

LSP Task and Finish Panel – Outstanding Action

<p style="text-align: center;">Recommendation Agreed by Cabinet on 16 April 2007</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Progress to Date Comments by C Overend</p>
<p>(1) That the enhanced role for Local Strategic Partnership's (LSPs) set out in Local Government Bill and stronger role for local authorities in leading the LSP be noted.</p>	<p>The enhanced role for Local Authorities has been noted. The role of the Partner organisations remains recognised and valued.</p>
<p>(2) That the greater responsibility placed on the Executive for the operation of the LSP, which may fall to the Leader of the Council personally with power to delegate be noted</p>	
<p>(3) That the suggestions in the Local Government Bill that the Leader of the Council should automatically take the chairmanship of the LSP or have influence over the appointment of the Chairman not be supported.</p>	<p>The District Council remains of the opinion that the Chairmanship should be determined on merit by the LSP itself. The current Chairman is David Butler the Chairman of the Epping Forest College.</p>
<p>(4) That the LSP Chairman be appointed by the whole of the LSP on personal merit.</p>	<p>See (3) above</p>

<p>(5) That the voluntary nature of membership of the LSP be welcomed and maintained</p>	<p>New Members continue to join Action Groups.</p>
<p>(6) That the Chairman of the LSP and the Council's LSP representations be invited to appear before Scrutiny at least once a year to be held to account</p>	<p>Action included in OSC work plan. Presentation due in Spring 2008.</p>
<p>(7) That the greater opportunities for other Members to become more involved via the themed Action Groups be welcomed and taken forward</p>	<p>Agendas Reports and minutes of the LSP are to be published on the Committee Management System.</p>
<p>(8) That longer - term funding be sought for the LSP and the need to increase the overall levels of resource allocated to it by the Council be noted</p>	<p>A BASIS Bid for the appointment of a fundraiser for the LSP has been submitted and has reached the second stage of the bidding process.</p>
<p>(9) That the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Economic Development be asked to consider the resource implications for Planning Services of the proposal to produce a sustainable community strategy linked to the Local Development Framework and report to the Council on the implications</p>	<p>There will be a clearer indication of the implications for a sustainable community strategy once the final East of England Plan is produced – now anticipated early 2008</p>
<p>(10) That the Epping Forest LSP take a greater role in the County LSP and be in a position to influence decisions made via the Local Area Agreement which might impact on the Epping Forest District.</p>	<p>The Chairman of the Epping Forest District LSP is a member of the Essex LSPs Chairmen's Forum. There is a general recognition of the need to keep abreast of the LAA process as it evolves into a position of influence</p>