

**POLICY, FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JULY 2015**

**REPORT OF THE HEAD OF COMMUNITIES & NEIGHBOURHOODS**

**PARTNERSHIP EVALUATIONS UPDATE**

**1.0. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To bring Member's attention to the Edited Partnership Register in order to identify key partnerships, which have been assessed by lead officers using the Evaluation Toolkit, as agreed December 2013.
- 1.2 The report updates Members on the work of the Council's significant partnerships during the period 2014-15 and highlights future plans, activities and developments.

**2.0. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1.1 **That Members note the report and approve the partnership evaluation procedure.**

**3.0. KEY ISSUES**

**Background**

- 3.1. On a three yearly basis the Council reviews its engagement with Partnerships. This ensures that capacity and resources are being allocated to those partnerships which are most closely aligned with the Council's priorities and direction of travel, as well as those which through their Partnership organization have the capacity to assist or are required for the appropriate approved delivery of services and/or approach to local people and businesses.
- 3.2. Previous evaluations have used a procedure that ranks the significance and impact of Partnerships but it did not look at the detail of alignment or the specifics of evaluating performance alongside the partnership approach.
- 3.3. A revised Protocol including a Policy Statement together with an Evaluation procedure toolkit was approved by the Policy, Finance and Administration Committee on 3rd December 2013. The protocol policy statement is set out in Appendix A to this report and the evaluation procedure/toolkit in Appendix B. The protocol also includes a checklist for entering new partnerships.
- 3.4. Whilst the evaluation is comprehensive in its approach, it does require Officers to carefully analyse the Partnerships the Council is committed to. It has been proposed and agreed that the evaluation is carried out on a three yearly cycle, unless there were any issues that became apparent with a Partnership during that period when the review would be brought forward. If a change in a Partnership approach was considered appropriate a Report where necessary would be made to the relevant Policy Committee.

- 3.5. An internal review supported by T3 Management was undertaken to bring up to date the existing Partnerships Register. A final critical review of this Edited Partnership Register provided in Appendix A was undertaken by Management Team, where key partnerships were identified alongside the relevant lead officer. The key partnerships were then assessed using the evaluation toolkit by the relevant lead officers- see Appendix B as an example.
- 3.6. A full set of completed partnership evaluations will be available in the Members' room for each of the partnerships identified in Appendix A.

#### **4.0. POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Links to the recently refreshed Corporate Priorities include:
- Agile Council- to effectively manage demand, delivering well-respected and value for money customer focused services with pride and efficiency.

#### **5.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 None have been identified at this stage.

#### **6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/POWERS**

- 6.1.1 There are no other legal implications directly arising from this report.

#### **7.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY**

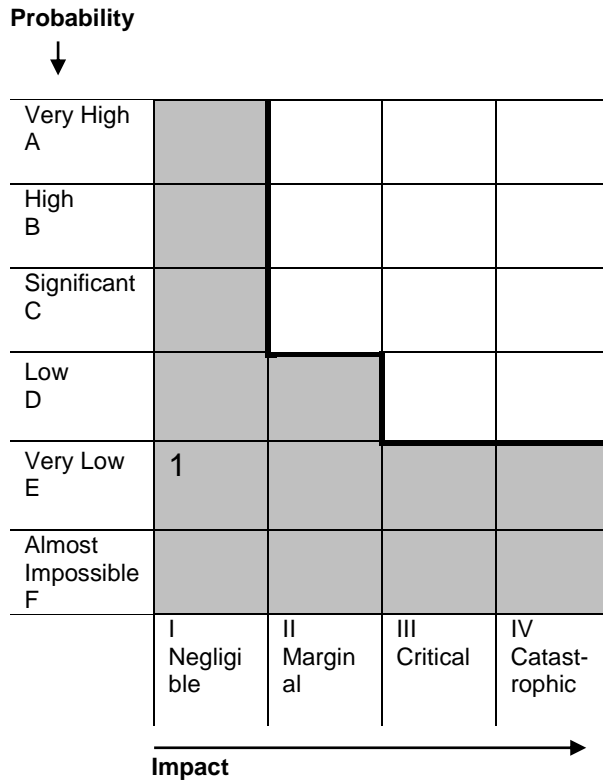
- 7.1 None have been identified at this stage.

#### **8.0 EQUALITIES**

- 8.1 Management Team and T3 were involved in the development of the Partnership Evaluation Protocol/ Toolkit, and the Equalities Check and Challenge group have reviewed the implications and determined that as a result of the overarching nature of the Protocol, no Equalities Impact Assessment was required.

#### **9.0 RISKS**

- 9.1 The risks are considered in the table below



Risk No.	Description
1	Partnership Evaluations are not approved, no current document available

## 10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE

10.1 There are no adverse climate change issues directly arising from this report.

## 11.0 CONSULTATION

11.1 Management Team and T3 were involved in the initial development of the Partnership Evaluation Protocol/ Toolkit and the updated Partnerships Register. Please refer to point 3.5.

## 12.0 WARDS AFFECTED

12.1 All wards affected.

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Appendices: Appendix A: Final Edited Partnership Register  
Appendix B: Example MCP Partnership Evaluation

Background Papers: None

Reference: X:\Cttee, Council & Sub Cttees\PFA\2015-16\