
REPORT TO:	OVERVIEW and SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 7
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SUBJECT:	COLLABORATIVE WORKING	TERMS OF REFERENCE:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That the Committee notes the current extent of partnership and collaborative working undertaken by the Council and identifies the next steps within the scope of the review.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To provide details of the various partnership and collaborative working arrangements currently in place across the Council. In accordance with the Committee's approved Work Programme, this report provides an overview of collaborative working and a basis to consider other areas which could have potential for similar arrangements.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 **Appendix 1** details the various ways across each of the three Directorates, in which the Council works with partners and other organisations to deliver services.
- 3.2 These vary considerably in size and scope ranging from strategic arrangements such as the South Derbyshire Partnership and the Derbyshire Economic Partnership to more service-related arrangements in areas such as Licensing and Waste Management.
- 3.3 Generally, many of these arrangements are informal in that there are no particular contractual arrangements in place.
- 3.4 They are based more on a commitment and understanding to work collaboratively in partnership for the "greater good" under some form of administrative arrangement. They generally involve working with other agencies, the voluntary sector and private sector organisation and not just other local authorities.
- 3.5 The Appendix also highlights those specific services where there are more formal arrangements in place to deliver services as part of a Shared Service with other local authorities or under a Service Level Agreement. These include:

- Internal Audit
- Procurement
- Fraud
- Building Control
- Land Charges
- Emergency Planning
- Conservation Services

3.6 These arrangements have been approved by the Council following consideration of a Business Case and are deemed to be the best way of delivering that service.

3.7 Although savings may have been generated from these arrangements, generally, cost is not the main driving force. Issues such as resilience and capacity in service provision, together with access to greater skills, have been major factors.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 None

5.0 Corporate Implications

Employment Implications

5.1 None

Legal Implications

5.2 None

Corporate Plan Implications

5.3 It is important to ensure that all partnership and collaborative working should be contributing towards the Council's priorities.

Risk Impact

5.4 None directly

6.0 Community Impact

Consultation

6.1 None required

Equality and Diversity Impact

6.2 None

Social Value Impact

6.3 None

Environmental Sustainability

6.4 None

APPENDIX 1

List of Current Partnerships Including Arrangements with other Local Authorities

Chief Executive Directorate

Partnership	Main purpose
Derbyshire Constabulary	Joint working for promotion of licensing objectives
Derbyshire Trading Standards	Joint working for promotion of licensing Objectives
Derbyshire Licensing Group	Support, advice and guidance and sharing of best practice
South Derbyshire Partnership	Partnership of public, private and voluntary/ community sector organisations focusing on the themes of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children and young people;• Healthier communities;• Stronger communities;• Sustainable development; and,• Safer communities
National Forest Company	Joint working with the Company that leads the creation of the National Forest as a new forested landscape and visitor destination
Derbyshire Economic Partnership	County-wide partnership to promote economic development
D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership	Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire partnership to promote economic development
Land Charges	Working in partnership with Litchfield District Council

Corporate Resources Directorate

Partnership/shared service	Main purpose
<p>Central Midlands Audit Partnership</p> <p>Fellow Members: Derby City, Amber Valley, Ashfield, Derby Homes and Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Authority</p>	To deliver the Council's Internal Audit and to share best practice with other partners to strengthen the internal control environment.
<p>Fraud Investigation Service (Partnership with Derby City)</p>	To prevent and detect fraud and corruption against the Council.
<p>Procurement</p> <p>Service provided by Chesterfield NHS Trust through the Derbyshire Shared Services Facility Partnership</p>	To ensure compliance with regulations and to generate savings through increased purchasing power.

Service Delivery Directorate

Partnership	Main purpose
Active Schools Partnership	Partnership approach to delivering the National, County and Local outcomes for young people's health and wellbeing across the Schools network and beyond.
Active South Derbyshire	Partnership of bodies having an interest in promoting physical activity, sport, recreation, and health in the District.
Archaeology Development Control Services	A partnership with all District and Borough Councils and Derbyshire County Council to provide Archaeological Advice on Planning Matters across the County.
Building Control Partnership	Partnership of Local Authority Building Control Services operating in the Midlands area.
Conservation Service	Advice provided under a Service Level Agreement to East Staffordshire and Tamworth Borough Councils.
Citizens Advice South Derbyshire	Debt advice for tenants.

D2N2 Better Business Regulation Partnership	Collaboration of businesses and regulatory authorities to promote economic growth through positive regulatory outcomes.
Derbyshire Waste Partnership	Delivery of the Derbyshire Waste Management Strategy.
Derbyshire Wildlife Trust	A Service Level Agreement for the provision of Biodiversity advice.
Derbyshire Police	Respond effectively to crime and ASB.
Derbyshire Traveller Issues Working Group	Co-ordinating a county wide approach to dealing with Gypsies and Travelers.
East Staffordshire Borough Council	Compostable waste processing contract.
Emergency Planning	Shared service delivery with Derbyshire County Council to ensure civil resilience.
Etwall Joint Management Committee	Partnership between South Derbyshire District Council, John Port School and County Council to operate the Leisure Centre.
External contractors	Delivery of planned and responsive service contracts and capital improvements.
Home Improvement Agency	Provide support to vulnerable households to improve house conditions.
Homes England	The Council has investment partner status with Homes England to deliver new build Council housing across the District.
Housing Market Area Partners	Working closely with adjacent authorities (Derby City and Amber Valley) in the wider Derby Housing Market Area on strategic issues such as housing, employment, transport and the Green Belt.
Housing Officer's Group for Derbyshire	Partnership group to co-commission housing services across the County.
Homelessness Out-of-Hours Provision	Collaboration with Derbyshire authorities on the provision of vital services out-of-hours.
Local Energy Area Partnership	Provide advice and guidance on a range of carbon reduction initiatives.
Melbourne Sporting Partnership	Sports club, Parish and District Council partnership that is developing facilities and opportunities at the Cockshut Lane Recreation Ground.
Nottinghamshire Consortium	Refuse vehicle procurement framework.

P3	Provision of homelessness temporary accommodation.
Registered Providers	Working with housing organisations to develop affordable housing across the District.
Rosliston Forestry Centre Executive	Partnership with the Forestry Commission to operate the Forestry Centre.
South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership	Statutory partnership to reduce the level of crime and disorder.
South Derbyshire CVS	Support on community projects and welfare reform.
South Derbyshire Partnership	Statutory partnership of public, private, and voluntary sector to promote the District. The Partnership has theme groups which focus on health, community safety and sustainable development.
Swadlincote Cultural Partnership	Partnership of public, private, and voluntary sector organisations that work to promote the heritage and environment of Swadlincote.
Chilled Pubs, Berkley Inns, Olio	Primary Authority Partnerships