

Report of Assistant Director

PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2019-20

1 Purpose of report

To seek guidance from the committee as to what broad areas of policy they wish to consider during 2019-20; 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 2019-20. 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 2019-20.

4 Proposed action:

The committee is invited to RESOLVE to agree a work programme for 2019-20.

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 and in particular to partner organisations to whom the council provides funding. 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 Background papers

Information on grants awarded

<http://www.wellingborough.gov.uk/downloads/200047/grants>

Files held within services on partnering arrangements

PARTNERSHIPS AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

Membership: The committee shall consist of **7** councillors and will meet the requirements for political balance in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989.

Quorum: The quorum is 3.

OVERVIEW

To 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.

FUNCTION

- (a) Assist the council in the development of its budget and policy framework by in-depth analysis of policy issues.
- (b) Conduct research, community and other consultation in the analysis of policy issues and possible options.
- (c) Consider and implement mechanisms to encourage and enhance community participation in the development of policy options.
- (d) Undertake reviews and make recommendations on services or activities carried out by external organisations which affect the borough of Wellingborough or its inhabitants.
- (e) Review and monitor the performance of the council in relation to its policy objectives, corporate procurement activities, performance targets and/or particular service areas.
- (f) 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.
- (g) 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.
- (h) Make recommendations to the appropriate committee and/or council arising from the outcome of the performance monitoring process.

- (i) Question and gather evidence from any person (with their consent) for the purposes of performance management and/or monitoring.
- (j) Undertake the council's crime and disorder obligations to:
 - i. 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;
 - ii. consider (crime and disorder related) councillor 'calls for action' that arise; and make reports or recommendations to the council with regard to those functions.

Delegation to officers by the Partnerships and Performance Committee

Directors, Assistant Directors (or officers designated by them) in compliance with statute, financial regulations, contract rules of procedure, agreed budgets and policies of the council.

1. Delegation to officers common to all committees.

Partnerships & Performance Committee: options for work plan for 2019-20

1. **Performance reports:**

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

2. **Review of grant allocation: presentations**

Recommendations for presentations for 2019/20:

June 2019:

- Central and East Northamptonshire Citizens Advice Bureau
- Wellingborough Norse

September 2019:

- Voluntary Impact Northamptonshire
- Victoria Centre

January 2020:

- Community Safety Partnership/Police
- Housing Team

3. **Other potential organisations:**

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

4. **Committee dates for 2019-20:**

- 1 July 2019
- 30 September 2019
- 13 January 2020