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Councillor R C Edger  
Chairman  
Overview & Scrutiny Commission

Dear Councillor Edger

On behalf of Bracknell Forest Partnership I am writing to thank you and your colleagues on the Overview and Scrutiny Commission for the work that you have done reviewing the Bracknell Forest Partnership's Local Area Agreement (LAA).

At their last meeting on 16 October 2008, the Bracknell Forest Partnership Board considered the report produced by the Working Group and in line with the report's recommendations agreed that:

- The Overview and Scrutiny Commission would be provided with quarterly progress report on the LAA. This would be through the Chief Executive's Office Quarterly Performance Monitoring Report.
- The Board would consider what issues may benefit from being referred to the appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Panel or the Commission for enquiry. This will be done at the Bracknell Forest Partnership Board meeting in January 2009, following the first (quarter 2) Performance Report against the LAA and the GOSE annual review of the LAA.
- The Board acknowledges that the Council's Overview and Scrutiny function has two principal purposes: to carry out overview and scrutiny in relation to the Council's own contribution to the Sustainable Community Strategy and LAA; and in collaboration with those charges with ensuring accountability in the Bracknell Forest Partnership partner organisations, to coordinate a programme of overview and scrutiny of major issues of interest to the Partnership as a whole.
- The Bracknell Forest Partnership Board would support the Overview and Scrutiny Commission in mapping all the principal scrutiny and accountability arrangements in the BFP.
- The Bracknell Forest Partnership Board would support the fostering of a closer working relationship between the Board and the Overview and Scrutiny Commission in order to develop a positive and constructive

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atmosphere and understanding for effective scrutiny to strengthen the LAA. To this end, I will arrange for a specific report on the first annual review with GOSE to be produced for the Commission.

Yours sincerely



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