

Report of the Executive Manager - Neighbourhoods

1. Summary

- 1.1. In the ever changing world of local government strong partnerships are increasingly important. Therefore periodically it is beneficial for the Group to consider the details of all the partnerships that the Council is involved in. Such a review will also assist Members in developing their rolling work programme for deeper scrutiny.

2. Recommendation

It is RECOMMENDED that Members consider the attached list to assist the development of a prioritised work programme for future meetings.

3. Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1. The attached list in Appendix A contains details of what are considered to be the Council's most significant partnerships. Many of the partnerships listed will be familiar to Members but further information and clarification can be provided at the meeting.
- 3.2. Members will note that there are a number of different types of partnership that the Council is involved in: statutory, quasi statutory and voluntary. A number involve the private sector in a contractual relationship but others also include several public sector partners. The Council's role in these partnerships varies according to their role, remit and terms of reference.
- 3.3. It has been a well-established principle and supported by Scrutiny Chairmen and Vice Chairmen that non contractual partnerships where the Council has more of an influencing role and immature contractual partnerships should be scrutinised by Partnership Delivery Group. Whereas partnerships of a contractual nature, where the focus should be on performance issues, should be considered by the Performance Management Board. This can vary according to the position in the life cycle of the partnership. An example would be the Council's partnership with Streetwise Environmental Ltd which was originally considered by the Partnership Delivery Group but once the prime contract was in place and the company established it switched to be more appropriately scrutinised by Performance Management Board in line with other formal contracts. However when this partnership nears the end of

its contractual term, the development of the new partnership will be scrutinised by the Partnership Delivery Group.

- 3.4. Importantly the role of the Partnership Delivery Group is to scrutinise the development of partnerships and identify if there any concerns, regarding the way partnerships are working and the quality of the relationships given the limited time available it is important that the Group focuses on those partnerships that are considered to be the most prominent based on a range of factors such as financial contribution, scale and breadth of outcomes for the community etc.

4. Supporting Evidence

- 4.1. Further summary details for each partnership are included in Appendix A.

5. Risk and Uncertainties

- 5.1. Where relevant each partnership relationship will have had a risk assessment undertaken and the outcomes recorded within the Council's risk register.

6. Implications

6.1. Finance

The financial input to the partnership from the Council, where applicable, is referenced in Appendix A.

6.2. Legal

The Service Level Agreements with RCVS was established in conjunction with the Council's Legal Services team.

6.3. Corporate Priorities

Working with our partners supports the Council's priorities of;

- Supporting economic growth to ensure a prosperous and thriving local economy.
- Maintaining and enhancing our residents' quality of life.
- Transforming the Council to enable the delivery of efficient high quality services.

6.4. Other Implications

None.

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Background papers Available for Inspection:	None.
List of appendices (if any):	Appendix A - List of Partnerships

List of Current RBC Partnerships – December 2017

Item	Service	Partners	Partnership coverage	Rushcliffe BC financial input £	Financial monitoring and governance arrangements	Performance monitoring arrangements	Type of partnership
1.	Recycling2go	Nottinghamshire County Council and other Nottinghamshire districts	Waste collection and disposal arrangements	No direct funding	Waste Partnership Board with Cabinet Portfolio representation	Waste Partnership Board with Cabinet Portfolio representation	Voluntary Partnership
2.	Waste and Fleet	Nottinghamshire County Council and other Nottinghamshire districts and the City Council	Nottinghamshire vehicle consortium	No direct funding	Quarterly meetings of Nottinghamshire Transport Managers with a signed partnership agreement agreed by Chief Executives	Through Nottinghamshire Waste Officers	Voluntary Partnership
3.	Strategic Housing	Metropolitan	Primary Registered social landlord Affordable homes capital development programme	Specific affordable housing projects supported by RBC capital grant allocation e.g. garage sites	Monitored by Executive Manager and through quarterly strategic development meetings	Monitored through performance indicators (LINS24). Partnership Delivery Group	Contractual Partnership as part of Large Scale Voluntary Transfer
4.	Strategic Housing	Midlands Rural Housing, Waterloo Housing Group	Trent Valley Partnership – affordable housing development in rural villages	Contribution of £1k per annum. towards the costs of the Rural Housing Enabler.	Trent Valley Partnership meets quarterly, and Midlands Rural Housing run an annual steering group (covering larger area than Rushcliffe)	Rural affordable housing developments contribute to LINS24 Partnership Delivery Group	Voluntary

5.	Strategic Housing	Gedling and Broxtowe Borough Councils, housing associations	Choice Based Lettings, housing register and homelessness software	The budget for 2017/18 is £65,300 including a contribution of £13.7k from the partnership	Budget held by Broxtowe Borough Council. Monthly steering group meetings.	Monitored through individual Local Authority local performance indicators	Voluntary Partnership
6.	Waste and Contracts	Streetwise Environmental Ltd	Street cleansing, grounds maintenance and a range of other services contained in a prime contract	Annual Contract value of £1,533,792 paid in 12 monthly instalments	Monthly and quarterly performance and review meetings	Regular Board meetings and through monitoring the contract Performance Management Board	Contract
7.	Waste and Contracts	Nottingham City Council	Fleet Maintenance	Budget is £284,500k per annum	Twice monthly performance and budget meeting	Regular Board meetings and through monitoring the agreement KPI's Partnership Delivery Group	Cooperation Agreement
8.	Community Safety	Nottinghamshire County Council, Gedling, Broxtowe, Police, Fire, CCG	South Notts Community Safety Partnership	No direct budget provision Note – The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner grants annual funding for the Trent Bridge Locality Area.	Governance arrangements are via the Rushcliffe Locality Group (for the South Notts Community Safety Partnership).	Through Community Safety Partnership Group Partnership Delivery Group	Statutory Partnership

9.	Parking and car park management	Nottinghamshire County Council and private sector contractor NSL	Decriminalised Parking Enforcement	An overall surplus was achieved in 2016/17 resulting in the Council receiving £21,237 (the net off-street surplus) from the partnership. It is anticipated that the contract will remain in a surplus position.	Through legal agreement with Nottinghamshire County Council	Regular Board meetings and through monitoring the contract Performance Management Board	Contractual Partnership
10	Community Development	Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club	Positive Futures, schools, community coaching and club support	Direct payment made of £110k pa	Service Level Agreement in place to cover service delivery	Programme delivery meetings held. Scrutiny through the portfolio holders and Partnership Delivery Group	Contractual Partnership
11	Community Development	Nottingham Rugby Club	Sports coaching in schools and community events and promotion of the White Ribbon Campaign	£5k pa	Service Level Agreement in place	Programme delivery meetings held. Performance reported to Portfolio Holder Community Services and annual report produced	Contractual partnership

12	Seamless customer services	Nottinghamshire Police, Notts County Council, Bingham Health Centre	Central West Bridgford customer service centre and rural customer contact points	NCC contributes £9,500 per annum to deliver their face to face service	Contract in place to cover service delivery	Ad hoc	Quasi Contractual Partnership
13	Seamless customer services	Metropolitan Housing	Central West Bridgford customer service centre and rural customer contact points	Metropolitan Housing contributes one FTE salary to deliver their face to face service.	Contract in place to cover service delivery	Ad hoc	Contractual
14	Communities	Nottingham City Council Nottinghamshire County Council Ashfield District Council, Broxtowe, Gedling and Erewash Borough Council, Home And Communities Agency	Development of aligned Local Plans for the Greater Nottingham Housing Market area. Growth Point activity.	Officer time Rushcliffe Borough Council benefits from economy of scale and shared expertise	Officer steering group and Joint Planning Advisory Board with Cabinet Portfolio representatives	Joint Planning Advisory Board with Cabinet Portfolio representatives. Local Development Framework group.	Voluntary (but strongly advised) Sub regional
15	Safeguarding Children	Nottinghamshire County Council and other Nottinghamshire districts	Nottinghamshire Local Authority Safeguarding Children Partnership	Officer time	Partnership reports to Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board. All partners have a duty to co-operate. External review by Ofsted	Organised by Nottinghamshire County Council – completion of S11 compliance report	Quasi Statutory Partnership

