





1. Context in East Sussex and county priorities
2. East Sussex offer and funding support
3. South East LEP
4. Opportunities for joint working
5. Challenges for the sector

1. Context: SpeakUp Forum

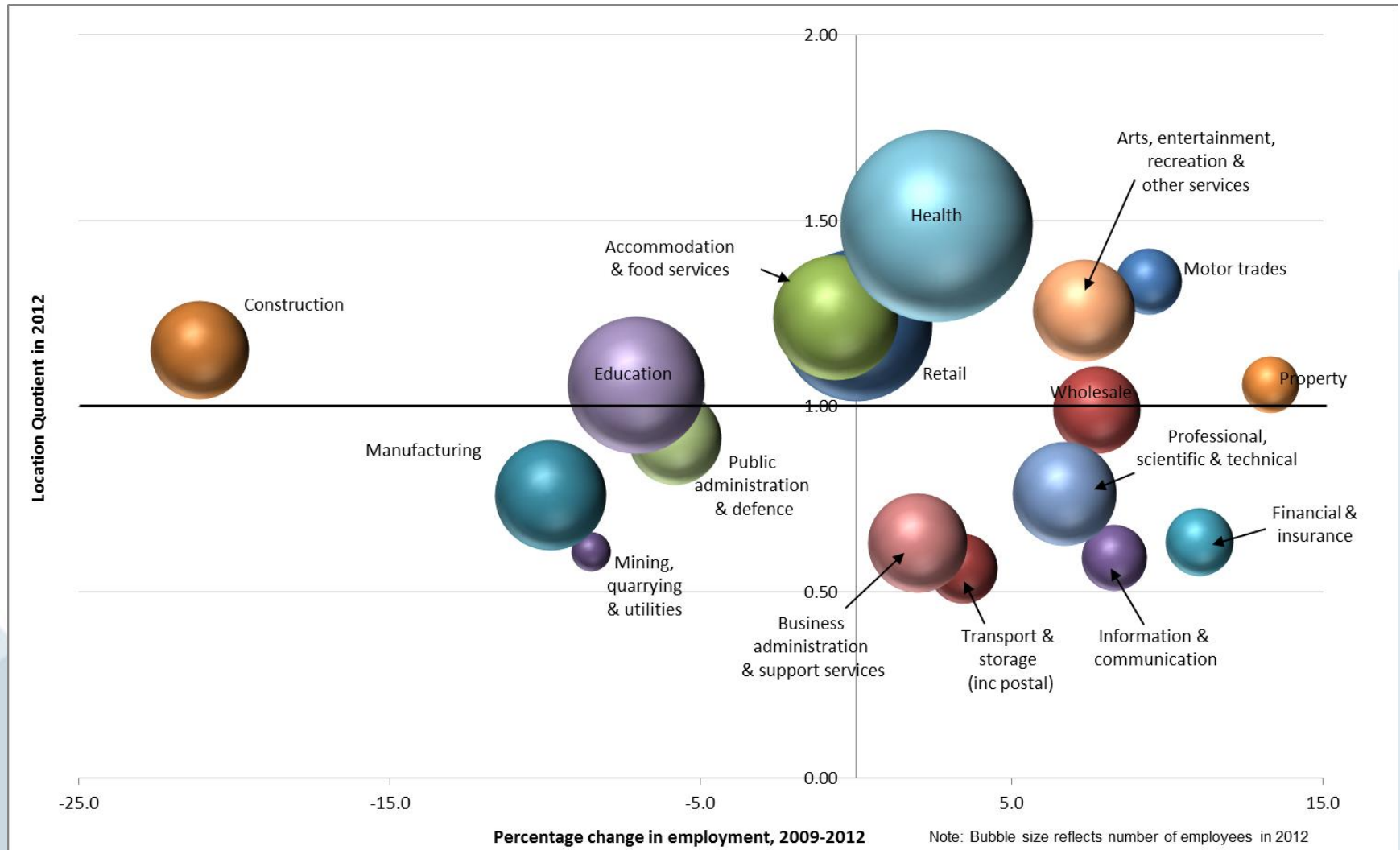


- SpeakUp communities of Place
- SpeakUp Communities of Interest
- SpeakUp Communities of Identity

