

**LEIGHTON-LINSLADE TOWN COUNCIL  
PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE – 11 DECEMBER 2014  
WORK PLAN 2014-2015 (INCORPORATING KEY TARGETS 2011-2015)**

**Town Council/Partnership Strategic Objectives for 2011-2015**

- Promote projects in Big Plan II *Reviewed during 2012-13 by Big Plan Projects Sub-Committee; projects now underway through Partnership Committee*
- Explore the possibility of producing a Neighbourhood Plan. *Resolved Dec 2011 not to proceed at the present time*
- Review and utilise, wherever possible, Section 106 monies for the delivery of infrastructure as identified in Leighton-Linslade Big Plan II. *Negotiations ongoing with CBC.*
- Embrace the emerging Central Bedfordshire Council Town Centre Development Briefs; support and encourage new initiatives to improve the vitality and viability of Leighton Buzzard and Linslade town centres. *Update given from CBC October 2012.*
- Engage with the existing business community to seek ways to accelerate growth; encourage new businesses to locate in Leighton-Linslade. *Economic Development Sub-Committee established; business networking events held 2013 & 2014; initiatives such as Summer Sundays and Temporary Beach to attract people in to the town centre*
- Support the provision of sporting and recreational facilities at Astral Park for the benefit of the wider community. *Astral Park building now open, offering diverse activities including private function hire; football to move to Astral Park from summer 2014.*
- Support the Station Travel Plan and work in partnership on major transport and parking issues. *Ongoing.*

**What we hope to achieve in 2014-15**

- Support Central Bedfordshire Council's Economic Development Plan, in relation to Leighton-Linslade *Projects agreed*
- Consider, propose and promote projects which encourage greater economic development in Leighton-Linslade
- Review and develop town centre strategies to encourage greater use of the town centre to maintain and enhance vitality and viability
- Continue to implement the projects included in the Signage Strategy *Town centre maps, Splash & Play signage, brown signs completed*
- Create a Tourism leaflet and consider how to promote the town *In progress*
- Encourage residents and visitors into the town centre through events such as the Big Lunch and the three-month temporary beach during the summer *Completed, very positive feedback from residents and visitors, achieved aspiration to increase footfall in town centre.*
- Support independent traders through initiatives such as Independents Day and summer bunting in the town centre *Completed.*
- Work with other stakeholders to implement the Town Centre Delivery Plan *Ongoing*
- Continue to work towards relocation of the town centre taxi rank and diversion of the buses from the High Street on market days *Ongoing*

**WORK PLAN 2014-2015**

| <b>Meeting Date</b>     | <b>Work Plan 2014-2015</b>  |
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| <b>5 June 2014</b>      | <p>Consider five year business plan for Christmas Weekend event<br/> Tender for five year Christmas Lights contract<br/> Central Bedfordshire Council update report<br/> Review Spring Business Networking Event<br/> Beach update report<br/> Community Forum full report and analysis<br/> Consider Economic Development activity recommendations from CBC<br/> Business groups update<br/> Review Sub-Committees including terms of reference and membership</p> |
| <b>7 August 2014</b>    | <p>Big Lunch event report<br/> Big Plan review<br/> Town Centre Delivery plan update<br/> Town Centre electricity supply/PA system update<br/> Update on economic development projects<br/> Business groups update<br/> Consider five year business plan for Christmas Weekend event<br/> Tender for five year Christmas Lights contract<br/> Community Forum full report and analysis<br/> Town centre environment update</p>                                      |
| <b>23 October 2014</b>  | <p>Report &amp; analysis of residents' survey<br/> Beach review report<br/> Central Bedfordshire Council update report<br/> 2015-2016 budget recommendations<br/> Christmas Weekend event and Christmas Lighting update<br/> Update on economic development projects<br/> Business groups update<br/> Signage Strategy update</p>   |
| <b>11 December 2014</b> | <p>Green Infrastructure Plan<br/> Town Centre Delivery Plan &amp; Parking Study update<br/> 2015-2016 final budget recommendations<br/> Update on economic development projects<br/> Business groups update<br/> Tourism strategy review &amp; tourism leaflet<br/> Big Plan review<br/> Neighbourhood Planning</p>   |

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| <b>12 February 2015</b> | Central Bedfordshire Council update report<br>Update on economic development projects<br>Business groups update<br>Review of Christmas Weekend/Christmas Lighting<br>Calendar of meetings 2015-2016<br>Parson's Close Recreation Ground – permanent attraction/s proposal |
| <b>16 April 2015</b>    | Town Centre Delivery Plan update<br>Update on economic development projects<br>Business groups update   |