

## **CRAWLEY HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS FORUM (CHHF)**

### **MINUTES**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

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#### **PRESENT:**

##### **Peter Mansfield Clark MBE, Chair**

Anesta Joseph (AJ), Turning Todies  
Alex Lewis, DWP  
Alison Marino, Sussex Nightstop  
Alice Morel, Mid Sussex District Council  
Anne Mathieson, Easter Team  
Ben Garner, Rentunique  
Carly Jenkins, Southdown  
Christabel Yeboah, RCSAS  
Clive Mills, WSCC

Darrel Rodes, CBC  
Fatima Mirza, Relate N&SW Sussex  
Jo Collier, DWP  
Joanne Dines, Giving Back Crawley  
Hannah Edwards, CBC  
Nikki Hardgrave, CBC  
Roger Baker, Easter Team  
Roy Davies, Capital Project Trust  
Samantha Horne, Mid Sussex District Council  
Susan Brumpton, CCVS  
Zoe Srelgrove, RCSAS

#### **Apologies:**

Nicki Pattersen – Pregnancy Matters  
Dudley Edwards – Sussex Oakleaf  
Alison Barrett – DWP Redhill  
Mark Mullins – WSCC  
Kath Brooks – WSCC

### **Forum topic: Review of CBC Homelessness Strategy**

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Peter Mansfield Clark announced his intention to retire from the role of chair after 23 years and CCVS and the Crawley Housing & Homelessness Forum would like to record our thanks. A role description for the position is attached and we would like to invite CHHF members to apply for the position by contacting [charis.easter@crawleycvs.org](mailto:charis.easter@crawleycvs.org).
3. **Presentations: Review of Homelessness Strategy**  
Hannah Martin – Strategic Housing Performance  
Crawley Borough Council  
(Presentation attached)
4. **Discussion/Exercise:** What are the challenges for CBC's Homelessness Strategy? Where are there gaps in services and how can local organisations support CBC in tackling homelessness?

The discussion was led by Crawley Borough Council who have promised to share their notes of the discussions.

5. **Information Sharing:**

Due to the length of the discussions with CBC we only had 10 minutes for information sharing. If you have more info you want to share with CHHF members please send to [charis.easter@crawlcyvs.org](mailto:charis.easter@crawlcyvs.org) for inclusion in the next e-bulletin

**Turning Tides:** [anesta.joseph@turning-tides.org.uk](mailto:anesta.joseph@turning-tides.org.uk)

Turning Tides is the new name for Worthing Churches Homeless Project. They have a new supported unit in Worthing and act as a broker between agencies for their clients

**Rentunique.co.uk:** [Ben@rentunique.co.uk](mailto:Ben@rentunique.co.uk)

An agency which would like to offer homeless people accommodation over Christmas.

**Crawley Job Centre:**

[Jo.collier@dwp.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Jo.collier@dwp.gsi.gov.uk) can answer questions about Universal Credit

[Alex.lewis@dwp.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Alex.lewis@dwp.gsi.gov.uk) is the job centres Homelessness Ambassador

**Southdown Housing:** waiting on news of WSCC cuts to supporting people. The decision is next week. WSCC are consulting on this via <https://haveyoursay.westsussex.gov.uk/policy-and-comms/housing-related-support/consultation/intro/>

**WSCC:** [clive.mills@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:clive.mills@westsussex.gov.uk) is the Youth Homeless Prevention Officer

**Easter Team:** have seen a doubling of demand recently seeing at least 50 people in one week when it used to be 12. They are worried about the extra pressure on charities from local authorities, in particular they are worried about losing volunteers.

**Relate:** [Fatima.mirza@relatesussex.org](mailto:Fatima.mirza@relatesussex.org) They have seen a 22% increase in counselling for young people

**Capital Project Trust:** [roy.davies@capitalproject.org](mailto:roy.davies@capitalproject.org) They have a dozen support workers

**Sussex Nightstop:** [manager@sussexnightstop.org.uk](mailto:manager@sussexnightstop.org.uk) They act as a broker to place homeless 16-25 year olds into people's homes and are considering extending their work into Crawley

**Giving Back Crawley:** [joe@givingbackcrawley.org](mailto:joe@givingbackcrawley.org)

Feed 50 people a night and are having to stagger meal times: 7-9pm for street community, 8-9pm for people on a low income. May have to stop meals service to low income people but will continue 'food bank' style provision to anyone.

**Mid Sussex District Council:** Here to see what happens at a forum to decide whether to start in Mid Sussex. They have AJ from Turning Tides co-located in their office which works well.

**RCSAS:** Christabel - [outreach@rcsas.org.uk](mailto:outreach@rcsas.org.uk) , Zoe – [manager@rcsas.org.uk](mailto:manager@rcsas.org.uk)

Please share info about the counselling service they provide and the training they offer to professionals around domestic violence. They also have an FGM project.

**DATE OF NEXT FORUM: Thur 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019, 2pm-4pm**