

Chichester District Council

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

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Partnerships Report 2018

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2. Recommendations

- 2.1. That the Annual Partnerships report is noted.**
- 2.2. It is recommended that the partnerships annual report is an appropriate mechanism for ensuring our strategic partnerships have appropriate governance measures in place and should continue reporting to Corporate Governance and Audit committee on an annual basis.**
- 2.3. That the updated Partnerships Guidance 2018 be approved by the Committee**
- 2.4. That officers involved with the partnerships complete /update risk assessments looking at financial/ reputational and exit strategy risks.**

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.
- 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.

4. Analysis of Partnerships and recommendations

- 4.1. There are currently 13 strategic level partnerships that the council is involved with, as set out in the annual partnerships report (Appendix 2). Two of the partnerships (Coastal West Sussex Partnership & Rural West Sussex Partnership) have recently been allocated to the new manager of the Economic Development Team and they will review CDC membership to these in the coming year so they have not been included in this years report.
- 4.2. Coast2Capital is not included as we are not an active member of their management board. Our involvement with this partnership has been to apply for grant funding which is not a partnership relationship.
- 4.3. All the partnerships have Terms of Reference and lines of accountability in place.
- 4.4. Six of the partnerships have not completed risk assessments; these tend to be the partnerships where we are not the lead partner.
- 4.5. Five of the partnerships have not considered an exit strategy for the council which should be covered by their risk assessments if they have one. It is recommended that all partnerships should complete/ update risk assessments.

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, potentially waste our resources do not have shared goals and could bring the council into disrepute. By ensuring that appropriate governance is in place in these partnerships and that their risks are effectively managed we can ensure the quality of their work and their benefit to the local community.

6. Other Implications

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

7. Appendices

- 7.1. Appendix 1 – Chichester District Council Partnerships report 2018
- 7.2. Appendix 2 – Documents from partnerships
- 7.3. Appendix 3 – Partnerships Guidance 2018

8. Background Papers