



## **Fenland: championing the environment**

In Fenland, several tactics have so far been employed:

A Fenland Environment Network has been established. This brings together the main authors of strategy on environment issues – waste, biodiversity, water, energy etc. This multi-agency group provides a voice for environmental/sustainability issues and is represented on the LSP 's steering group. Representatives of the network are able to explore cross-cutting issues with other existing theme partnerships such as community safety.

Environment and sustainability concerns are also represented on the LSP board by the area manager for the Environment Agency, as well as the regional director of the Countryside Agency.

Two induction workshops were designed for the board members. Both of these identified the importance of working with and enabling existing theme partnerships, and also owning each other 's problems. In the first session board members presented the priorities emerging from the existing theme groups. This gave all members an understanding of the environmental priorities for action.

The two induction sessions have resulted in a draft terms of reference that provide a basis for tackling environmental issues requiring multi-agency support, and a mission statement which includes the concept of future generations and environmental wellbeing.

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