

Essex Partnership News - keeping you in touch

In Brief...

Welcome to the latest edition of the Essex Partnership News. In this edition we are pleased to announce some more details about the Essex Partnership Forum; explain the next steps in the Essex Strategy Review and other opportunities coming up for partners and partnerships across Essex.

Essex Partnership Forum

The next Essex Partnership Forum will take place on Tuesday 15th September. Topics will include the Essex Total Place project, feedback from the Audit Commission on the new Area Assessment, and agreeing the Essex Strategy Review report for consultation. If you would like to attend please can you confirm by replying to this email or telephone the Essex Partnership Secretariat on 01245 437107.

Wicked Issues Summits

At the Essex Conference in July a series of Wicked Issues were identified as key priorities emerging from the Essex Strategy Review. In the autumn the Essex Management Board will host a series of public and stakeholder summits to discuss these wicked issues, which will provide an opportunity for greater local engagement in the Essex Strategy Review.

The intention is for the summits to provide themed discussions in which partners can engage with stakeholders and the public. Summits are evening events that will include a networking reception, plenary presentations, panel Q&A and a workshop session to identify opportunities to improve outcomes.

Partner organisations, Thematic Partnerships and LSPs are all asked to consider the wicked issues and contribute to the shaping of these summits. Proposals for speakers, panellists, and facilitators are invited and we look forward to hearing from you, if possible by the 8th September.

Local Area Agreement – 2009 Refresh

A copy of the refreshed LAA, published in June 2009 and distributed at the Essex Conference on 9th July, has now been posted on the Essex Partnership website.

[Link to Refreshed LAA](#)

We are currently adding 2008/09 outturn figures to the document for each of the targets, where this information is available. A copy of the refreshed LAA with outturn figures added will be available at the next Essex Partnership Forum on 15 September.

An on-line order form for the refreshed LAA will be posted on the Essex Partnership website later this month. Hard copies of the document will then be sent out to partners after the Essex Partnership Forum in September.

Use of PRG Protocol

Partners have asked for more detailed guidance on how Performance Reward Grant allocations are to be managed and accounted for. The Use of PRG Protocol builds on the 'conditions of grant' information included in the grant allocation letters sent out to Chairs of Thematic Partnerships and Local Strategic Partnerships in January 2009, and includes good practice guidance on managing and reporting on the delivery of agreed projects.

[Link to PRG Protocol](#)

Please send any comments on the draft Protocol to Gill.Butterworth@essex.gov.uk by 4 September. The proposal is to adopt the Protocol at the Essex Partnership Forum on 15 September.

Essex Partnership Meeting Dates

Dates have now been set for Essex Partnership Forums and Essex Management Board meetings until the end of 2010, see below for details. These dates have now been added to the online [Essex Partnership Calendar](#)

Essex Management Board

Thursday 29 th October 2009	10.00 – 12.00, County Hall
Tuesday 2 nd March 2010	10.00 – 12.00, County Hall
Tuesday 22 nd June 2010	10.00 – 12.00, County Hall
Tuesday 2 nd November 2010	10.00 – 12.00, County Hall

Essex Partnership Forum

Tuesday 15 th September 2009	09.00 – 14.00, Waterfront Place
Tuesday 23 rd March 2010	09.00 – 14.00, Waterfront Place
Tuesday 14 th September 2010	09.00 – 14.00, waterfront Place

Essex Partnership Portal

As previewed at the Essex Conference, the Essex Partnership Portal is still being developed but now available to view online. We would welcome your feedback on any aspects of the site including content and usability. An optional training session for LSP and Thematic Partnership representatives is being scheduled for the 15th September to follow on after the Essex Partnership Forum. For more information or comments please contact buster.todd@essex.gov.uk.

Click on the image link below to view the Portal:



Effective Partnership Working – Essex Partnership Training Course

The Partnership Delivery and Quality of Life Team have begun working with the Essex County Council Learning and Development Team to create a training course covering the skills, behaviours and practice needed for effective partnership working.

We would like this training to be developed with help from other partners. The aims would be to ensure that each course delivered had participation from a range of partner organisations, and to develop a course and materials that each partner could use in their own organisation if they wished. We are looking for volunteers from partner organisations who want to comment on the course materials and to attend a pilot training day.

Would any volunteers please contact Kevin Nunn on 01245 437527 or email Kevin.nunn@essex.gov.uk

Thematic Partnership Annual Reports

Annual Reports for each of the six Thematic Partnerships have now published.

The reports summarise the progress each Partnership has made in delivering the LAA priorities and targets, key issues and risks, and future plans. Details of how we have performed against our interim targets are also attached.

[Link to Thematic Partnership Annual Reports](#)

Partnership Calendar

Below are dates for the next 3 months, you can view the full [Partnership Calendar online](#)

Date	Meeting Title	Attended by
AUGUST		
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SEPTEMBER		
15 Sep 09	Provisional Essex Partnership Forum (EPF)	EPF Members
18 Sep 09	Thematic Partnership meeting - CYPSP	TP Members
24 Sep 09	Thematic Partnership meeting - Sust. Essex	TP Members
24 Sep 09	LAA Performance Management Group	PMG Members

28 Sep 09	Thematic Partnership meeting - CWOP	TP Members
OCTOBER		
06 Oct 09	Thematic Partnership meeting - 2012	TP Members
08 Oct 09	Thematic Partnership meeting - Safer Essex	TP Members
19 Oct 09	LAA Performance Management Group	PMG Members
29 Oct 09	Essex Management Board (EMB)	EMB Members
NOVEMBER		
05 Nov 09	Thematic Partnership meeting - Sust. Essex	TP Members
16 Nov 09	LAA Performance Management Group	PMG Members

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