

## Report to Chesham Local Area Forum

**Title:** Possible change of name for Chesham Forum

**To:** Chesham Local Area Forum

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### Purpose of report

1. Members are invited to **consider** if they wish to change the name of the Local Area Forum, from "Chesham Local Area Forum", to another, more appropriate name.

### Background

2. At the inaugural meeting of Chesham LAF on 16 September 2009 Members were asked to **note** the purpose of Local Area Forums and the proposed constitution for the Local Area Forum
3. Members were asked to **agree** that in future nominated representatives from Ashley Green, Chartridge, Cholesbury-cum-St Leonard's, Latimer and The Lee Parish Councils, Chesham Town Council, Buckinghamshire County Council and Chiltern District Council should meet as a fully constituted Local Area Forum (LAF).
4. Members were further asked to **consider** whether they wished to change the name of the Forum to something which better represented the full range of communities from which the LAF was drawn.
5. Since this discussion did not take place on 16 September it has been suggested that the issue be placed on this agenda to allow for a debate on the subject.



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## **Names for consideration**

6. In most LAF areas a “shorthand form” name was coined at the start of the Locality working process in order to identify the general area to be covered by the LAF. However, in a number of areas, following discussions with LAF members, a more appropriate name which better describes the range of areas covered has now been adopted,
7. It is acknowledged that it is unlikely that any name, that does not include the name of all constituent communities, will be ideal. However any name that does include the name of every community is likely to be too long and cumbersome.

The following ideas have been suggested as a starting point for discussions

- Chesham, Ashley Green, Chess Valley and Hilltop Villages
- Chesham, Ashley Green, Chess Valley and Ridges
- Chesham and Chiltern Villages

8. The LAF is invited to discuss these suggestions and to agree one of these suggestions or an alternative name, for future use.

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