

# Chichester District Council

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

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### Strategic Partnerships Annual Report

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##### 1.1. Recommendations

**That the committee endorses the findings of the annual review of partnerships at paragraph 3.3.**

#### 2. Background

- 2.1. 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.

#### 3. Analysis of Partnerships and recommendations

- 3.1. There are currently 10 strategic level partnerships that the council is involved with as set out in the annual partnerships report at Appendix 1.
- 3.2. The annual review of partnerships has been considered against the Partnerships Guidance at Appendix 2. The guidance was last reviewed in 2015 to strengthen the risk management element of partnerships. We have completed partnerships training with members as part of the induction programme in 2015 and the guidance has been published on the intranet for officers. Partnerships are still reported on as part of service planning in the council every year and these are monitored by the Partnerships Officer.
- 3.3. The annual review has concluded that all strategic partnerships have appropriate governance arrangements in place, the partnerships guidance is being followed and the risks to the Council from its membership of the strategic partnerships is therefore being appropriately managed.

#### 4. Community impact and corporate risks

- 4.1. 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.

#### 5. Other Implications

	Yes	No
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder:</b>		✓
<b>Climate Change:</b>		✓
<b>Human Rights and Equality Impact:</b>		✓
<b>Safeguarding:</b>		✓

#### 6. Appendices

- 6.1. Appendix 1 – Chichester District Council Partnerships report 2016  
6.2. Appendix 2 – Chichester District Council Partnerships Guidance 2015

#### 7. Background Papers

None