

REPORT TO: Executive Board
DATE: 29 March 2007
REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director – Corporate and Policy
SUBJECT: Partnerships
WARDS: Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To advise the Board of the recommendations of the Corporate Services Policy and Performance Board (PPB) meeting of 9th January 2007 in relation to Partnerships.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

- (1) the definition of partnership as set out in paragraph 3.5 of the attached report be agreed;**
- (2) a register of all partnerships of which the Council is a member be created and kept by the Council's Solicitor including the information as outlined in the report;**
- (3) all new partnerships created or joined by the Council be notified to the Council Solicitor by the Officer with responsibility for the partnership;**
- (4) the governance of partnership checklist be formally endorsed;**
- (5) the issues set out in the checklist be properly considered and addressed before a decision is taken to form or enter into a new partnership;**
- (6) annual progress reports be presented by each partnership in the register to the appropriate PPB;**
- (7) the Corporate Services PPB review the partnership register and partnership arrangements on an annual basis to make sure that they are working effectively; and**
- (8) as the process with regard to partnerships is developed, additional reports be brought to the Corporate Services PPB.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The Corporate Services PPB considered the attached report at its meeting of 9th January 2007 and made a number of recommendations to be considered by the Executive Board as outlined above.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

As per attached report.

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

As per attached report.

6.0 RISK ANALYSIS

As per attached report.

7.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

As per attached report.

8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

None under the meaning of the Act.