

<p>Leighton-Linslade Partnership Committee</p>	<p>1. <b>Purpose</b></p> <p>1.1 To serve as a partnership forum for all those involved in initiatives impacting on the Parish to consult with each other and co-ordinate their activities so as to realise their aspirations for the Parish and the town centre.</p> <p>1.2 To set the broad direction of the partnership, taking into account the needs of the town centre's customers, employees, residents, visitors, traders, property owners and developers.</p> <p>2. <b>Objectives</b></p> <p>2.1 Work towards improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural vitality of Leighton Buzzard and Linslade.</p> <p>2.2 Prepare and maintain a Town Centre Strategy and Action Plan to help and encourage appropriate town centre and town development, for approval by the Town Council and Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC).</p> <p>2.3 To deliver the Big plan recognising the context of the Local Development Framework and related planning processes including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>informing and advising the relevant committees of the local authorities on all aspects of their responsibilities for the town centre and its environs;</li> <li>consulting, co-ordinating and communicating the infrastructure needs of Leighton Buzzard and Linslade to the relevant local authorities; and</li> </ul>
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- working in partnership with relevant bodies to achieve the delivery of new infrastructure.

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2.4 Co-ordinate the activities of the various town centre service providers and those responsible for meeting the needs of the town centre including:

- identifying appropriate funding opportunities for the furtherance of town initiatives;
- undertaking and co-ordinating marketing and promotional work for the town centre; and
- leading on all matters relating to the physical environment of the Town e.g. Christmas lights, floral displays, hanging baskets etc.

2.5 Establish sub-committees and task groups to progress/deliver specific proposals in town development strategies.

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3. Membership,

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3.1 The core membership to comprise:

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- 5 Central Bedfordshire Council appointed Councillors; and
- 5 Leighton-Linslade Town Council appointed Councillors.

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3.2 Representatives of local interest groups will be invited to attend its meetings as non-voting members.

3.3 CBC Councillors should be from wards within Leighton-Linslade, or immediately adjacent to.

3.4 All Councillors should have the interests of the town as a priority, not their own wards.

	<p><u>4. Chairman</u></p> <p><u>4.1. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be elected from and by the Committee's core membership.</u></p> <p><u>4.2. The elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman will hold the post for a period of one year, after which they can stand for re-election.</u></p> <p><u>5. Secretariat</u></p> <p><u>5.1. Leighton-Linslade Town Council administers the Committee, which is governed by the Town Council's Standing Orders.</u></p> <p><u>6. Decision-making arrangements</u></p> <p><u>6.1 The annual budget shall be developed by the Committee and recommended to the Town Council and Central Bedfordshire Council for approval where Central Bedfordshire Council makes funding available in any financial year.</u></p> <p><u>6.2 Thereafter, the Committee will make decisions at its meetings. Decisions will be made by consensus whenever possible. However, if no consensus can be reached, a majority vote, based on one vote per core member, will carry the decision, with the Chairman having the casting vote if the vote is equal.</u></p> <p><u>6.3 The Committee will delegate operational decision-making to smaller working groups as necessary and appropriate.</u></p>
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¶ At least 50% of the membership of the committee.
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9. Notes: