

Task and Finish Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2007  
Committee Room 1

**Epping Forest Arts:**

- EFA has an innovative and wide range of arts based programming and is able to deliver across the District from urban to rural areas.
- The Epping Forest Arts programme works with all ages and abilities including; young people from 0-19 and the older population.
- EFA are able to deliver projects and programmes relevant to the community. Through well established and developing partnerships such as Arts Council England, Essex County Council, Young Persons Officer, Community Police, Parish Councils, These programmes link with the Council Plan, Every Child Matters, CYPSPs, Play Strategy, County and Nationwide initiatives.
- The Arts programme links directly with the council plan and key themes/areas of delivery:

**Green and Unique** – Continued partnership with Country Care addressing local awareness of outdoor environments, rural delivery and meeting needs of diverse communities.

**Homes and Neighbourhoods** – Through various Arts projects and development work EFA integrate people of all abilities. This enables participants to gain confidence, develop skills, interact with others and develops their communication and awareness.

**Safe Community** – Through Arts projects EFA are able to work with youth groups and engage them in alternative activities. Safer communities are created with increased awareness of others and the quality of life is improved.

**Fit For Life** – This will ensure that people of all ages and abilities have equal access to arts and cultural activities. This is delivered through a three-year plan of projects in partnership with internal and external groups.

**Economic Prosperity** – Arts and culture generate tourism opportunities. As audiences increase and develop so does awareness of the District and surrounding areas. This also links with quality of life, opportunities etc.

- EFA reach a diverse client group achieving positive publicity and regularly exceeding Local Performance Indicator Targets.
- Finally if alternative management structures are going to be considered then the expertise and knowledge of the Arts Team should be utilised from the start. This will ensure that the best forms of provision for this innovative and highly regarded service are provided.