

**ENVIRONMENT, CULTURE AND COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
8 SEPTEMBER 2009**

**NOMINATION FOR PARTNERSHIP OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY GROUP
Assistant Chief Executive**

1 INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to invite Members of the Environment, Culture and Communities Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) Panel to nominate a member of the Panel to join the Partnership Overview and Scrutiny Group being established to co-ordinate Overview and Scrutiny of the Bracknell Forest Partnership (BFP) and its Themed Partnerships.

2 SUGGESTED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Environment, Culture and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel nominates a member of the Panel to join the Partnership Overview and Scrutiny Group.**

3 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 The approach to O&S of the Bracknell Forest Partnership has been endorsed by the O&S Commission and Panels, also the BFP Board, and implementation has commenced. An important part of the approach is recognition that effective collaboration with partners will be vital to the success of O&S of the Partnership. Whilst the Council has the statutory lead, we believe that involving partners' representatives is essential if we are to secure the goodwill and cooperation of partners, and to realise the benefit of wider sharing and application of knowledge and different perspectives. The O&SC has therefore approached the Boards or other governing authorities of the partner organisations (excluding Government Office for the South East and the South East England Development Agency) making up the BFP Board (the PCT, Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Authority, the Thames Valley Police Authority, Bracknell Forest Voluntary Action, and the Bracknell Regeneration Partnership) to form a non-statutory Partnership Overview and Scrutiny Group for the Partnership. Nominations have been received from partner organisations from amongst their Non-Executive Directors, or equivalent positions of those charged with holding the executive of their organisations to account, and the Partnership O&S Group will be meeting for the first time on 28 September.
- 3.2 In view of the Council's statutory duties relating to the O&S of LSP's, also the Council's O&S duty set out BFP's Governance Protocol, the Partnership Overview and Scrutiny Group will be led by the Chairman of the Council's O&S Commission, and its membership will also include a representative of each of the four O&S Panels. The broad purpose of this group will be to agree and coordinate a constructive programme of O&S of BFP's arrangements and performance, to participate in individual O&S reviews as

appropriate, to review BFP's annual report on the progress of the LAA, and to report at least annually. The exact terms of reference for the group will be determined by the Group.

Background Papers

Agenda and minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission on 1 April 2009

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