



**REPORT TO: COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD - 07 AUGUST 2008**

**SUBJECT: REVISED PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

**BY: CORPORATE POLICY UNIT MANAGER**

## **1. REASON FOR REPORT**

- 1.1 The reason for this report is to ask the Board to agree the changes made to the Partnership Agreement in the light of the revised Community Planning structures.

## **2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board agrees the changes made to the existing Partnership Agreement to reflect the revised membership, administrative arrangements and remit of the Board within the new Community Planning structures.
- 2.2 It is also recommended that the Board notes that similar Partnership Agreements will be created for each of the Strategic Theme Groups and the Community Engagement Group and that each Agreement will be circulated to all Groups for reference purposes.

## **3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 At its first meeting on 29 May 2008, the Community Planning Board considered the existing Partnership Agreement, signed off by the Community Planning Steering Group in March 2004, and agreed that relevant amendments should be made to it to reflect the recent changes in the Community Planning structures.
- 3.2 The necessary amendments have been made to the document, including updating the membership and remit within the new context of the Single Outcome Agreement. The support and administrative arrangements for the Partnership have also been amended. The revised Partnership Agreement is attached as **Appendix 1**.

- 3.3 If approved, the Agreement will be circulated to all groups within the Community Planning structure for reference.
- 3.4 Similar Agreements will also be put together for the five Strategic Theme Groups and the Community Engagement Group and submitted for approval at the next meeting of the relevant Group.

#### **4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

**(a) Community Plan / Theme Plans / Partner Plans**

The Partnership Agreement is an important document setting out how the partners will work together in a spirit of mutual trust to deliver the national and local outcomes within the Single Outcome Agreement.

**(b) Policy and Legal**

The current Partnership Agreement was drafted by the Council's Legal Section in conjunction with the partners.

**(c) Resources (Financial, Staffing and Risks)**

The Agreement states how the Partnership will manage the financial, staffing and risk implications.

**(d) Consultations**

The current Partnership Agreement was developed in conjunction with the partners and approved by the Community Planning Steering Group. The changes to the Agreement have been approved by the Council's Legal Section.

#### **5. CONCLUSION**

- 5.1 **The Community Planning Board is asked to agree the changes made to the Partnership Agreement in the light of the revised Community Planning structures and note that similar documents will be created for other Strategic Partnership Groups and that each Agreement will be circulated to all Groups for reference purposes.**

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**Background Papers: Revised Partnership Agreement**

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