

Committee: Risk Management Steering Group
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discussion

Summary

This report was requested at the previous meeting to outline progress towards the process of risk assessment of significant partnerships and identifying those currently in place between the Council and outside bodies.

Recommendations

None

Background Papers

Audit Commission KLoE section 4.1 – The Council manages its significant business risks

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Impact

Communication/Consultation	Work on identifying partnerships is being carried out in conjunction with Strategic Partnership team and the 2011 Project team for Shared and Collaborative Services. Other local authorities have been consulted over their methods for risk assessing Partnerships.
Community Safety	None specifically identified
Equalities	None specifically identified
Finance	None specifically identified
Human Rights	None specifically identified
Legal implications	None specifically identified

Sustainability	None specifically identified
Ward-specific impacts	None specifically identified
Workforce/Workplace	None specifically identified

Situation

1. Partnership Definition

At our previous meeting, Members considered the definition of a partnership:

A partnership is a joint working arrangement where the partners:

- *are otherwise independent bodies;*
- *agree to co-operate to achieve a common goal;*
- *create a new organisational structure or process to achieve this goal, separate from their own organisations;*
- *plan and implement a jointly agreed programme, often with joint staff or resources;*
- *share relevant information; or*
- *pool risks and rewards.*

should be reviewed in light of the UDC partnerships with outside bodies identified by Heads of Division with examples from other authorities.

A list of all identified UDC partnerships is produced at appendix 1 to this report (to be circulated at the meeting).

Examples of partnerships from other Councils are produced at appendix 2 to this report.

2. Partnership Risk Assessment Guidance

A UDC Draft Partnership Risk Assessment Guidance Nov 2007, adapted from that used by Three Rivers District Council is attached at appendix 3 to this report for discussion at the meeting.

Risk Analysis

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
The Council fails to manage its significant business risks	1 = Little or no Likelihood The Council is in the process	3 = Significant impact – action required	Risk Management Strategy Risk Management Steering Group

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resulting in criticism and declining performance	of embedding Risk Management throughout the authority	Failure to manage business risk could lead to inability to meet corporate and operational objectives and Adverse audit Commission report and damage to the Authority's reputation	Corporate and Operational Risk Registers Performance Select Committee
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