

East Cambridgeshire, Fenland & Huntingdon

- Fenland has a good club infrastructure, Chatteris has an existing sports forum, March, Wisbech and Whittlesey have existing Market Town Partnerships through which potential town sports forums can be aligned.

East Cambs

- Has an existing club forum, sportsdec and disability sport forum to build the CSN upon

Huntingdon

- Has an existing disability sports forum that is constituted – potential to become a sub group. Good links with the Local Strategic Partnership. Education partners need to be brought on board

STATUS

- Most would consider looking at independent charity status but it is important to leave each CSN to make their own decision.

LSP

- East Cambs doesn't have existing links at the moment.
- Fenland has good links with existing members of the Fenland Local Strategic Partnership
- Hunts well advanced in forging links between sport and leisure and LSP
- All agreed it will be fundamental to ensure a strong link between the CSN and LSP

Strategies & Plans

- Fenland has an existing leisure plan that needs updating
- Hunts have an existing leisure plan in place

Consultation

- All agreed that a period of external consultation would be a good idea to help to identify potential new partners

Support

- Communication will be important and beneficial between CSNs across the county – the CSP should play a key role in this work
- CSPs should support the development of local plans to ensure there is a link between the local, county and regional picture

- School sports partnerships need bringing on board to drive forward this work in partnership

Communications

- CSP coordination of a CSN newsletter to each area documenting the successes would be a good idea.
- Each respective CSN should develop their own communication policies that look to provide regular and consistent contact with partners and customers – webpages, newsletters etc...
- A clear identifiable brand for each CSN is important
- Links with media are fundamental to influence culture change around sport and physical activity / recreation – good existing links with local press are in place.

Funding

- Essential to deliver new interventions but better use of existing resources as well – perhaps opportunities exist to joint bid for resources across CSNs to deliver specific projects that meet objectives cross border.

Next Steps

- Follow up meetings planned in each area
- Establishing terms of reference for groups through a consultation basis
- Reflect upon existing groups and how they all link to each other and the aims and objectives of the CSN concept.
- Discuss the concept with senior managers internally and start to scope partnerships with health and other key stakeholders – investigate links with each Local Strategic Partnership

Questions

- Can funding go cross boundaries? – answer yes as long as partners can demonstrate that monitoring and evaluation data can be collated with synergy. Projects need to demonstrate added value, meeting local need and must not create duplication. If this means that 1 project will meet a number of CSN priorities across a broader area than single CSNs then it is feasible. Some CSNs are setting themselves cross border in the first place.
- There are some issues around capacity locally to drive this work forward and getting political buy in to this work as a Head Of Service in a particular Local Authority has not been replaced.