

Request by Member for Scrutiny Review



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

Proposers Name: John Scott	Date of Request: 24 February 2006
Supporting Councillors (if any): Councillor M Heavens	
Summary of Issue you wish to be scrutinised: The Government has published a consultation paper entitled "Local Strategic Partnerships (LSP) – Shaping their future". It contains some important proposals that will impinge on the work and structure of LSP's especially in two tier areas. It creates greater obligations on the councils itself, and passes responsibility for the LSP as a whole to the Local Authority Executive.	
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Public Interest Justification: Local Strategic Partnerships are described as the partnership of partnerships. It is becoming more and more evident that bids for external funds, responses to Government invites etc. require the support of the LSP and a representative in the community strategy. The consultation paper makes it clear that the council is seen as the lead agency in the work of LSP's and is expected to take a more prominent role in its activity and be accountable for what it does.	

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

Many of these areas are covered through the Local Area Agreement which the Local Strategic Partnership is expected to take a lead upon.

The community strategy is to become a 'sustainable community strategy' and be closely linked to the new local development framework. All these matters are of considerable importance to the residents of Epping Forest District and seem to indicate a need for the council to take a more prominent part.

Legal responsibility under the LGA 2000 rests with the council.

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

There are few BUPI's in regard to the topic.

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

No.

Office Use:

Pick score:

Considered By OSCC: