

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

CORPORATE BUSINESS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 26 NOVEMBER
2013

REPORT BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMER
AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

8. ANNUAL REVIEW OF PARTNERSHIP REGISTER

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

Purpose/Summary of Report:

- To provide the results of the annual review of Partnership Registers.

**RECOMMENDATION FOR CORPORATE BUSINESS SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE: That:**

(A)	Corporate Business Scrutiny Committee expresses confidence in the governance arrangements of partnerships and the internal processes.
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1.0 Background

1.1 On 30 November 2010, the Committee considered the Partnership Protocol, which was endorsed as a helpful and appropriate management tool for identifying and managing risks associated with partnership working.

1.2 The Committee requested an annual review of all partnerships that the Council participates in, using the register within the Protocol (Essential Reference Paper B), with results reported each November.

2.0 Report

2.1 Directors reviewed and updated the Partnership Register during the summer of 2013.

2.2 There has been no significant change to the risk or governance arrangements of any existing partnership within the past year.

Therefore it has not been necessary to seek additional detail or assurance during this year's review.

- 2.3 No new partnerships have commenced since November 2012. The Highways Joint Member Panel, and the Safer and Stronger Executive Group ceased.
 - 2.4 Whilst falling outside of the Council's definition of 'Partnership', Members asked that shared services are subject to the principles of the protocol, and recorded on the register.
 - 2.5 One new shared service has started during the past year. The Shared ICT, Business Improvement, Print and Design Service with Stevenage Borough Council commenced on 1 August 2013.
 - 2.6 Any significant business risks are incorporated into the Strategic risk register. Operational risks are recorded on departmental risk registers. These are discussed at team meetings, and Corporate Management Team quarterly. The Strategic Risk Register is submitted to the Executive and to Audit Committee. (All risks and controls can be viewed by Members on the Council's performance management software, Covalent).
 - 2.7 The updated register is attached at **Essential Reference Paper 'B'**.
- 3.0 Implications/Consultations
- 3.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

Background Papers

Review of partnership register. Corporate Business Scrutiny Committee. 27 November 2012.

Partnership Protocol. Corporate Business Scrutiny Committee. 30 November 2010.

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