

Review of Partnerships Scope

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| Review Title | Partnerships: Are they Achieving? | | |
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| Start date | November 2009 | Completion date | November 2010 |
| Reason for review | Are partnerships the best way to deliver improvements for our communities? | | |
| Objectives | <p>To examine whether partnerships are providing value for money and delivering improvements/outcomes -and if appropriate to consider alternative ways of working.</p> <p>To develop a strategy/purpose for the County Council's involvement in partnerships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What value should be added by being in a partnership? • Process for review/ challenge • When should we not be in a partnership <p>To consider whether available funding is delivering outcomes</p> <p>To improve Member involvement and accountability for partnerships and the achievement of local priorities.</p> | | |
| Risks and issues | <p>Risks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to avoid alienating partners and recognise that the County Council does not own the partnerships • Volume of partnerships - review will focus on the Nottinghamshire Partnership and LSPs. (The Children's and Young Peoples Partnership and the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership as statutory requirements will be avoided.) <p>Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are Communities Strategies/LAA/local priorities achievable without partnerships? • Do partnerships provide value for money? • Concern at lack of clarity in the purpose of County Council's involvement in partnerships • Explore barriers to partnerships including appropriate representation and inconsistent attendance and involvement • Lack of relevance to elected Members and concern at level of accountability and information available | | |

Background information

List of partnerships/types (Nottinghamshire Improvement Plan suggested 300+)
LSP peer reviews
Minutes and strategy delivery plans from LSPs.
Best practice examples – IDeA?
Statutory requirements (Are these subject to change?)
How does the funding flow?
Cost of officer time at meetings

Theme

Testing the guiding principles of the Nottinghamshire Community Strategy

Witnesses

Officers and members of LSPs
District Councils & Scrutiny Chairs
Partners
IDeA?

Proposed visits

Options include attending partnership meetings in Nottinghamshire and good practice elsewhere

Public Involvement

Access to local strategic partnerships and their accountability will be considered as part of the review. The public involvement in developing priorities and strategies may also be explored.

Communications

Raise awareness of review with partners – in particular districts prior to any press release



