

P&P Committee Meeting

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Agenda Item 14

Rural West Sussex Partnership Mid Project Review

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Overview of Mid-Project Review

- Introduction to the Partnership
- Project progress and challenges
- Future of the partnership

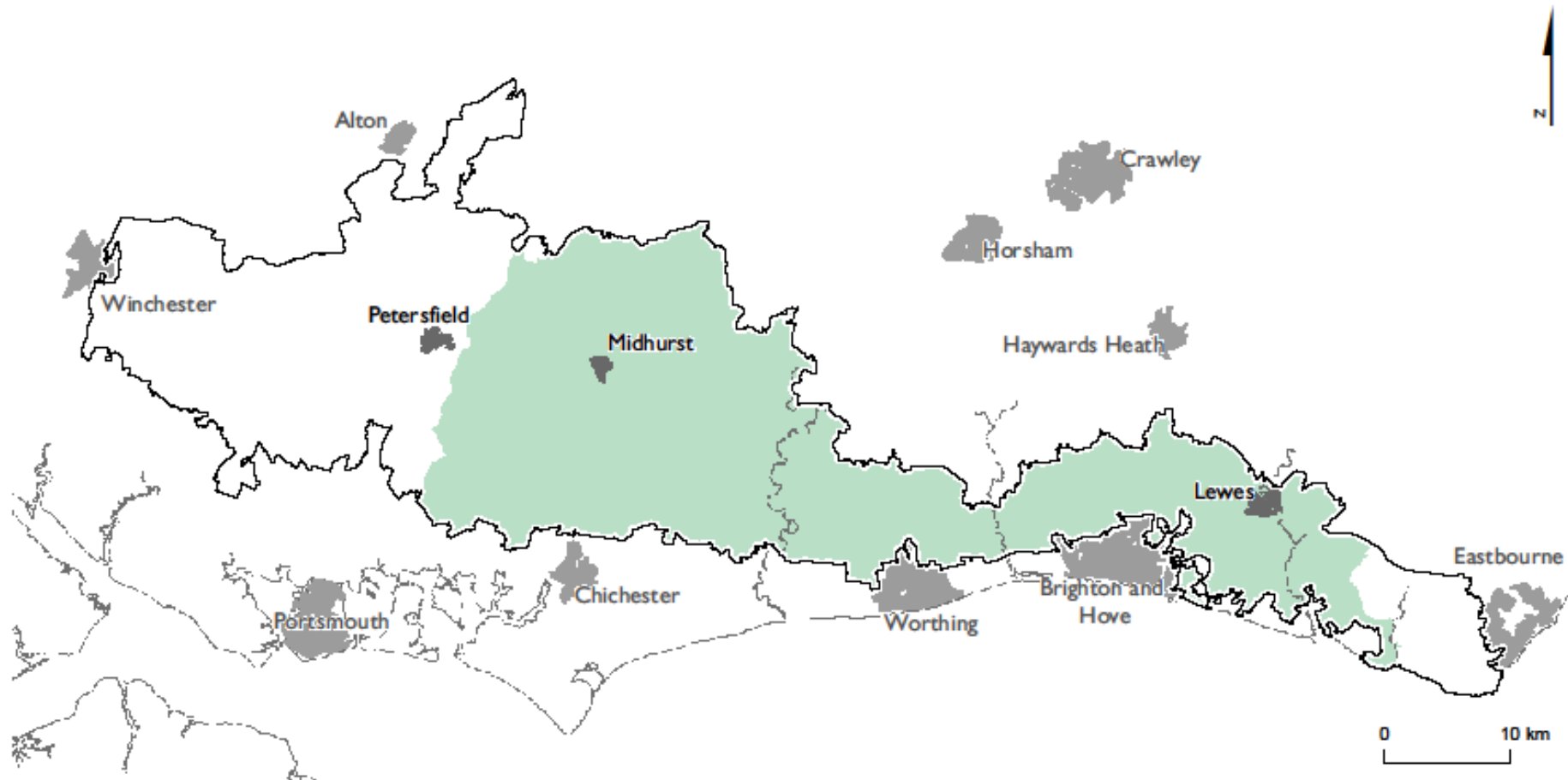


Introduction to the Partnership

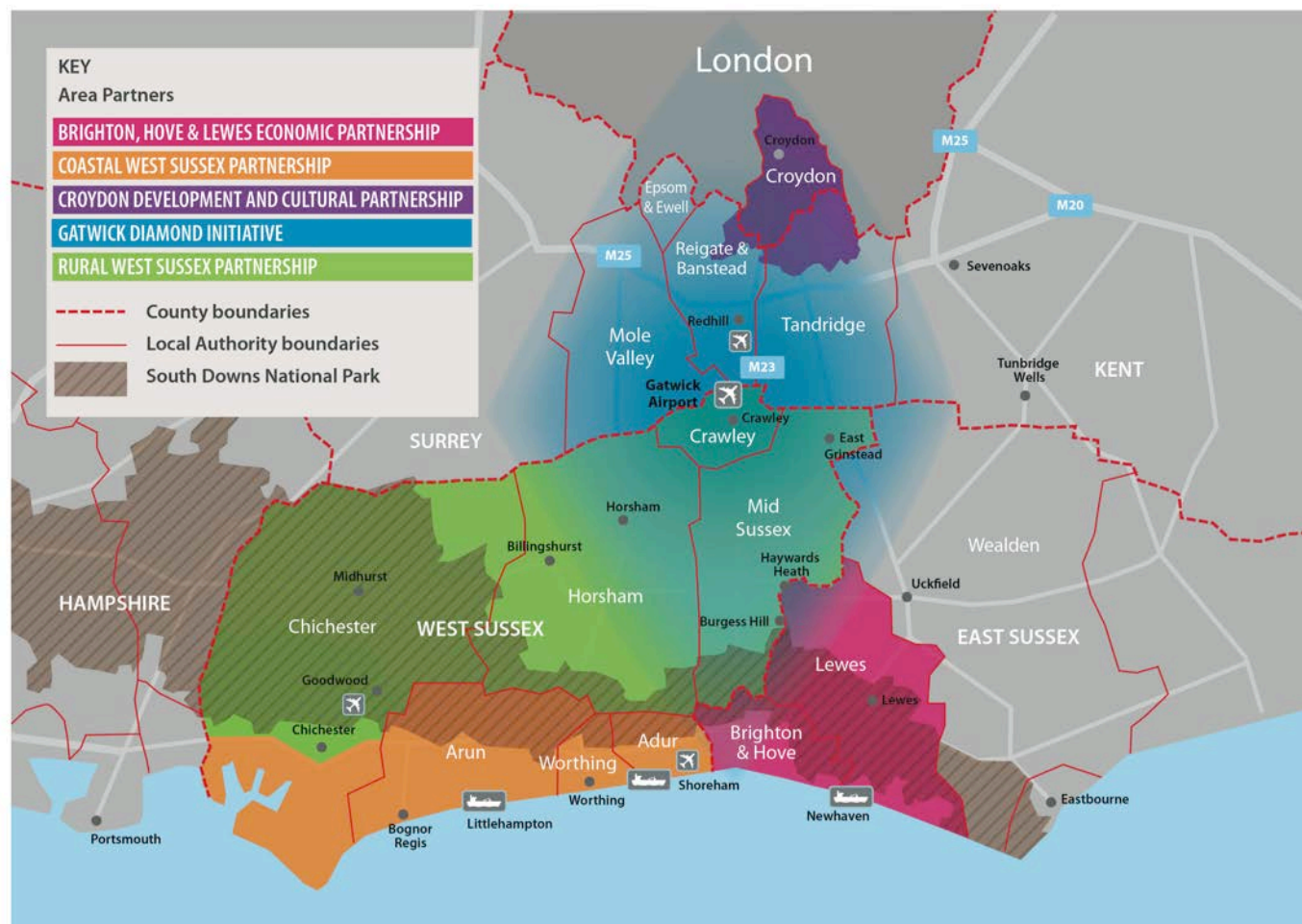
- Promote rural economy in West Sussex
- Public/private partnership, hosted by Horsham DC
- Area partnership of Coast to Capital (C2C) LEP
- Funded by a mix of partners



Coast to Capital LEP area in SDNP



Coast to Capital Area Local Partnerships



Progress so far on action plan ...

- Maximising rural benefits of C2C LEP funding streams (Growth Deals and ESIF) eg. Wood fuel project
- Enabling access to superfast broadband in rural areas (Growth Deal, EAFRD, Vouchers)
- Championing and 'Rural proofing' business support and growth schemes eg. 'Rural business navigator'
- Significantly raising the profile of the rural economy especially with LEPs



Challenges ...

- Resourcing action plan - *reviewed*
- Measuring action plan outcomes – *in progress*
- Allocating funding to projects – *in progress*



Future of the partnership

- Director post fixed term
- Currently funded to 31 March 2016
- Funding stakeholders to plan for future



Questions?



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