

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 Ashfield 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 Ashfield Partnership 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

"We are determined to provide a single voice for Ashfield and to create a thriving and self-confident community possessing good health and prosperity and enjoying a safe, clean and green environment."

The Ashfield Partnership

Recommendations

7. It is recommended that the partnerships review

consider the information provided and identify any further information required from the Ashfield Partnership.

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Chair of Partnerships Review

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Background papers: nil