

Achievements/Ongoing Work	Trade Press & Media Highlights
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The letter sent to the Secretary of State, requesting that due to the size of our LEP we are able to submit 2 Enterprise Zone bids, has been circulated to local MPs for lobbying on behalf of the LEP.</li> <li>▪ The final criteria for Enterprise Zone submissions has been announced by Government, unfortunately the delay has not postponed the final submission deadline. Essex and Kent are currently working on final bid submissions.</li> <li>▪ An EU funding meeting was held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2011. It was agreed that a paper identifying potential sources of current EU funding to support LEP priorities would be produced. The LEP wide EU funding group are also contributing to an LGA think piece, in order to influence future government policy.</li> <li>▪ A communications task and finish group has been established, with the first meeting scheduled for early June. This group formed of business board members together with local authority communications support; together they will establish a communications and public affairs plan in light of the outcome of 23rd June and LEP priority setting.</li> <li>▪ The Executive Group away day has been scheduled for 23rd June, 10am – 4pm at Princes Park, Dartford.</li> </ul> <p><i>Contact the LEP Secretariat at <a href="mailto:lep@Essex.gov.uk">lep@Essex.gov.uk</a>, telephone 01245 430664</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 5,000 new jobs and £1bn of business investment is at stake in <b>Bradford's Enterprise Zone</b> bid, aimed at kick starting the city centre's economy. Further details: <a href="#">Bradford EZ</a></li> <li>▪ The government's drastic <b>deficit-reduction plans</b> may have to be slowed if growth figures continue to disappoint, an influential economic think tank has warned. Further details: <a href="#">City Wire</a></li> <li>▪ <b>Solent Local Enterprise Partnership Elects Chairman.</b> Mr Morrison has been a board member of ports management company Associated British Ports since 2005, and has worked for the company since he left school in 1968. He is currently port director at Southampton Port. Further details: <a href="#">Gazette Daily</a> and <a href="#">Solent LEP Shadow Board</a></li> <li>▪ England's largest cities should be handed significant autonomy <b>over business rates income</b> and a raft of budgets currently controlled by ministers to help them drive growth, an influential commission has reported. Further details: <a href="#">Local Government Chronicle</a></li> <li>▪ A high-speed trial <b>train service</b> linking Maidstone West and London's St Pancras International has started. Further details: <a href="#">BBC News</a></li> <li>▪ In March 2011, <b>Manchester Airport</b> was confirmed as the location of one of the UK Government's Enterprise Zones. Centred on the new Airport City development, businesses will be offered incentives to locate there in order to create new jobs and stimulate economic growth; locally, regionally and nationally. Further details: <a href="#">Manchester EZ</a></li> <li>▪ An Enterprise Zone bid to promote business growth which could lead to 1,700 new jobs in <b>Harwich</b> is currently underway. Further details: <a href="#">Harwich EZ</a></li> <li>▪ <b>Manston airport's</b> chief executive has called on the Government to recognise east Kent's economic problems when allocating the next round of <b>Regional Growth Fund</b> cash. Charles Buchanan is working with Kent County Council to submit an improved bid after a previous application for £10 million was rejected. Further details: <a href="#">Kent RGF bid</a></li> <li>▪ More than 18,500 jobs could be created in the <b>West Midlands</b> if a multi-site enterprise zone bid from The Marches LEP is successful. Further details: <a href="#">Insider News</a></li> <li>▪ Around 6,500 new jobs and investment totalling hundreds of millions of pounds could be brought to the <b>Sheffield City Region</b> if plans for an Enterprise Zone at Harworth was given the go-ahead. Further details: <a href="#">The Star</a></li> <li>▪ BUSINESS and council leaders on both banks of the Humber have teamed up under a new Humber-wide Local Enterprise partnership. The partnership will focus on establishing the region as the world leader in renewable energy. Further details: <a href="#">Humber LEP</a></li> </ul>
Future Event	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A GreenSpace East and Green Infrastructure Champions Group is taking place on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Hylands House, Chelmsford. For further information, please contact Bob Ivison, Forum Manager at GreenSpace East at <a href="mailto:bob@ivisonconsulting.co.uk">bob@ivisonconsulting.co.uk</a> or alternatively contact the LEP inbox (for agenda and speaker details)</li> </ul>	