

## Report from Councillor G Mohindra, Chairman of One Epping Forest

“Our Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) is called One Epping Forest and has been restructured following a consultation with its partner organisations. This consultation recommended that the partnership narrow its focus to supporting public services to ‘deliver better services together’, Two key areas were chosen, Economic Development and Health & Wellbeing. The Board of the Partnership which meets 4 times per year, has been reduced in size. It is now made up solely of senior representatives from funding organisations, this includes Epping Forest College, Corporation of London, Vibrant Partnerships, West Essex CCG and Epping Forest District Council. The Board has retained the convention that it is Chaired by an elected member, currently Cllr Mohindra. There are two major delivery groups, a Health and Wellbeing Board, Chaired by the Vice Chair of West Essex CCG, and an Economic Board Chaired by Cllr Grigg. There are a number of sector or issue specific working groups including: Food Board, chaired by Cllr Bassett, Smart Places/Digital Innovation Group, chaired by Cllr Lion, Tourism Board, chaired by Vibrant Partnerships and a Green Task Force, previously chaired by Cllr Waller, which is currently not meeting. The future of this group is under review. A further group to focus on skills is being established under the leadership of Epping Forest College. This group is expected to meet within the next four weeks. Each element of the partnership is supported by a wide range of partners (up to 30 external organisations are involved). Some elements of work focus purely on Epping Forest district, however other elements involve leadership beyond the district boundaries, such as Digital and Health & Wellbeing. Central support is provided by an officer funded jointly by EFDC and external partners. A leaflet is available explaining the partnership and its structures and a new website is being finalised. The partnership is planning to re-establish its annual stakeholder conference, which previously attracted over 100 delegates from local groups, but continues to run major events such as Tourism Summits and Smart Places Seminars to engage in key areas of work.”