

Chichester District Council

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE 28 September 2017

Strategic Partnerships Review 2017

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2. Recommendations

The committee is requested to consider this annual report on the effectiveness of the Council's strategic partnerships and to satisfy themselves that these partnerships have appropriate governance measures and risk monitoring procedures in place.

3. Background

3.1. At a special meeting of the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee on the 23 July 2012 the following recommendations were made:

- (a) The committee should receive an Annual Partnerships report on the effectiveness of the council's strategic partnerships focussing on governance arrangements and risk monitoring.
- (b) The council's partnerships, both strategic and operational, should be reviewed during the council's annual service planning process to ensure that they are still achieving their outcomes, that risk registers are up to date and regularly reviewed and the council's strategic objectives continue to be met.
- (c) That the role of members who serve on partnerships is made clear in the partnerships guidance document particularly in relation to the requirements for annual reporting.

4. Analysis of Partnerships and recommendations

- 4.1. There are currently 10 strategic level partnerships that the council is involved with, as set out in the annual partnerships report (Appendix 2). They all have appropriate governance arrangements in place.
- 4.2. The annual review and report process is an appropriate method for ensuring our strategic partnerships have appropriate governance measures in place and should continue for the foreseeable future.

5. Community impact and corporate risks

- 5.1. By not completing a review of the main strategic partnerships of the council we risk council resources being directed into partnerships that do not meet the council's priorities, waste our resources, do not have a clear goal, and could

bring the council into disrepute. By ensuring that appropriate governance is in place in these partnerships and their risks managed we can ensure the quality of their work and their benefit to the local community.

6. Other Implications

	Yes	No
Crime & Disorder:		✓
Climate Change:		✓
Human Rights and Equality Impact:		✓
Safeguarding:		✓

7. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Chichester District Council Partnerships report 2017

8. Background Papers

None