

Purpose

1. This report provides Members the opportunity to consider the progress of the Review of Partnerships and identify further information required as part of the programme of work.

Information

2. 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.
3. 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.

Research

4. At the meeting of the Review on 12 July Members requested that in addition to the information being provided by local strategic partnerships (LSP), research should be undertaken to determine the cost to the County Council of officers attending meetings of LSPs. This information will be presented for consideration by the Review.
5. A summary of evidence gathered by the Review will also be presented. Members are invited to consider the information and identify any further evidence that may be required in the final meetings of the Review.

Recommendation

6. It is recommended that the partnerships review

consider any additions to the programme of work.

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Background papers: nil