

Chichester District Council

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE 25 July 2019

Annual Partnerships Report 2019

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2. Recommendations

- 2.1. That the Annual Partnerships report be noted.**
- 2.2. It is recommended that the partnerships annual report, as a mechanism for ensuring our strategic partnerships have appropriate governance measures in place, should continue reporting to Corporate Governance and Audit committee on an annual basis.**

3. Background

- 3.1. At a special meeting of the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee (CGAC) 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.
- 3.2. At the September meeting of CGAC 2017 members of the committee asked for the format of the report to be changed so that it considers governance arrangements and the exposure of the partnership to risks and the mitigation of those risks.
- 3.3. In 2018 Council managers attended a training session on partnerships to remind them of the importance of having good governance in place and that this report would monitor this on an annual basis.

4. Analysis of Partnerships and recommendations

- 4.1. The annual review and report process is a method for ensuring our strategic partnerships have appropriate governance measures in place and should continue for the foreseeable future. This report will only look at the governance of partnerships and is not concerned about the delivery of outcomes which is a role of the Overview and Scrutiny committee
- 4.2. There are currently 9 strategic level partnerships that the council is involved with, as set out in the annual partnerships report (Appendix 1). They all have appropriate governance arrangements in place.
- 4.3. Some of the partnerships do not have exit strategies in place. This is because we do not lead or manage these partnerships and we are limited in what governance can be put in place, but officers are satisfied with how the partnerships are being run. All Council run partnerships have robust governance in place.
- 4.4. Not all partnerships have a completed risk assessment attached, notably the ones run by other agencies. The Community Projects & Partnerships Manager will consult with officers to devise a quick and easy way to review risks associated with these partnerships.

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 are managed so that 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

- 7.1. Appendix 1 – Chichester District Council Partnerships report 2019