

Welcome to the Luton Forum Summer 2010
Newsletter

Luton Forum Annual General Meeting
17 June 2010

Councillor Hazel Simmons, Leader of Luton Borough Council was elected Chair for another two years and Dr Anwar Haque, Luton Assembly, Vice Chair.

Following the election of Chair and Vice Chair was a workshop facilitated by Sue Hay, a Local Improvement Adviser looking at the successes of the Luton Forum, priorities for 2010/11 and the best way forward.

New Members and Returning Members

Pam Garraway replaces Penny Furness-Smith, (Chair) of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Trevor Holden (Chief Executive), Luton Borough Council, is a new member.

Linda Hockey, previously involved in the Luton Forum, replaces Penny Fletcher from the Police Authority.

Helen Barnett, Active Luton, is a returning member to the Luton Forum replacing Maggie Appleton, Luton Cultural Services Trust.

Leaving Members

Debbie Jones, (Chair of the Children and Young People's Board), will be leaving at the end of July. Angela McNab, (NHS Luton), current Vice Chair will be acting as Chair.

Luton Assembly

Annual elections were recently held. Due to the increase in request for representation on strategic groups and a desire to build the capacity of the Assembly, it was decided that the Assembly would operate with a minimum of 32 representatives (formerly 18).

New Member

Kaldeep Budwal – Luton Churches Educational Trust

Returning Members

Rumi Chowdhury – Luton Rights
Linda Mitchell – Limbury Community Trust

The impact of the Government's £6.2 billion savings package on Luton

To read more on a briefing note from Luton Borough Council on the recently announced reductions in Government funding [click here](#).

Theme Board Highlights

Stronger and Safer Communities

Recent initiatives include an anti-social behaviour champions' event in the Farley area of Luton which is part of the Connecting Communities Programme. To read more, please [click here](#).

Results of cases heard at Luton Magistrates' Court will now appear online in the soLUTiONS pages of the Luton Borough Council website.

soLUTiONS is also currently consulting with partners on two vital strategies relating to Communications and Domestic Abuse.

Health and Wellbeing

The Health and Wellbeing Board welcomed the use of NHS health checks which is a national programme to give a single, universal, integrated check for all aged 40-74. The implementation is phased from 2009/2010 with a full implementation due by 2012/2013.

Patients will get health checks every five years unless they are at a high risk, then it will be followed up at least annually.

The Board has also been advised that Luton will become a trial site for a three-digit telephone number to access NHS non-emergency healthcare services in England. The aim of the service to be provided via the number is to act as an entry point for patients seeking NHS services.

The Board will monitor the communication strategy as this will be a key element for the success of the project. Please [view](#) Luton's Partnership Strategy to reduce Health Inequalities 2010 – 2026.

Latest news, events and highlights:

For more information on the 3x30 pledge [click here](#)

Environment and Economy

Luton Economic Summit

Basepoint, Butterfield - 6 July 2010.

The event was organised by Regeneration Service, Luton Borough Council, to validate the findings from the Luton Economic Assessment (LEA) and to agree key challenges and opportunities for Luton to contribute to a new Economic Strategy.

Creating a low carbon and vibrant Luton

Stockwood Park, Discovery Centre - 9 June 2010.

The event was promoted by the Luton Forum and Luton Borough Council. The session was designed in collaboration with the Energy Saving Trust and run by Peter Woodward an independent facilitator. To read more on the event, please [click here](#).

Children and Young People

Following Royal Assent of the Child Poverty Act in March this year, the new Government has pledged to maintain the goal of ending child poverty in the UK by 2020. In Luton, partners agreed that the best way to address child poverty is tackle wider family poverty.

Tackling Family Child Poverty Stakeholders event is taking place on 14 July 2010.

Project Updates

Luton in Harmony

Luton in Harmony is a campaign supported by the Luton Forum aimed at drawing local communities together. In Luton we wish to strengthen the message that we will challenge violent extremist ideology, wherever it comes from, and unite the town in supporting, giving voice to, and celebrating our diversity.

Luton in Harmony recently took part in the **'It's a Knockout' Challenge** [here](#) which is part of the take 3 4 life campaign encouraging everyone to live a more active and healthy lifestyle - and Team Harmony won! Download the full Luton in Harmony events list [here](#).

Neighbourhood Governance

"Your Say, Your Way" is all about opportunities for you to influence the decisions affecting your neighbourhood.

It's all about the Council, Police, Primary Care Trust, Fire Service and voluntary/community groups working together to respond to local issues by listening to local communities.

The aim of the project in the Challney, Leagrave, Lewsey, Dallow, Farley and South Wards, is to see how this can work in practice – To read more on working area west [click here](#).

Community Involvement Strategy

Following consultation the strategy was agreed by the Local Public Service Board and Luton Borough Council's Executive in March 2010. The team are working up a "SMART" action plan for September 2010. [Click here](#) to read more on the strategy.

Reminder for your Diary: **Tackling Family Poverty Stakeholder Event**

**Wednesday 14 July 2010
9.15am – 3.00pm**

Places are still available for this event. To ensure your place, please complete the booking form by following [this link](#) and sending all completed booking forms to: jenny.northwood@luton.gov.uk

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Bedfordshire and Luton Compact

In January 2010, members responded to the Bedfordshire and Luton Compact consultation. To view the new version of compact [click here](#).

A response will be prepared on behalf of the Luton Forum, but partners are encouraged to submit their own responses.

Meetings round up

[Click here](#) to view the 2010 - 2011 meetings calendar

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