LOCAL PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS GO LIVE

On Tuesday 9 June at 2.30, the Epping Forest Local Strategic Partnership Board meeting will be webcast for the first time, and will be accessible at http://www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/local_democracy/Webcasts_Meetings.asp

The meeting, which will be held at the Civic Offices in Epping, will discuss the ongoing work of the partnership to improve safety and tackle crime in the district, and new initiatives to improve services for children in the area. Another key item on the agenda will look at how all the agencies, and local groups involved in the partnership can work together to help local people and business to get through the recession.

Diane Collins, Chairman of the Local Strategic Partnership commented: "The Local Strategic Partnership is a very important local group which helps guide the work, and in many cases the spending of many of the big public agencies in our district. It also brings together a wide range of local groups, all of whom have a key role in identifying local issues and joining together to help address them We are committed to being as open and transparent as we can be in our work and the webcasting of the Board meeting is just another example of how we are trying to open up the partnership and increase public awareness of what it is all about."

NOTE TO EDITORS

The Epping Forest LSP was established in 2003. It brings together senior representatives from the Business and Public sectors, community and voluntary groups. This includes Epping Forest District Council, Essex County Council, Essex Police, West Essex PCT, Epping Forest College, Voluntary Action Epping Forest, the Corporation of London and representatives from business and parish and town councils. Its key aim is to work to improve the economic, social and environmental well being of the Epping Forest Area. More details of the structure and work of the partnership is available at www.oneeppingforest.org.uk, and copies of LSP Board papers and minutes are available on www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk.