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Making a difference in our community

Our Vision 2022 - 2025

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Thriving **People**

Healthy Lifestyles

- Deliver healthy lifestyle activities to address the wider determinants of health and health inequalities
- Complete and promote evaluation of Making it Happen asset-based community development approaches to address health inequalities
- Deliver activities promoting access to green, open and blue spaces (GBOSH)
- Develop community gardens and growing food

Wellbeing

- Deliver professional counselling and therapeutic support
- Build access to counselling through Sussex Community Counselling
- Support people affected by suicide
- Support mental wellbeing of young people

Loneliness and Social Isolation

- Support individual and community wellbeing by promoting community connections
- Provide community hubs as part of social infrastructure
 - Deliver befriending, activities and buddy support
 - Promote volunteering and community messengers

Young People

- Facilitate an active youth voice through the Young People's Forum to ensure services meet young people's needs
- Promote a positive image of young people
- Reduce risky behaviours by young people
- Create and sustain safe, dedicated spaces for young people's activities

Thriving **Communities**

Family Inclusion

- Actively engage with parents through a vibrant Families Forum
- Ensure parents and carers have opportunities to access high quality family learning and wider support activities
- Develop access to family activities to meet local community need through SCDA Hubs
- Develop partnerships to enable access to additional support

Community Inclusion

- Build community engagement and community links
- Increase confidence to access the help participants need
- Support access by local people from diverse ethnic backgrounds through Sompriti
- Support people who are victims of crime

Community Hubs

- Promote community action and assets through local projects and volunteering
- Developing community hubs as community resources
- Establish partnerships to meet community needs
- Identify local needs and gaps in local services

Environment and Climate Change

- Strengthen community resilience to climate change
- Animate actions through behaviour changes
- Develop modal shift to cycling and walking
- Develop opportunities and skills in growing food locally

Shared **Prosperity**

Food Security

- Provide an emergency food response in Newhaven and Peacehaven
- Promote healthy affordable food choices across all age groups
- Establish a sustainable Lewes District Food Partnership
- Create East Sussex and Brighton and Hove links for those issues which cannot be addressed locally

Employability

- Secure funding to maintain support into employment for people disadvantaged in the labour market
- Build partnerships to address the barriers to employment and secure funding through quality assured and innovative delivery
- Support employers to recruit and retain staff in a diverse labour market
- Address people's physical health and mental wellbeing by supporting them into employment, training, volunteering and education

Community Advice

- Work in partnership with specialist advice providers to coordinate securing funding and maintain delivery to meet changing needs
- Provide holistic, joined up service delivery for all clients
- Ensure access to free, quality assured, confidential, impartial advice
- Ensure advice provision holistically addresses the wider social determinants of health and wellbeing

Social Enterprise

- Maintain the viability of existing SCDA social enterprises
- Identify and realise opportunities for SCDA to extend and initiate new social enterprises
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- Realisation of social enterprise incubator including building conversion
- Realise the SELEP Social Enterprise Working Group Prospectus









