

**LEIGHTON-LINSLADE TOWN COUNCIL
PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE – 16 APRIL 2015
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 2014 not to proceed*
- 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; junior football moved to Astral Park from summer 2014; adult football to follow in 2015..*
- 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 *Links with all business development and townscape enhancements inc. signage work as mentioned elsewhere. Promotional lamp-post fixed signage and digital signage installation being costed.*
- 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, both initiatives to be repeated in 2015.*
- 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; CBC reviewing options.*

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

	Big Plan review Neighbourhood Planning
12 February 2015	Central Bedfordshire Council update report Update on economic development projects Business groups update Review of Christmas Weekend/Christmas Lighting Calendar of meetings 2015-2016 Parson's Close Recreation Ground – permanent attraction/s proposal
16 April 2015	Town Centre Delivery Plan update Update on economic development projects Business groups update Approval of final version of Green Infrastructure Plan