

<p style="text-align: center;">RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL (THE LEADER – COUNCILLOR REID)</p>

ANNUAL REVIEW OF STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

As a part of the Council's "Principles of Partnership Working", agreed at Strategy and Resources Committee on 19 January 2010, Executive Members involved in a strategic partnership (county-wide) were committed to providing an annual report giving an account of the work of the partnership to their scrutiny committee. After a report provided to Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 11 October 2010, the Council's "Principles of Partnership Working" were revised to exclude references to the Local Area Agreement. The present statement is shown in Appendix 1 of the attached officers report.

Since this time the strategic partnership structure in the county has been radically shaken up in response to national legislative and policy changes and a drive towards more efficient ways of working. The emerging strategic partnerships in the County and beyond are not fully settled and still defining their roles and arrangements.

With no LAA and no Cambridgeshire Together Board it was agreed that there was no further need for the county-wide Joint Accountability Committee. There is still a reference to the Joint Accountability Committee (Joint Scrutiny) in the Council's updated "Principles of Partnership Working" and it is recommended that this paragraph (7.1) be removed.

Accordingly, Council is recommended to:

Agree a revised "Principles of Partnership Working" excluding reference to Joint Scrutiny Arrangements.