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Report to:	Community Services Committee
Date of Meeting:	5 May 2015
Report by:	Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Review of 2008 Partnering Policy
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ advise the Committee of the outcome of the review of the Council's 2008 Partnering Policy
- ♦ advise that the updated document has been renamed as Partnering Guidelines

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the benefits of maintaining and reviewing the Council's Partnering Policy, renamed as Partnering Guidelines, be noted.

3. Background

- 3.1. In 2008, Community Resources (now Community and Enterprise Resources) developed a Partnering Policy to formalise the requirements the Council places on community organisations that have been granted funding or wish to apply for funding to implement sports refurbishment or land development projects involving Council assets.
- 3.2. The Policy has now been in place for over five years and, along with a project specific partnership agreement, has been well used in this time. The review of the Policy has been carried out to ensure it is still relevant and also to take into account developments since its inception in the types of partnerships that have become apparent.
- 3.3. Since the creation of the Policy, there have been a number of approaches for Community and Enterprise Resources to enter into partnership on a variety of projects of which a significant amount have become a reality, leading to in excess of £500,000 of investment in Council assets.
- 3.4. There have been no apparent issues in securing the funding from the relevant sources since the adoption of the Policy and the partnership agreement.

4. Policy Review

- 4.1. A review of the Policy was carried out by officers in the Council's Facilities, Waste and Grounds Services, Support Services and Legal Services.

- 4.2. The findings of the review concluded that the document, whilst still being relevant, provided guidelines to the respective parties involved in the partnership rather than it being a policy. The name of the document was subsequently altered to reflect this.
- 4.3. On acceptance of the guidelines principles by the proposing organisation it would still be the case that a partnership agreement would be entered into between the Council, the funder(s) and the organisation. The agreements will continue to be tailored and implemented on a project by project basis to suit the specific requirements of the initiative and will also be passed to Legal Services and Estates on completion.
- 4.4. A copy of the updated Partnering Guidelines is found in Appendix 1 of this report.
- 5. Employee Implications**
 - 5.1. There are no employee implications arising from this report.
- 6. Financial Implications**
 - 6.1. There are no financial implications arising from this report.
- 7. Other Implications**
 - 7.1. There are no significant issues in terms of risk or sustainability associated with the recommendations contained in this report.
- 8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**
 - 8.1. An Equality Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment for the reviewed document have been carried out.
 - 8.2. There was no requirement to undertake consultation in terms of the content of this report.

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Link(s) to Council Objectives and Values

Working with and respecting others
Improve the quality of the physical environment

Previous References

Community Resources Committee 31 March 2009

List of Background Papers

None

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