

## REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL

# **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

16th June 2010

## **WORCESTERSHIRE PARTNERSHIP – TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT**

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Cllr Carole Gandy
Relevant Head of Service	Kevin Dicks
Non-Key Decision	

### **1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS**

To consider a protocol that has been agreed by all members of the Worcestershire Partnership with regard to future budget decisions.

### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**The Executive Committee is asked to RECOMMEND that the protocol be endorsed.**

### **3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 Worcestershire Partnership is the Countywide Local Strategic Partnership comprising partners from across the statutory (public sector) and voluntary sector.
- 3.2 Over the last few months the Partnership have been endeavouring to improve how they work together which has resulted in the attached protocol.

### **4. KEY ISSUES**

- 4.1 It is widely accepted that there will be significant reductions in public sector funding over the next few years and the Partnership have developed a protocol (attached at Appendix 1) which seeks to ensure that all Partners take a more joined up approach in the future to budget decisions and their potential impact on communities. In particular this will seek to address that there is not a significant cumulative detrimental affect on our community by decisions made individually by partners.
- 4.2 The Cabinet is asked to endorse the attached protocol and to have due consideration to this when considering budgets in the future. The Cabinet, if they wished, could consider embracing this protocol within the Financial Regulations in order to make this more formal. This would require a recommendation to full council.

### **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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None directly from this report.

**6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

None directly from this report.

**7. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

None directly from this report.

**8. COUNCIL OBJECTIVES**

This protocol will underpin all of the Council's objectives.

**9. RISK MANAGEMENT INCLUDING HEALTH & SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS**

None directly from this report.

**10. CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS**

None directly from this report.

**11. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

Agreeing to this protocol will help ensure that any Equalities and Diversity implications of budget decisions are considered across the Partnership.

**12. VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS, PROCUREMENT AND ASSET MANAGEMENT**

None directly from this report.

**13. CLIMATE CHANGE, CARBON IMPLICATIONS AND BIODIVERSITY**

None directly from this report.

**14. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS**

None directly from this report.

**15. GOVERNANCE/PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

None directly from this report.

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**16. COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS INCLUDING SECTION 17 OF CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998**

None directly from this report.

**17. HEALTH INEQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

None directly from this report.

**18. LESSONS LEARNT**

None directly from this report.

**19. COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**

None directly from this report.

**20. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT**

Portfolio Holder	Yes
Chief Executive	Report Author
Executive Director (S151 Officer)	Yes
Executive Director – Leisure, Cultural, Environmental and Community Services	Yes
Executive Director – Planning & Regeneration, Regulatory and Housing Services	Yes
Director of Policy, Performance and Partnerships	Yes
Head of Service	N/A
Head of Resources	Yes
Head of Legal, Equalities & Democratic Services	Yes
Corporate Procurement Team	No

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**21. WARDS AFFECTED**

All.

**22. APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Worcestershire Partnership Statutory Partners: Terms of Engagement

**23. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Worcestershire Partnership

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