

Purpose

1. Total Place involves local public services working together to deliver better value services to citizens by focusing on joint working and reducing waste and duplication.
2. This report provides Members the opportunity to gather evidence from a total place pilot 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. 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. This report provides the Review with an opportunity to consider an alternative way of working.

Total Place

5. Total Place is an initiative to consider how a 'whole area' approach to public services can lead to better services at less cost.

"Total Place is demonstrating the greater value to be gained for citizens and taxpayers from public authorities putting the citizen at the heart of service design and working together to improve outcomes and eliminate waste and duplication."

Total place:
a whole area approach to public services

6. The approach has been piloted in 13 areas across England, with each area ensuring a diverse mix of economic, geographical and demographic profiles.
7. Each of the pilots selected at least one particular theme to explore in detail. The intention was that this would allow them to examine how the money flows, and how the delivery system can be improved and made more efficient.
8. The review has invited **John Tizard** Director of the Centre for Public Service Partnerships who was the programme lead for the Worcestershire Pilot to attend the meeting to:
 - provide an introduction to the Total Place concept
 - share some of the experiences and learning from the Worcestershire Pilot
9. The Worcestershire Pilot was set up to focus efforts on a range of themes where there was greatest need in the area, such as tackling obesity, re-offending and road safety; as well early intervention for 'high contact' families receiving multiple support such as for times of family breakdown or unemployment. The pilot was also tasked to see if there was potential to make savings through better management of capital assets and sharing back-office services.

10. Members are invited to consider the benefits of the total place approach and its relevance to Nottinghamshire.

- Make changes to services that can improve the lives of local residents and deliver better value
- Deliver early savings to validate the work
- Develop a body of knowledge and learning about how more effective cross-agency working can deliver the above.

Aims of Total Place

Recommendation

11. It is recommended that the partnerships review

consider the information provided and identify any further information required as part of the Review.

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Background papers:
www.localleadership.gov.uk/totalplace