16	Leisure Facilities	Parkwood Leisure	Management of Leisure Centres in Rushcliffe	Management fee Parkwood: Actual expenditure for contract year 16/17 (Aug 16- July17) £211,720 Budget 17/18 contract year £64,391	Written contract with Parkwood. Financial monitoring is through the Borough's normal budget procedures. Monthly contract and quarterly partnership board meetings	Annual report to the Performance Management Board	Contractual
17	East Leake Leisure Centre	Carillon, Nottinghamshire County Council, East Leake Schools Ltd	Leisure Centre and School Private Finance Initiative (PFI)	Annual support cost including all building costs Actual expenditure 16/17 £479,603 Budget 17/18 £487,380	General contract management including monthly contract and quarterly partnership board meetings	Annual report to the Performance Management Board	Contractual
18	Edwalton Golf Course	Glendale Golf	Management of Golf course and associated social functions	Income received from Glendale Actual Income 16/17 £69,000 Budget 17/18 £40,475	General contract management including monthly contract and quarterly partnership board meetings	Annual report to the Performance Management Board	Contractual
19	Payroll	Gedling Borough Council	Provision of payroll services	Payroll Actual for 2014-15 was £37,830. Budget for 2015-16 is £33,400 RBC benefits from improved efficiency and resilience	Service Level Agreement in place to cover service delivery.	Regular monthly meetings with operational staff	Contractual

20	Emergency Planning	Nottinghamshire County Council	Provision of emergency planning support	£25,900 for 2014/15 £27,000 budgeted for 2015/6 Rushcliffe Borough Council benefits from improved efficiency and resilience	Service Level Agreement in place to cover service delivery	Quarterly review of arrangements with Nottinghamshire County Council Partnership Delivery Group	Contractual
21	Emergency Planning	Newark & Sherwood District Council (N&SDC)	Local Resilience Forum – N&SDC Chief executive acts as the local authority representative on the forum.	£800 per annum	Service Level Agreement in place to cover service delivery	Annual review	Contractual
22	Business Rate Pooling	Nottinghamshire County Council and other Nottinghamshire districts	Joint treatment of business rate income collection	All Business Rate income is processed through the Pool.	Agreement in place	Via monthly meetings of the Notts Finance Officers Group (normal attendee Executive Manager – Finance and Commercial)	Statutory Pool agreed by Department for Communities and Local Government. Membership to be reconfirmed on an annual basis.

23	East Midlands LawShare	6 law firm panel: Bevan Brittan, Browne Jacobson, Freeths Geldards, Sharpe Pritchard, and Weightmans, plus 69 other authorities	Provision of legal services	No fee for membership; discounted hourly rates for legal services purchased (without obligation).	Administered by Nottinghamshire County Council and Steering Group	Steering Group (no Rushcliffe Borough Council member)	Contractual/consortium.
24	Environmental Health	Nottinghamshire County Council and other Nottinghamshire districts	Provision of Preventative Adaptation and Handy Persons Adaptation Scheme (HPAS)	Funded via a contribution from the Notts Better Care Fund	Memorandum of understanding in place to cover service delivery arrangements	Steering Group meets quarterly	Contractual
25	ICT	Broxtowe Borough Council, Newark and Sherwood District Council, Rushcliffe Borough Council	ICT service – Shared Chief Information Officer (CIO)	£32,000 pa	Monthly meeting with Chief Executives	Monthly meeting with Chief Executives	Contractual
26	ICT – Transformational government group	Nottinghamshire County Council, Nottingham City Council, all 7 Nottinghamshire district councils	Wider ICT agenda – making ICT ready so ICT is not a barrier to working together	No financial commitment	Reports to the Chief Executives' Group	Reports to the Chief Executives' Group	Contractual

27	Communities Nature Conservation	Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust	Provision of Wildlife Conservation services within Rushcliffe	£15,750 pa	Service Level Agreement in place to cover service delivery	Regular meetings via the Rushcliffe Nature Conservation Strategy Implementation Group and annual report	Contractual
28	Community Development	Rushcliffe Community Voluntary Service	Deliver infrastructure services to voluntary and community groups, assist the Council in implementing its Equality scheme	£15k pa	Service Level Agreement in place to cover service delivery	Quarterly reporting of SLA delivery, with a six month performance review attended and the portfolio holders. Partnership Delivery Group.	Contractual
29	Community Development	Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire	Support the development and delivery of Community and Neighbourhood plans, rural businesses and Town and Parish Councils	£18,500 pa	Service Level Agreement in place to cover service delivery	Quarterly reporting of SLA delivery, with a six month performance review attended by the Cabinet portfolio holder Partnership Delivery Group.	Contractual

30	Executive Manager Communities	South Kesteven DC (Hosts), Newark DC and Rushcliffe BC	Building Control Partnership	£114k per annum for statutory work	Partnership Agreement in Place	Partnership Boards involving senior managers from all three Councils	Public Partnership
31	Estates	Canal and Rivers Trust	Grantham Canal Partnership	£39k pa	Legal agreement in place for 24 km of towpath maintenance (21 years from 2003)	In development	Legal Agreement