

Resources & Performance Scrutiny Board

Improving Partnership Working – Progress Report

22 September 2009

Report of Head of Improvement

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide the Resources and Performance Scrutiny Board with an update on the progress of the Improving Partnership Working project.

This report is public

Recommendations

The Resources & Performance Scrutiny Board is recommended to comment on the attached report on the progress of the Improving Partnership Working Project (Appendix 1).

Details

1 Background

The Resources and Performance Scrutiny Board 21 July 2009 considered the project brief of the Improving Partnership Working project and requested that a progress report be brought to their meeting on 22 September 2009. The report is attached (Appendix 1).

2 Improving Partnership Working

The report sets out the findings of the project to date. Democratic Services and Corporate and Community Planning have been closely involved in developing these findings. The lead officers for the partnerships rated as fair in the 2008/09 Partnerships Annual Report have been interviewed to identify ways in which the performance of these individual partnerships, and partnership working more widely, could be improved.

3 Next Steps

The changes proposed in the report are intended to be in place in their entirety for 2010/11. In advance of that the Council is monitoring the performance of the seventeen significant partnerships through the corporate

Performance Management Framework and will be planning for the future through the 2010/11 Service and Financial Planning process which is currently underway.

Many of the issues covered in the project were raised in the 2008/09 Annual Partnership Report to the Executive. Given the need to report back to the Executive, and given the recommendation that we discontinue the Partnership Annual Report in its current format, I propose that the final recommendations of the project are included in the report to the Executive on the Performance Management Framework for 2010/11. This will reinforce a key recommendation of the project that we integrate the management of partnerships (and our involvement in other outside bodies) into the existing performance management processes of the Council. Any constitutional matters concerning partnership working will be dealt with under the current review of the Council's constitution.

Document Information

Appendix No	Title
Appendix 1	Improving Partnership Working: Progress Report for Resources and Performance Scrutiny Board
Appendix 1 - Attachment A	Assessment of significant partnerships rated as delivering fair value for money.
Appendix 1 - Attachment B	Statement of roles and responsibilities of councillors involved in outside bodies.
Appendix 1 - Attachment C	Internal Audit report on partnership working in 2008/09 – Action Plan.
Background Papers	
Improving Partnership Working – Project Brief. Resources and Performance Scrutiny Board 21 July 2009.	
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