

**Request by Member for Scrutiny Review
2008/09 Work Programme**



Please complete the form below to request consideration of your issue by the
Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Proposers Name: Ken Angold-Stephens	Date of Request 3 March 2008
Supporting Councillors (if any): 	
Summary of Issue you wish to be scrutinised: The strategic direction of Epping Forest College, its vision for the future and its relationship with community. The College came to scrutiny 2-3 years ago but much has changed in the meantime, including changes to Government policies , the new build at the college and the policies of the new interim principal. It is understood the interim principal is developing a new 'vision' and significant changes to the curriculum and the relationship with the local community.	
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Public Interest Justification: Changes at the college have provoked large concern locally and criticism of the college extends across a variety of issues, including academic achievement, local take-up, poor public relations e.g. closure of the crèche, mis-behaviour of a minority of students and the future of the DCA P=3	

Impact on the social, economic and environmental well-being of the area:

Very large impact.
Affects the Social cohesion of the local area. Has a serious impact on academic achievements locally and therefore the economic prospects of residents.
Development is already having an environmental impact as surplus land is sold or redeveloped.

P=3

Council Performance in this area (if known: Red, Amber, Green):

Council has so far played little active part in improvement of performance. Local authorities will be taking on these responsibilities again from 2010.

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Keep in Context (are other reviews taking place in this area?)

The Leader of the Council has already referred to the poor standard of tertiary education in the area and EFDC is working with ECC on potential areas for improvement. At the moment colleges are not under County control.

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Pick score: 12	Considered By OSCC: