

Local Strategic Partnership Task And Finish Panel Recommendations

- (1) That, as set out in the Local Government Bill, the enhanced role for Local Strategic Partnership's (LSPs) and stronger role for local authorities in leading the LSP be noted;
- (2) That the greater responsibility placed on the Executive for the operation of the Local Strategic Partnership, which may fall to the Leader of the Council personally although with the power to delegate, be noted;
- (3) That the suggestion in the Local Government Bill for the Leader of the Council to automatically take the chairmanship of the Local Strategic Partnership or have influence over the appointment of the Chairman be refuted;
- (4) That the Chairman of the Local Strategic Partnership be appointed by the whole of the partnership on personal merit;
- (5) That the voluntary nature of membership of the Local Strategic Partnership be recognised and the view that this voluntary nature is one of the Local Strategic Partnership's strengths be reiterated;
- (6) That, in respect of the Local Strategic Partnership, the enhanced role for Overview and Scrutiny be welcomed, with the expectation that:
 - (a) the Chairman of the Local Strategic Partnership should appear before the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at least once each year; and
 - (b) the Council's representatives on the Local Strategic Partnership should be held to account;
- (7) That the greater opportunities for other Members to become more involved via the themed Action Groups be welcomed;
- (8) That longer-term funding be sought for the LSP and that the overall levels of resource allocated to it by the Council need to be raised;
- (9) That the proposals to produce a sustainable community strategy linked to the Local Development Framework would have resource implications for the Forward Planning Unit within Planning Services be noted, and that the Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder should consider this issue and report to the Council accordingly on the implications; and
- (10) That the Epping Forest Local Strategic Partnership take a greater role in the County Local Strategic Partnership in order to influence decisions made via the Local Area Agreement, which might impact on the Epping Forest District.