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LSP Strategy 1

ORGANISATIONS SEEK PUBLIC VIEWS ON CO-ORDINATED SERVICES

Better co-ordination between councils, police, health and other organisations to promote the economy, environment and community sits at the heart of the latest draft community strategy published by 'One Epping Forest', the Local Strategic Partnership. Now local residents, business people and community groups are being asked to make their own comments and suggestions before the final plan is published later this year.

Called 'Putting Epping Forest First', the plan focuses on four main priorities; tackling crime, improving health, creating opportunities for young people and building strong communities. A long term vision for the district, the draft was produced following earlier consultation with local people. It was published by the partnership on 14 June with a deadline for responses of 2 August.

One of the principle members of the Local Strategic Partnership is Epping Forest District Council. Its Leader, Councillor Di Collins also chairs the partnership. She said: "This is an important strategy for the future of our district, setting out how to make our community a great place to live, work, study and do business. So far over 1,000 local people and groups have taken the opportunity to give us their views on the issues we should be prioritising and we have tried to reflect these in the draft strategy. We want to know from local people and stakeholders if the priorities and objectives we are suggesting in the strategy are right for Epping Forest. In this time of great pressure on public spending it is more important than ever that the bodies that serve local people are clear about what our communities want and need and their priorities shape where we put our increasingly scarce resources"

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The draft strategy and supporting documents are available online at www.oneeppingforest.org.uk or by phone on 01992 564454.

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Notes to Editors

One Epping Forest is supported by a range of bodies including Essex County Council, Epping Forest District Council, Essex Police, Voluntary Action Epping Forest, and Federation of Small Businesses. Details of the partnerships work can be found at **<http://www.oneeppingforest.org.uk/>** A key role of LSP's is the production of a long term sustainable plan to promote to economic, social and environmental well being of the area called the Community Strategy which will also guide the services provided by public bodies.