

REVIEW OF PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report sets out the proposed way forward for reviewing the Council's key partnership arrangements.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 One of the main actions within the CPA Improvement Plan is for the Council to undertake a review of its key partnership arrangements, to ensure that they remain relevant, contribute to the Council's main objectives, key policies and actions, and are effective and efficient in terms of the use of resources.
- 2.2 When the Council's work programme for 2005/2006 was considered at Council in February (min 76/2005), it was envisaged that the work around reviewing Partnership arrangements would be undertaken by this Committee.

3 DETAILED CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 It is clear from the growing work programme of this Committee involving the monitoring of the CPA Improvement Plan, the Budget process and the detailed work around reviewing the Overview and Scrutiny process (see Agenda item 10), that it will be difficult for this Committee to undertake a considered review of key partnerships within the timescale envisaged.
- 3.2 It is therefore suggested that Committee request to Council that this piece of work is instead undertaken by the Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee. If this is agreed, at the first meeting of that Committee in the new municipal year, the Chief Executive will arrange for a detailed report and presentation to be given around the key partnerships in which the Council is involved. On the basis of that information, Members can then determine the key partnerships they wish to look into in some detail, the priority order and the timeframe for work.

4 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 It is proposed that the Committee recommends to Full Council that in view of growing work commitments, the review of Key Partnerships is undertaken by Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee rather than this Committee, with officers reporting into that Committee, at its first meeting of the new municipal year so that the detailed focus and work programme can be agreed.

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