

Report of the Head of Resources

PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2016-17

1 Purpose of report

To seek guidance from the committee as to what broad areas of policy they wish to consider during 2016-17; and the work of which partner organisations they would like to review.

2 Executive summary

A programme of work for the committee has not yet been set for 2016-17. This report outlines some of the options for meetings, including a review of policy, service and external funding.

3 Appendices

Appendix A: Extract from Council Constitution.
Appendix B: Draft programme of work for 2016-17.

4 Proposed action:

4.1 The committee is invited to RESOLVE to agree a work programme for 2016-17.

5 Background

The constitution sets out that the Partnerships and Performance Committee will “review and monitor the performance of council services and services provided on behalf of the council by external bodies as set out in Part 3 of this constitution”. The terms of reference of the Partnerships and Performance Committee are attached as appendix A.

6 Discussion

6.1 Suggestions for the work programme for the coming year are outlined in appendix B for approval or amendment.

7 Legal powers

7.1 Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 gives the council the power to do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of any of its functions.

7.2 Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000 gives the council the power (subject to certain exceptions which do not apply here) to do anything which they consider is likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or

environmental wellbeing of the borough.

7.3 Section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006 requires that the council has a committee with power to review how the council discharges its responsibilities in relation to its crime and disorder functions.

7.4 Part 5, Chapter 2 (sections 119 to 128) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 adds to the provision of section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and gives additional rights to the committee to receive reports from partner organisations.

8 Financial and value for money implications

8.1 The efficient use of resources is a fundamental requirement for providing value for money. Effective review is a key factor in the control of the use of resources.

9 Risk analysis

It is important that councillors understand and examine the work of the council and its partner organisations so that any matters of concern can be identified and resolved effectively. It is also of value to further members' understanding and enable them to question, as well as appreciate, the services the council helps to fund. This approach assists the council in ensuring that the council obtains good value from its investments and budgets.

10 Implications for resources

Effective review of performance should lead to efficiencies and increase the likelihood of attracting resources from stakeholders.

11 Implications for stronger and safer communities

Effective review of partnerships should increase the effectiveness of efforts aimed at forging safer and stronger communities.

12 Implications for equalities

Effective review should result in better outcomes for all people and communities served by the council.

13 Author and contact officer

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14 Consultees

Corporate Management Team.
Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

15 Background papers

None

Appendix A

3.3.07 PARTNERSHIPS AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

“Specific Functions

To review and monitor the performance of council services, and services provided on behalf of the Council by external and/or shared service providers:

- i) assist the Council in the development of its budget and policy framework by in-depth analysis of policy issues.
- ii) conduct research, community and other consultation in the analysis of policy issues and possible options.
- iii) consider and implement mechanisms to encourage and enhance community participation in the development of policy options.
- iv) undertake reviews and make recommendations on services or activities carried out by external organisations which affect the Borough of Wellingborough or its inhabitants.
- v) review and monitor the performance of the Council in relation to its policy objectives, corporate procurement activities, performance targets and/or particular service areas.
- vi) review and monitor the contractual and operational performance of shared service partnerships, joint ventures and outside organisations to which the Council makes a resource contribution, including examination of the benefits of the Council’s contribution and the extent to which the body concerned makes a contribution to achievement of the Council’s priorities.
- vii) question members of committees and senior officers about performance, whether generally in comparison with service plans and targets over a period of time, or in relation to particular decisions, initiatives or projects.
- viii) make recommendations to the appropriate committee and/or Council arising from the outcome of the performance monitoring process.
- ix) question and gather evidence from any person (with their consent) for the purposes of performance management and/or monitoring.
- x) undertake the Council's crime and disorder obligations:
 - (a) review decisions made (or other action taken) by responsible authorities, in connection with their crime and disorder functions conferred by or under section 6 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (formulation and implementation of crime and disorder strategies;
 - (b) consider (crime and disorder related) councillor ‘calls for action’ that arise; and
 - (c) make reports or recommendations to the Council with regard to those functions.”

Appendix B

Partnerships & Performance Committee: options for work plan for 2016-17

1. Performance reports:

- Performance: progress against targets (six monthly)
- Complaints and Freedom of Information requests (six monthly)

2. Review of grant allocation: presentations

Options for presentations from Service Level Agreement funded partners for 2016/17:

Organisation Name	Value of funding	Length of Contract	Purpose of funding	Date last reviewed by P&P or O&S
The Victoria Centre	£11,000	2 years	Community hub mainly supporting new arrivals and minority communities	22 July 2013 (as O&S)
Nene Valley CAB	£23,717	2 years	Debt and debt prevention advice	8 February 2016
Nene Valley CAB	£19,071	2 years	Employment advice	8 February 2016
Shire Community Services	£20,000	2 years	Community Transport	10 February 2014 (as O&S)
Glamis Hall	£10,000	2 years	Community hub mainly supporting vulnerable communities in Queensway	6 July 2015
Nene Valley Community Action	£20,000	2 years	Support to local voluntary sector organisations	27 February 2012 (as O&S)
W'boro African-Caribbean Association	£9,000	2 years	Community hub supporting new arrivals and minority communities	25 March 2013 (as O&S)
Northants Rights & Equalities Council	£15,000	2 years	Support for victims of discrimination and/ or crime, eg hate crime	22 July 2013 (as O&S)
Hemmingwell (unallocated to date)	£10,000		Community hub mainly supporting vulnerable communities in Hemmingwell	16 December 2013 (as O&S)

5. Other organisations reviewed/suggested:

- Northamptonshire Highways
- Glamis Hall
- Community Safety Partnership/Police
- Places for People/N Sport
- Health and wellbeing forum
- First for Wellbeing (new NCC community interest company)
- The BID

6. Committee dates for 2016-17:

- 4 July 2016
- 26 September 2016
- 6 February 2017