

Purpose

1. The County Council's Overview Committee has agreed to undertake a scrutiny review to determine: **Are partnerships the best way to deliver improvements for our communities?**
2. This report provides Members the opportunity to consider how to conduct this Review based on experience from other local authorities.

Information

3. 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.
4. To achieve these objectives the Review has identified a number of potential sources for information. The Programme of Work included

as an appendix to this report provides an order for receiving this information which the Review is invited to consider and approve.

5. Members have expressed an interest in co-operating with scrutiny work carried out elsewhere in Nottinghamshire as part of the evidence gathering process for this Review. A number of the Partnerships involved in the review operate in a specific district or borough and the Review has invited the relevant local authority Overview and Scrutiny Committees to make a contribution.
6. Rushcliffe Borough Council's Partnership Delivery Group regularly undertakes such work and the Chairman of the Group, Councillor Nigel Lawrence has been invited to report on the process followed.
7. Examples of good practice in scrutinising Partnerships from other local authorities will also be reported.

Recommendations

8. It is recommended that the partnerships review
 - i. consider the information provided and draft work programme and
 - ii. agree a programme of work for the review.

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Background papers: nil

