

Purpose

1. Local Strategic Partnerships (LSPs) are groups of organisations from the public, private, community and voluntary sector with a key objective to improve the quality of life of the area by working together to achieve common goals.
2. This report provides Members the opportunity to gather evidence from the Mansfield Area Strategic Partnership (LSP) as part of a scrutiny review of Partnerships in Nottinghamshire.



Information

3. The County Council's Overview Committee has established a review of partnerships to determine: **Are partnerships the best way to deliver improvements for our communities?** as part of its programme of work.
4. The Partnerships Review has been established:
 - To improve Member involvement and accountability for partnerships and the achievement of local priorities.
 - To develop a strategy/purpose for the County Council's involvement in partnerships:

- What value should be added by being in a partnership?
 - Process for review/ challenge
 - When should we not be in a partnership
 - To consider whether available funding is delivering outcomes
 - To examine whether partnerships are providing value for money and delivering improvements/outcomes -and if appropriate to consider alternative ways of working.
5. To achieve these objectives the Review has identified a number of potential sources for information including the Local Strategic Partnership for each district/borough in Nottinghamshire.
6. The review has invited representatives of the Mansfield Area Strategic Partnership (MASP) to attend the meeting to discuss the following topics:
- The Partnership's key achievements
 - Democratic Engagement with the partnership - how are the public and elected Members involved
 - The composition of the Partnership (eg Board, Executive Group) - who attends
 - Funding for the Partnership - how are the key achievements funded, how is the Partnership resourced

"MASP's role is to:

- Identify the key issues and priorities for the District
- Produce joint plans to tackle these key issues
- Work together to improve public services, renew deprived areas and develop strong communities
- Focus on the need and aspirations of local people – including those who are traditionally excluded
- Encourage local involvement and decision making"

The Mansfield Area Strategic Partnership

Recommendations

7. It is recommended that the partnerships review

consider the information provided and identify any further information required from the Mansfield Area Strategic Partnership.

Councillor Joyce Bosnjak

Chair of Partnerships Review

Lead Scrutiny Officer: matthew.garrard@nottsc.gov.uk

Background papers: nil