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Key Decision: No

Gravesham Borough Council

Report to: Performance & Administration Committee

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Subject: Corporate Register of Partnerships 2018-19

Purpose and summary of report:

To inform Members of the Performance & Administration Committee of the council's involvement in partnerships that are within the remit of the committee.

Recommendations:

1. This paper is for information purposes only

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The council is increasingly working in partnership with local organisations, groups, other public, private and 'third sector' bodies to achieve its objectives for the local community. Partnership working can add many benefits to the delivery of services by enabling the council to develop better understanding of the needs of the public through shared perspectives. This, in turn, can result in the avoidance of duplication, sharing of skills, knowledge and data, securing of additional resources, improved service delivery to the customer and improved customer satisfaction
- 1.2 The council has a Corporate Register of Partnerships which provides a central record of partnerships in which the council is involved. The register is available on the council website and is reviewed and updated on an annual basis; the last review took place in October 2018.
- 1.3 This year a new section has been included on Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults, to define how each partnership supports the council's wider Safeguarding commitment.

2. Performance & Administration Committee

- 2.1 The current partnerships that most directly relate to the work of the Performance & Administration Committee are as follows:
 - 2.1.1 Audit & Counter Fraud Shared Service
 - 2.1.2 Revenues & Benefits Shared Management Arrangement
- 2.2 More detailed information regarding the partnerships above is shown at appendix two to enable the committee to develop an understanding of these partnerships and the contribution they make to delivering services to the community.

3. Background Papers

- 3.1 Background papers pertaining to this report are as follows:
 - *Working in Partnership Framework* – April 2016
 - *Corporate Register of Partnerships* – October 2018

Anyone wishing to inspect background papers should, in the first place, be directed to Committee & Electoral Services who will make the necessary arrangements.

IMPLICATIONS

APPENDIX 1

<p>Legal</p>	<p>There are no legal implications resulting from this report.</p> <p>As a requirement of the council's Working in Partnership Framework, all potential partnership opportunities and shared working arrangements are formally considered by the Monitoring Officer to ensure that the legal aspects of proposals are taken into account prior to entering into a new arrangement.</p>
<p>Finance and Value for Money</p>	<p>Partnerships and shared working arrangements can present financial and value for money savings to the council. The council's Working in Partnership Framework requires all potential partnership opportunities and shared working arrangements to be formally considered by the Section 151 Officer to ensure that the financial aspects of all proposals are taken into account prior to entering into a new partnership.</p>
<p>Risk Assessment</p>	<p>Partnership working is becoming more and more prevalent in the work of the council and is a key factor in the efficient and effective delivery of services and corporate objectives. It is therefore important that the council maintains comprehensive information regarding the partnerships it is involved in to enable effective consideration of partnership working arrangements as a contribution to the achievement of corporate objectives</p>
<p>Equality Impact Assessment</p>	<p>Screening for Equality Impacts</p> <p>Question</p> <p>a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community? If yes, please explain answer. No</p> <p>b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality? If yes, please explain answer. No</p> <p><i>In submitting this report, the Chief Officer doing so is confirming that they have given due regard to the equality impacts of the decision being considered, as noted in the table above</i></p>
<p>Corporate Plan</p>	<p>Partnership and shared working will potentially contribute to all of the strategic objectives of the council.</p>
<p>Crime and Disorder</p>	<p>The full Corporate Register of Partnerships includes information regarding the Community Safety Partnership and G-Safe.</p>

Digital and website implications	There are no digital and website implications with this report.
Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults	<p>The full Corporate Register of Partnerships includes information regarding the Children's Boards that are in operation across the council.</p> <p>A specific section has been included within the partnership register this year to identify how partnerships contribute to the council's overall Safeguarding commitment (if applicable).</p>