



Healthier Communities Theme Group Terms of Reference

Overall Aims of the Group

One Epping Forest is the local strategic partnership for the Epping Forest District. It brings together representatives of service-providing organisations to identify key problems and work together to develop effective solutions to improve the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of the district. The Healthier Communities Theme Group is one of four Theme Groups tasked with delivery of the partnership's strategy.

The Healthier Communities Theme Group will act as a strategic partnership for the commissioning of health improvement and wellbeing for the population of Epping Forest, ensuring that resources are focused on those services that have the greatest health need. It will advise statutory partners, ensuring services deliver agreed outcomes in health and wellbeing as set out in the Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Objectives

The core objective of the group will be to:

Reduce the gap in life expectancy between those wards where life expectancy is lowest and the average for the district.

This core objective will be achieved through work on the following objectives.

1. Provide targeted opportunities to engage in a healthy active lifestyle.
2. Improve access to services for marginalised groups.
3. Improve information sharing between services and commission research.
4. Improve health knowledge by involving local people in developing and implementing health interventions

Remit

The group will:

1. Work with relevant agencies, develop agreed clear outcomes and appropriate metrics to measure continuous progress toward agreed health and wellbeing objectives.
2. Monitor the performance of statutory bodies and their progress towards agreed objectives and LAA targets, regularly reporting to the LSP Board.
3. Identify and concentrate on those interventions that can best be delivered through working in partnership across both statutory and non-statutory bodies.
4. Achieve efficiencies by identifying, wherever possible, opportunities for shared services and joined-up services to deliver objectives.

5. Establish Task and Finish teams to undertake specific projects on behalf of the Theme Group, and ensure effective communication and reporting lines between the Theme Group and the Task and Finish team.
6. Develop close links with the community, ensuring consultation at an early stage with appropriate groups and individuals on all priorities and initiatives.
7. Take a strategic overview of other Theme Groups and statutory groups within the district to ensure that strategic planning of services and infrastructure takes proper account of health objectives.
8. Develop a work programme and monitoring and review process including direction of relevant PRG projects. This will include quarterly reports to the LSP Board and an annual report that will be available to the public on the LSP web site.
9. The work programme developed must deliver agreed LAA targets.

Membership

	First Name	Last Name	Office	Organisation	Position on TG
1.	Pam	Hall	Deputy Director of Public Health	West Essex PCT	Chair
2.	Patrick	Arnold	Assistant Chief Officer	Voluntary Action Epping Forest	
3.	Brian	Rolfe	Councillor – Community Wellbeing portfolio holder	EFDC	
4.	John	Houston	LSP Manager WE Children’s Trust Board member	EFDC	
5.	Jim	Nolan	Assistant Director of Environment and Street Scene (Environmental Health)	EFDC	
6.	James	Warwick	Sports Development Officer	EFDC	
7.	Yvette	Wetton	West Essex Area Co-ordinator Link Officer to WE Forum	ECC	Vice Chair

Additional members may be co-opted as and when needed.

Meetings

To be held every two months and will not be open to the public.

Chair

The Chair of the Theme Group shall be appointed by the main One Epping Forest Board for a two-year term of office.

Vice Chair

The Vice Chair of the Theme Group shall be appointed by the members of the Theme Group for a two-year term of office, if necessary through a simple majority vote of members attending the meeting at which the Vice Chair is to be appointed.