

## Purpose of Central Bedfordshire's Thematic Partnerships

Central Bedfordshire's Thematic Partnerships bring together key service providers and users for a particular subject area. The primary function of each partnership is to develop and implement action plans for their subject area, which align to the identified priorities in the Sustainable Community Strategies and key indicators and targets in the Local Area Agreement.

### Children's Partnership Trust

The Children and Young People's Trust brings together all the key agencies working with children and young people. Their aspiration is for all children and young people in Central Bedfordshire to feel safe, valued and supported, to realise their full potential and make a positive contribution to society.

### Stronger Communities Thematic Partnership

This partnership works to ensure strong, cohesive and sustainable communities where people feel a sense of identity and belonging, where public services are responsive and accessible to all and to reduce child poverty, develop an environment for a thriving third sector and where cultural activities flourish.

### Environment and Economy Thematic Partnership

This partnership aims to ensure the growth of our local economy, reduced congestion and improved sustainable transport. Its work also encompasses the protection and enhancement of our environment, climate change, reduction of waste and carbon emissions.

### Healthier Communities and Older People Partnership

This partnership aims to provide the vision and strategic leadership needed to coordinate the work of statutory organisations with partners in the public, private, voluntary and community sectors to achieve health improvements, a reduction in health inequalities and improvements in adult social care and housing.

### Community Safety Partnership

This partnership provides strategic direction and undertakes joint working on key strategies for which it has direct responsibility or has a statutory duty to do so. This includes Prolific and Priority Offenders, Drug Intervention Programme, Domestic Abuse Strategy, Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy, Sexual Violence and Bedfordshire Drug and Alcohol Strategy.

## Assembly Representatives on Local Partnerships

The Assembly is represented on key strategic partnerships within Central Bedfordshire:

- Local Strategic Partnership Board (one place)
- Healthier Communities and Older People Partnership Board (two places)
- Environment and Economy Partnership Board (two places)
- Community Safety Partnership Board (one place and one deputy)
- Community Safety Partnership Operational Delivery Group (one place and one deputy)
- Stronger Communities Partnership (two places)
- Children's Trust Board (two places and one deputy through VOC)
- Children's Trust Commissioning Group (one place and one deputy through VOC)

A structure diagram of the LSP can be found at [http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/images/FOR%20INFO%20Central%20Beds%20LSP%20Structure\\_tcm5-24264.pdf](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/images/FOR%20INFO%20Central%20Beds%20LSP%20Structure_tcm5-24264.pdf)

Sector involvement or representation in the various Delivery Partnerships is also being sought, either through the Assembly or by direct involvement.

Information on the opportunities for members of the sector to take up the role of Assembly Representative is circulated widely within the sector. Those interested in undertaking one of these roles are asked to submit a written expression of interest, which is then assessed against the selection criteria, shortlisted for interview and appointed to fill a defined role. Representatives usually serve for two years but may be re-appointed at the end of that period.

It is important that representatives are credible and able to fulfil the role they are appointed to; the use of clear selection criteria will assist this. Some appointments have already been made, while others have yet to be filled (see inside pages 2-3).

Representatives are expected to represent the broad interests of the sector or sub-sector, not their personal views or those of their own organisation. They will not, however, be mandated (told what to say) as they very often have to address issues that arise in discussions and papers considered at meetings. To be effective, they will need to prepare for, and be briefed on, agenda items so that they can make meaningful contributions and respond at the same time as other partners. This may mean making decisions that will impact on the sector; these matters need to be brought to the attention of the Assembly Coordinator so that action can be taken to take such matters forward.

Updates from Assembly Representatives who have attended meetings can be accessed through the VoluntaryWorks website.

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