

Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority



MEETING	Executive Committee
DATE OF MEETING	7 February 2018
OFFICER	David Sutherland, Director of Finance and Assets
LEAD MEMBER	Councillor David Carroll
SUBJECT OF THE REPORT	Partnership Governance Update
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	<p>In May 2014, the Executive approved a partnership strategy including a set of nine key principles that need to be determined in order to justify any relationship with another body as a true partnership.</p> <p>In carrying out this review a formal Partnership Register was established together with a separate list of joint working groups and other forums attended either by officers and/or Members of the Authority that do not meet the fuller criteria for a true partnership.</p> <p>The Executive Committee agreed at their meeting in July 2015 to receive an annual report on Partnerships and this is the second of those reports.</p> <p>Appendix 1 provides details of participation for those partnerships identified on the Partnership Register and agreed by the Authority in 2016.</p> <p>Appendix 2 outlines the timescale, governance and rationale for each of the partnerships.</p> <p>Appendix 3 lists the joint working groups attended by this Service.</p> <p>Appendix 4 shows the ongoing collaborative work being undertaken by officers, which may in due course lead to future formal partnerships, or may become more embedded working groups for future consideration by Members.</p>
ACTION	Decision.
RECOMMENDATIONS	<p>It is recommended that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members approve the revised Partnership Register, set out in Appendix 2 2. Members approve the separate list of joint working groups where the Authority has an interest, set out in Appendix 3. 3. Members note the content of Appendix 4.

RISK MANAGEMENT	<p>As set out in Section 20 of the Financial Instructions:</p> <p>Each partnership should have a defined responsible manager within the Authority. This person is responsible for ensuring that:</p> <p>The partnership is appraised for financial viability in both the current and future years;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The financial risk to the Authority is assessed; - Appropriate resources are assigned to the governance of the partnership; - The partnership is supported by an appropriate documented agreement which outlines the financial liabilities and accountabilities of the partners, together with procedures for financial transactions and monitoring, and which has been agreed in writing by all partners; and - The accounting arrangements are satisfactory. <p>The Director of Finance & Assets must be consulted and their agreement obtained to the acceptability of the details in respect of the above prior to commencement of the Partnership.</p>
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	The Authority's Financial Regulations (E.2) provide that "The Executive is responsible for approving partnership arrangements/joint working initiatives with other local public, private, voluntary and community sector organisations to address local needs."
CONSISTENCY WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE DUTY TO COLLABORATE	This is the first paper relating to partnerships brought to the Authority following the introduction of the Policing and Crime Act 2017, which for the first time, has introduced a duty to collaborate. This paper demonstrates how the Service works collaboratively to achieve effective partnership working.
HEALTH AND SAFETY	There are no health and safety implications arising from this report.
EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY	There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report.
USE OF RESOURCES	Any existing partnerships have been reviewed for use resource utilisation and new partnerships are considered against the criteria set out in the strategy.
PROVENANCE SECTION & BACKGROUND PAPERS	<p>Background</p> <p>O&A 9/12/10</p> <p>Update - Significant Governance Issues 2009/10</p>

	<p>Internal Audit Report: Review of progress on internal audit recommendations from previous audits</p> <p>O&A 12/5/11 Internal Audit Report: Review of progress on internal audit recommendations from previous audits</p> <p>O&A 22/6/11 Review of Progress on Internal Audit Recommendations Annex</p> <p>O&A 25/9/13 Annual Governance Statement 2012/13. Internal Audit Report: Update of progress of Audit Recommendations</p> <p>Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority Financial Regulations http://www.bucksfire.gov.uk/NR/ronlyres/F5A74AFB-37F7-42D0-9B07-B29E98DF789D/0/08FINANCIALREGULATIONS.pdf</p> <p><i>Evaluating Partnerships, An Overview and Compendium of Approaches</i> CIPFA May 2009 (Copyrighted material) http://www.cipfa.org/policy-and-guidance/publications/e/evaluating-partnerships-an-overview-and-compendium-of-approaches</p> <p>Executive 14/5/14 Min EX46 http://bucksfire.gov.uk/files/6714/0602/9795/ITEM_4_14-05-14_MINUTES_-_DRAFT_V3_FINAL.pdf</p> <p>Executive 29/7/16 Min EX06 http://bucksfire.gov.uk/files/9814/3740/2261/ITEM_9_Executive_-_Partnership_Governance_Framework_-_Jul_2015_-FINAL.pdf</p> <p>Executive 23/11/16 Item 6 http://bucksfire.gov.uk/files/1414/7879/2916/EXECUTIVE_COMMITTEE_AGENDA_231116_compressed.pdf</p>
APPENDICES	<p>Appendix 1: Review of Member and Officer participation in Partnerships</p> <p>Appendix 2: Partnership Register</p> <p>Appendix 3: List of joint working groups / forums attended by the Authority</p> <p>Appendix 4: Ongoing collaborative work</p>
TIME REQUIRED	10 minutes.
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