

DECISION-MAKER:	GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE COUNCIL		
SUBJECT:	REVISION TO THE CONSTITUTION: PARTNERSHIP CODE		
DATE OF DECISION:	14 NOVEMBER 2016 16 NOVEMBER 2016		
REPORT OF:	SERVICE DIRECTOR: LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY			
NOT APPLICABLE			
BRIEF SUMMARY			
The current Partnership Code has not been reviewed in a number of years. Since the Code was last agreed relationships with key partners have evolved and changed. As a result it is considered appropriate to revise the Code to ensure it remains fit for purpose and of value.			
RECOMMENDATIONS:			
Governance Committee			
	(i)	To consider and recommend the revised Partnership Code, attached at Appendix A, to Council for adoption.	
Council			
	(i)	To agree the changes to the Constitution relating to the Partnership Code, as set out in this report;	
	(ii)	To authorise the Service Director: Legal & Governance to finalise the arrangements as approved by Full Council and make any further consequential or minor changes arising from the decision of Council.	
REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS			
1.	It is appropriate, as a core tenet of good governance, for the Council to keep its Constitution under regular review and to amend it to reflect experience and		

	changing circumstances.
2.	The Partnership Code was not reviewed with other sections of the Constitution in May 2016, but has now been identified as requiring updating.
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED	
3.	An alternative option is to not update the Partnership Code. This option is not recommended as the existing Code is out of date and no longer fit for purpose.
DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)	
4.	The Partnership Code sets out processes and expectations with regards to the Council's partnerships – both partnerships set up and by the Council, and partnerships which representative of the Council (Members or officers) sit on.
5.	The purpose of the Code is to ensure that Members and Council officers involved in establishing, managing or contributing to a partnership are able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate a clear rationale for the partnership and the Council's involvement • Obtain appropriate approval for setting up or being involved in a new partnership • Understand the Council's role, and their role, in a partnership • Apply clear standards for partnership working • Ensure time and resources invested in the partnership contributes to the Council's priority outcomes and is (and will continue to be) worthwhile in terms of adding value.
6.	The updated document provides a clear process for officers and Members to follow with regards to setting up, reviewing or dissolving a partnership, as well as setting out standards and expectations for officers or Members representing the Council on a Partnership.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Capital/Revenue</u>	
7.	None
<u>Property/Other</u>	
8.	None
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
9.	The Executive Arrangements and Constitution are required under the Local Government Act 2000 (as amended) and the Localism Act 2011. Whilst the Partnership Code is not a core requirement best practice dictates that it includes relevant documents, codes and protocols that are central to the Council's decision making and policy documents
<u>Other Legal Implications:</u>	
10.	None

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
11.	None
KEY DECISION?	N/A
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	None
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>	
Appendices	
1.	Partnership Code (updated)
Documents In Members' Rooms	
1.	None
Equality Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) to be carried out.	No
Privacy Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) to be carried out.	No
Other Background Documents	
Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:	
Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
1.	Existing Partnership Code: https://www.southampton.gov.uk/policies/18-Policies/18-Partnership-Code_tcm63-363593.pdf