Partnership working in practice in Brighton & Hove

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Brighton and Hove - the place
Brighton & Hove – the place

Travel issues

• 28,000 people travel to the city to work everyday
• 33,000 people travel from the city to work

Development Pressures

• 11,000 new homes by 2026
• All on previously developed land
Brighton & Hove – Healthy city issues

Deprivation

• Low wage economy
• 12% households overcrowded
• Av household 2.09 persons

Most successful South Coast Town
Delivering 600 homes per year
Healthy Cities Healthy Urban Planning
Meeting the 9 HUP principles

- Human Health as a key facet of sustainable development
- Cooperation between planning and health agencies
- Cooperation between the public, private and voluntary sector
- Community consultation and empowerment
- Political Commitment at the highest level
- Health integrated plans and policies
- Health integration for macro to micro
- A comprehensive approach to the determinants of health
- Evidence based planning for Health
Joint Working: PCT/Planning
Joint training

- Awareness Training
- HUP Masterclasses
- Training in HIA
Joint Working: PCT/Planning
Sharing the same agenda

• Public health is where planning started
• Planning is concerned with addressing inequalities
• Economic and environmental inequality has health implications....
• Making ‘Explicit’ health considerations
Joint Working: PCT/Planning
The HUP steering group

- Membership includes Public Health, Urban Planning, Economic development, Transport Planning, Sustainability, Housing
- Conduit for liaison PCT and Council
- Considers how Healthy City agenda can be further integrated into Council’s processes (eg: agreement that Council’s own developments will be scoped for HIA)
- Monitors progress on developments and identifies opportunities for health interventions.
- Identifies opportunities for health interventions in plan making.
- PCT have monitored how new policies met the Phase IV HUP objectives
- Early warning of major developments that should consider health
Health Partnerships

Healthy City Partnership

- Tobacco
- Food
- Active
- HUP
- LAA

- Economic Regeneration
- Housing
- Transport
- Education
- City Planning
- Health & Social Care
- Crime & Safety
Healthy Urban Planning

Integrating Health into plans and policies

- Making health issues explicit in planning policies is essential.
- Integrating the Healthy City objectives from the outset of the new Local Development Framework plan making process.
- Agreeing to subject all new major planning policy documents to HIA.
Applying Healthy Cities principles to our LDF
Applying HIA to large developments

- How we pick them - HUP group 'early warning'
- How to persuade people to do HIA (we have not got this right yet) for early ones it was intended to be a supporting document in favour of development
- Relevance to planning - it feeds into EIA it expresses positive arguments supporting sustainable developments
Healthy Urban Planning
some lessons we have learned for Planning:

• PCT evidence is relevant, persuasive and more obviously 'real' to communities - it highlights a number of equalities issues

• Equalities target groups identify strongly with the clear link between economic and environmental factors and health

• HIA is easily incorporated into SA requiring only a slight enhancement over assessments that are required anyway

• Joint working with PCT and LSP keeps Community Strategy and Core Strategy bound together

• Health authorities are significant developers themselves

• Health authorities have different and relevant consultation contacts
Brighton & Hove – Healthy City
some lessons we have learned for PCT:

- Learning the language of planning
- Planners can do ‘public health’/ planning is public health
- Demystifying public health – explaining the language of public health
- Visible consideration of health issues in current strategies and planning docs
- Impact of raised expectations and meeting demand – they know we’re here!
- Capacity to do HIA (much lengthier than anticipated)
Joint lessons

- Essential when steering groups or administrations change to find opportunities to introduce people to the principles of HUP
- It is important to continually refresh understanding to allow for councillor and Staff turnover
- Embed health consideration in the process don’t rely on individuals
- It would be useful to have national standard for HIA so developers know what to produce and how to use it