

- Members stressed the need to avoid duplication of activity between the Local Area Partnership and operational activity taking place at a local level like the Area Tasking Teams.

Other issues raised in the debate were:

- The change in the constitutional position of the proposed LAPs from that of the current Area Boards, which would be the subject to further examination, evaluation and consultation
- Poor attendance by members of the public at meetings of the Area Tasking Teams
- LAPs reference of operational issues to Area Tasking Teams
- The adoption of the principle of 'local solutions to local problems'
- The proposal that LAPs will determine the local priorities for inclusion in individual Local Community Plans to inform the Corporate Priorities and the Bury Plan
- The positive contributions of the representatives of local communities on the proposed LAPs to assist in the identification of local priorities
- The effectiveness of the Area Board structure currently
- The possible recruitment processes for community representatives on the proposed LAPs
- The critical importance of assigning a Chief Officer of the Council as a Member of each LAP
- The strengthening of the relationship between the proposed LAPs and the scrutiny structure and the two-way referral of issues for consideration
- Determining an effective constitutional position of the proposed LAPs
- Timing of meetings of LAPs
- Annual review of the arrangements and operational effectiveness of LAPs
- The importance of producing a flow chart to demonstrate the relationship with other Council bodies and other joint bodies involving the Council's partners
- Membership of the proposed LAPs and voting rights
- Other alternative suggestions for the naming of the proposed LAPs

Councillor John Smith asked that the minutes reflect that the Area Board Chairs had reached a tacit agreement on the discussed proposed model.

At the conclusion of the debate, the Chair Councillor Gill Campbell, thanked Members for their positive contributions to this debate on future change.

**COUNCILLOR GILL CAMPBELL
CHAIR**

(Note: The meeting started at 6.00pm and ended at 6.55pm)