

<p>Leighton-Linslade Partnership Committee</p>	<p>1. <u>Purpose</u></p> <p>1.1 <u>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.</u></p> <p>1.2 <u>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.</u></p> <p>2. <u>Objectives</u></p> <p>2.1 <u>Work towards improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural vitality of Leighton Buzzard and Linslade.</u></p> <p>2.2 <u>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).</u></p> <p>2.3 <u>To deliver the Big plan recognising the context of the Local Development Framework and related planning processes including:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>• informing and advising the relevant committees of the local authorities on all aspects of their responsibilities for the town centre and its environs;</u></li> <li><u>• consulting, co-ordinating and communicating the infrastructure needs of Leighton Buzzard and Linslade to the relevant local authorities; and</u></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.

4.	<p><u>Chairman</u></p> <p>4.1. <u>The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be elected from and by the Committee's core membership.</u></p> <p>4.2. <u>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>
5.	<p><u>Secretariat</u></p> <p>5.1. <u>Leighton-Linslade Town Council administers the Committee, which is governed by the Town Council's Standing Orders.</u></p>
6.	<p><u>Decision-making arrangements</u></p> <p>6.1 <u>The annual budget shall be developed by the Committee and recommended to the Town Council and Central Bedfordshire Council for approval <b>only where Central Bedfordshire Council makes funding available in any financial year.</b></u></p> <p>6.2 <u>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>6.3 <u>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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