

**Report of the Assistant Director**

**PRESENTATION BY BEDFORD COLLEGE GROUP**

**1 Purpose of report**

- 1.1 To introduce the presentation by Bedford College Group relating to the work being carried out and future plans within the borough and wider community.

**2 Appendices**

None

**3 Proposed action:**

**3.1 The committee is invited to RESOLVE to note the presentation, and;**

**3.2 The committee is invited to discuss the work of Bedford College Group and identify any matters it RECOMMENDS be reported to relevant policy committees for their attention.**

**4 Background**

This presentation forms part of the general programme for the Partnerships and Performance Committee, reviewing the work of partners.

**5 Discussion**

5.1 The committee receives presentations from organisations who are either funded by the council, or who play an important part in the life of the borough.

5.2 Each presentation gives members an opportunity to learn more about the organisation and its impact on the borough. After the presentation there is a chance to ask questions of the presenter.

5.3 If any items of significance arise, members may wish to request a further report from a relevant officer or make a recommendation for action by a policy committee.

5.4 The Bedford College Group will present to the committee further details on:

- An overview of the Bedford College Group
- Their priorities for North Northamptonshire
- Progress so far against these priorities
- Wellingborough campus and progress
- Partnership working in North Northamptonshire

**6 Legal powers**

The Local Authorities (Alternative Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2001 empower the council to establish one or more overview and scrutiny committees. Whilst the council no longer has a designated overview and scrutiny committee, the Partnerships and Performance Committee has been given the role of reviewing and monitoring the performance of council services and services provided on behalf of the council by external bodies. A local authority may invite persons other than members or officers of the authority to attend meetings of such a committee.

**7 Financial and value for money implications**

There are none identified as a result of this report.

**8 Risk analysis**

There are no identified risks as a result of this report.

**9 Implications for resources, stronger and safer communities, and equalities**

Strategic contracts and partnerships with the voluntary and community sector contribute towards the council's priorities, offering support in the community to help individuals and communities to help themselves.

**10 Author and contact officer**

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**11 Consultees**

Victoria Philipson, Principal Property and Projects Manager

**12 Background papers**

There are no background papers to this report.