

Report to the Cabinet

Report Reference: C/134/2006-07.

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**Epping Forest
District Council**

Portfolio: Community Wellbeing.

Subject: Local Strategic Partnership Task and Finish Panel – Final Report.

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Recommendations/Decisions Required:

To endorse the report and recommendations of the Local Strategic Partnership Task and Finish Panel.

Report:

1. The Panel was established in July 2006 to study the future role of the Epping Forest Local Strategic Partnership in view of the publication of the government white paper 'Local Strategic Partnerships (LSPs) – Shaping their Future'. The paper seeks to pass responsibility for LSPs to the Local Authority Executive. The final report of the Task and Finish has been distributed to all members of the Cabinet; further copies of the report can be obtained from Democratic Services. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee endorsed the report at its meeting on 8 March 2007.
2. The full recommendations are set out on page 7 of the attached. Close attention should be paid to recommendation 2, which makes proposals on the future role of the Executive in relation to the Epping Forest Local Strategic Partnership.
3. The Chairman of the Panel, Councillor Mrs M Sartin, will be present to present the report.

Statement in Support of Recommended Action:

4. By adopting this report, the Council will have demonstrated that it has given serious consideration to the Local Government White Paper and has in place arrangements that both take on board its expectations and the needs of its own local circumstances.

Options for action:

5. To reject the recommendations or to do nothing.

Consultation undertaken:

6. Epping Forest LSP, Chairman of Partnership/Action Groups, Essex County Council.

Resource implications:

Budget provision: Nil.

Personnel: None.

Land: None.

Community Plan/BVPP reference: None.

Relevant statutory powers: Government White Paper “Local Strategic Partnerships – Shaping their Future”.

Background papers: Minutes from meetings of the Task and Finish Panel.

Environmental/Human Rights Act/Crime and Disorder Act Implications: N/A.

Key Decision reference (if required): Will advise when key decisions have ref nos.