1. Context: East Sussex

- Population set to rise to 568,000 over next decade.
- Job density: 0.64 jobs p/resident ES, 0.7 South East.
- ES GVA p/head: 2002 = £11,054, 2012 = £14,556
- Level 4 qualifications ES: 2001 = 18%, 2011 = 26.2% (not evenly spread) BUT 36.8% South East.
- No qualifications ES: 2001 = 27.2%, 2011 = 22.6% BUT 19.1% South East.
- Earnings are 15% lower p/week than SE average.

1.Context: East Sussex key sectors



1. Context:

East Sussex County Council



- ESCC Council Plan – Four strategic priorities:
 - Driving economic growth
 - Building resilience
 - Keeping vulnerable people safe
 - Making best use of our resources
 - ALL of these offer an opportunity for the VCS.

2. East Sussex offer



- £500k Social Business Investment Fund – direct commitment to the sector. Fully committed when it closed November 2013!
- £150k through the county council's '**Rural Growth and Employment Fund**' to the Lewes enterprise Apprenticeship Platform (LEAP)
- Community Transport Sector - £342k
- ESCC Library & Information Service partnerships
- ESCC strategic commissioning role from services to procurement

2. ESCC/wider funding

- Funding enquiries
- Funding News and Guides
- Bid checking
- Capacity building
- Social Media
- Districts & Boroughs
- CVS



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3. SELEP: SEP & EU SIF




South East Local Enterprise Partnership –
(East Sussex, Essex, Kent, Thurrock and
Southend)

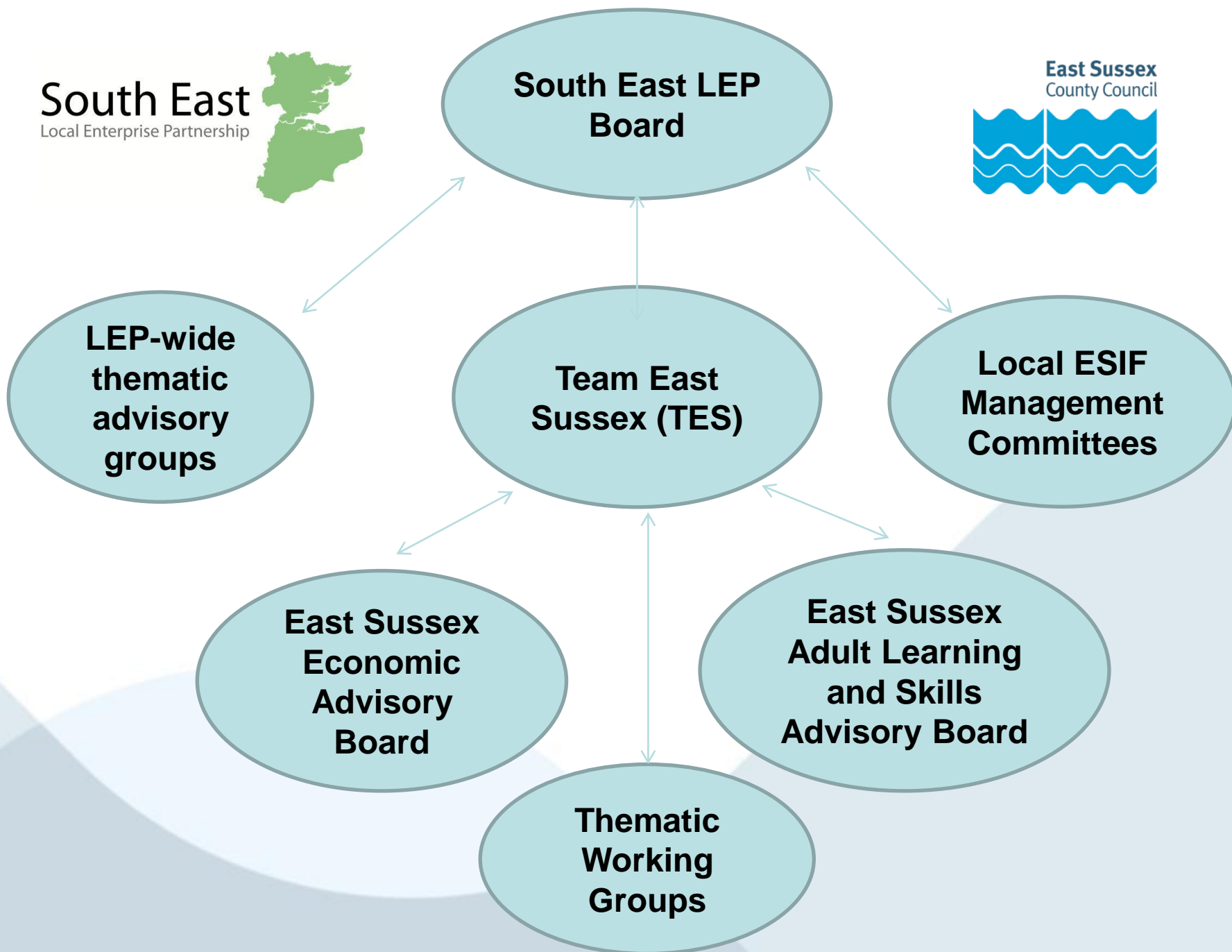
- Strategic Economic Plan (March 2014)
HMG announcement on allocations
- EU Structural & Investment Funds (January
2014)



