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Purpose of Briefing

To provide an update of the population estimates, outlining the data released by the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

For a more in-depth look at the mid-2016 population estimates for West Sussex go to <http://jsna.westsussex.gov.uk/core-datasets/population-data/population-estimates/>

What is the Issue?

Each year the ONS release an estimate of the resident population in England and Wales. Data are available at county and local authority level and relate to the mid-point of the previous year (i.e. data released in June 2017 provide an estimate of mid-year 2016). Data are released once a year, are provided by gender and single year of age and information is also released on the “components of change”, i.e. births, deaths and migration. Small area estimates (wards, MSOAs, LSOAs) are released separately, in November.

Why is this important?

Population estimates are used to support service and financial planning. Data can also provide a benchmark on the local age structure in comparison with other areas and England overall.

What do we know?

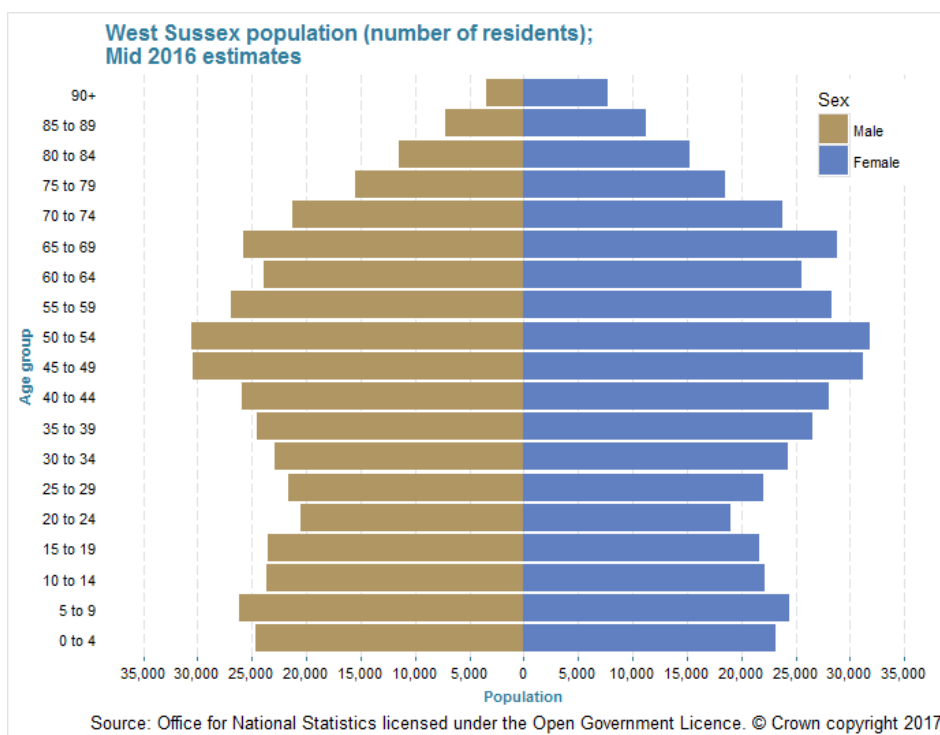
SUMMARY

- **In 2016 843,765 people were estimated to be resident in West Sussex.** This was 7,509 more than in 2015, an increase of 0.9%.
- In 2016 there were 8,953 births and 8,915 deaths. Net internal migration (from/to elsewhere in the UK) was 4,968, slightly down from 2015 (5,541); net international migration was 2,435, similar to 2015 (2,440). This means that population increases again resulted largely from net internal migration.
- The median age provides a useful summary measure of the age structure of the population as it shows that exactly half the population is below the median age and the other half is above the median age. In West Sussex, the median age in 2016 was 44.7 years, up from 44.5 years in 2015 and 42.4 years in 2006.
- The largest year-on-year change for West Sussex was among those aged 70-74 years, with 2,888 more people than in 2015; an increase of 6.8%. This increase is larger than the population increase for this age group between 2014 and 2015 (4.3%).
- There was a decline among 35-39 year olds of 1,556 people in the latest estimates (2.8% less than in 2015).
- In relation to Districts and Boroughs, the highest percentage increase was in Horsham, the lowest in Adur; this is similar to the previous year.

District	Adur	Arun	Chichester	Crawley	Horsham	Mid Sussex	Worthing	West Sussex
2015	63,429	155,732	116,976	110,864	135,868	145,651	107,736	836,256
2016	63,506	156,997	118,175	111,375	138,018	147,089	108,605	843,765
Change	77	1,265	1,199	511	2,150	1,438	869	7,509
% Change	0.1%	0.8%	1.0%	0.5%	1.6%	1.0%	0.8%	0.9%

How do we compare?

West Sussex has an older population with higher numbers of older people and lower numbers of younger working age residents. The first figure shows the number of residents by age group and sex.



The next figure represents the population as a percentage so that it can be compared to other areas. The figure shows that West Sussex has an age profile which is considerably older than England for both males and females.

