

Purpose

1. The County Council has committed to “play a full part in leading Nottinghamshire to be a place where people want to live and feel safe; businesses want to invest and tourists want to visit and stay,” and to work with partners to achieve this.
2. This report provides Members the opportunity to gather evidence from the County Council on its involvement with 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 taking evidence from the County Council on its role in Partnerships.
 6. The review has invited the Assistant Chief Executive to the meeting to discuss this. Members may wish to explore issues such as: the purpose of the County Council's involvement with local strategic partnerships (LSPs), how it is represented, how Partnership decisions/agreements are progressed, how partnerships are supported by the County Council, Member involvement with LSPs and the role of Member Forums.

Recommendations

7. It is recommended that the partnerships review

consider the information provided and identify any further
information required

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Background papers: nil