3. SELEP EUSIF:

ESF allocation by thematic objective

ESF Thematic Objective	ESF allocation	
Employment/labour mobility: access to employment and sustainable integration of young people	£21,600,000 (26%)	
Education, skills and lifelong learning	£44,400,000 (54%)	
Social inclusion: active inclusion	£16,500,000 (20%)	
Total ESF allocation	£82,500,000 (100%)	



4. Opportunities for joint working



- EDS at ESCC goes wider, and is not always led by EDS
- SELEP is one route, but there are others for you....
- E.g. funds - Flexible Support Fund, Big Lottery, ESF Community grants, Sussex Community Foundation etc



5. The **CHALLENGE** to the sector

- Respond to the priorities of helping create jobs and growth: Be more business-like? Trading arms?
- Use opportunities to access contracts and deliver programme elements – individually or in collaboration with other partners.

5. How can the sector get there?

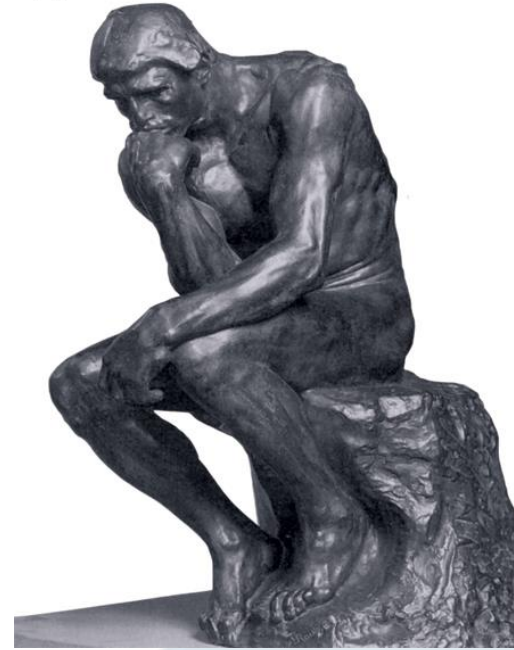
- Funding advice and support
- ESCC investing public funds in contracts
- Potential use of LM3 in procurement
- Maintaining and growing links with ESCC (EDS and others)





Parting thought

As a sector, the VCS is a major employer.



“What do you need to help your organisations become better equipped and sustainable?”



Thank you for your time