and MR (Matt Roberts) to a MSALC meeting.

6. Question time in respect of the LCN Health Subgroup Quarter Three 23-24

Paul Turner (PT) updated. The LCN Health Subgroup met in December. AT this meeting there were able to feedback on the Wellbeing Live event that took place in November. It allowed health

professionals and local groups to know more about the key services available. Participants heard from some key Community providers within breakout talks, including: Age UK; Carers Support; Citizens Advice; Mid Sussex Wellbeing; and Community Transport. The event also advertised the Clio 3 database and gave details on how to access this sign posting directory that is maintained by the libraries in West Sussex.

The LCN received an application from Arise Counselling, which was circulated to the members, and all members agreed to approve the application however the LCN do not have the funds this budget year to award them the grant. PT proposed to the MSP Board Members that £4,500 be allocated from the MSP reserve to the LCN in order that they can support this application.

Board Decision: All Members agreed to transfer £4,500 from the MSP reserves to the LCN so that the application from Arise Counselling can be supported.

7. Question time in respect of the Community Safety Subgroup Quarter Three 23-24

Mandy Cunningham (MC) updated. The Community Safety Subgroup last met in January. MSDC's community safety team along with other Districts have been working with WSCC in developing a county wide community safety consultation for residents. At the closure of the consultation, Mid Sussex received 188 responses. Analysis of all responses is currently being undertaken.

AL stated that the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) funding letter for 2024-25 is due out imminently. There will be some more targets relating to performance tied to this funding.

8. Question time in respect of the Community Development Subgroup Quarter Three

Lucy Corrie (LC) updated. The Community Development Subgroup met in December, and this was the first meeting post the MSP Review. Subsequently membership to this subgroup has increased to include representation from Citizen's Advice; MSVA; Age UK; Haywards Heath College, and from our Better Young Lives Forum. Work has included increasing links with Runway Training to increase referrals, as currently they have not reached their annual target of referrals. In respect of youth provision, there is to be a discussion at the next scheduled meeting of the Better Young Lives network in March. At the next CDS meeting, Homes England are to attend, and the Community Development Officer at MSDC that is dedicate to Brookleigh sits within that team. The CDS have received one new bid in from the RAF cadets circa £5,000, and one bid from the CTS circa £4,700.

Applauds Award nominations have been assessed and the event is due to take place next month at Ardingly Showground.

9. MSP Projects and Budgets for Quarter Three

Rebecca Hair (RH) updated all on the budget, spend to date, and proposed spend.

There is one partner contribution of £38,000 which is from Sussex Police Crime Commissioner.

AL informed us that a CSP funding letter for 2024-25 is imminent. There will be some more targets relating to performance required that are associated with this funding. This funding currently funds the Community Projects Officer (Young People) and the contribution to the WSCC Partnership Analyst.

Board Decision: The Board agreed that each subgroup would respectively carry forward any underspend from 2023-2024 to 2024-25.

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

Mid Sussex Food Partnership

Homes England Community Engagement Strategy to the MSP Board for consideration.

The next MSPB meetings are scheduled for:

- Thursday 18th April 2024
- Thursday 18th July 2024.
- Thursday 17th October 2024.
- Thursday 6th February 2025.

These are all currently scheduled to be hybrid meetings.

RH has already sent Outlook Calendar invitations to all these meetings.