

Report of Assistant Director

PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2018-19

1 Purpose of report

To seek guidance from the committee as to what broad areas of policy they wish to consider during 2018-19; 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 2018-19. This report outlines some of the options for meetings, including a review of policy, service and external funding.

3 Appendices

Appendix A: Partnerships and Performance Committee: Terms of Reference.
Appendix B: Draft programme of work for 2018-19.

4 Proposed action:

The committee is invited to RESOLVE to agree a work programme for 2018-19.

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 and/or shared service providers; make reports or recommendations to the council with regard to those functions”. The terms of reference of the Partnerships and Performance Committee are attached as appendix A.

6 Discussion

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

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 that 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

Senior Management Team
Partnerships and Performance Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman
Sam Whiteley, Electoral Services Team Leader (committee clerk)

15 Background papers

Information on grants awarded

<http://www.wellingborough.gov.uk/downloads/200047/grants>
Files held within services on partnering arrangements

Partnerships & Performance Committee: options for work plan for 2018-19

1. Performance reports:

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

2. Review of grant allocation: presentations

Recommendations for presentations for 2018/19:

June 2018:

- Northamptonshire Rights & Equalities Council (NREC)
- Glamis Hall for All

September 2018:

- Wellingborough Prison
- Citizen's Advice Bureau
- Victoria Centre

January 2019:

- Community Safety Partnership/Police
- Places for People/NSport
- Nene Valley Community Action

3. Other potential organisations:

- Castle Theatre
- Nene Valley Crematorium
- Health and wellbeing forum
- The BID
- Stanton Cross
- Tresham/Bedford College
- Northamptonshire Carers
- Wellibus

4. Committee dates for 2018-19:

- 18 June 2018
- 24 September 2018
- 14 January 2019