



TO: Audit & Governance Committee

FROM: Business Manager, Chief Executive's

DATE: 2nd March 2023

PORTFOLIOS AFFECTED: All

WARDS AFFECTED: All

TITLE OF REPORT: Significant Partnerships Register 2022/23

1. PURPOSE

To provide Elected Members with an update about the Significant Partnerships Register for 2022/23. The Register identifies all the significant partnerships the local authority is involved in as per the Audit & Governance Committee's Terms of Reference.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Audit & Governance Committee is asked to:

- a) Review and approve the Significant Partnerships Register (appendix 1).

3. BACKGROUND

An annual update is presented to the Audit & Governance Committee around the Significant Partnerships Register. This ensures we fulfil our responsibilities under the Council's Code of Corporate Governance. In addition, the Register supports the value for money key lines of enquiry within the Code of Audit Practice (revised in 2022) regarding significant partnerships.

4. RATIONALE

The Council's Code of Corporate Governance defines the partnerships that are included in the Register as not all partnerships are classed as '*significant*'. Following a recommendation from the BwDBC Audit and Assurance team, the Register is fully updated annually. The department also undertake a smaller mid-year review to capture any key updates. The general review takes place in quarter one and the comprehensive review takes place in quarter three. Onus remains on Chief Officers to ensure the entries are correct and up to date. Contact with Chief Officers and partnership leads is logged as per a recommendation from the BwDBC Audit and Assurance team. This year's comprehensive review has seen the Register transferred to SharePoint to streamline the process, increase accuracy and reduce administration. This transfer has proved successful and the Register will now be retained on SharePoint permanently. Corresponding partnership frameworks will also be uploaded to the SharePoint site in due course.

5. KEY INFORMATION

Updates to the Register in quarter three include changes in personnel and portfolios and staff will continue to update these throughout the year as required. Each department was asked to review its partnerships and the following additions and deletions were made:

Additions:

- a) A&E Delivery Board

- b) Domestic Abuse Partnership Board
- c) Funded Care Implementation Board (Lancashire)
- d) Growth Contractor and Developer
- e) Integrated Care Board Quality Sub Group
- f) Intermediate Care Board
- g) Lancashire & South Cumbria Integrated Care Partnership
- h) Reducing Reoffending Board
- i) Road Safety Partnership Board
- j) Transforming Community Mental Health teams

Deletions:

- k) Pennine Lancashire Night Time Noise Service
Removed because it is a Service Level Agreement and therefore excluded by definition
- l) Cosy Homes in Lancashire (CHiL)
Removed because this is a procured service
- m) EHL (Environmental Health Lancashire) and TSNW (Trading Standards NW):
Removed because these are groups of professional officers at strategic and operational level who meet for the purpose of sharing good practice, information and networking.

A general review of the Register will be scheduled in quarter 1 and this will ensure changes are recorded within an acceptable timeframe as recommended by the BwDBC Audit and Assurance team.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications arising from this report.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

9. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There are no resource implications arising from this report.

10. EQUALITY AND HEALTH IMPLICATION

There are no equality implications arising from this report.

11. CONSULTATIONS

Chief Officers approve each entry on the register and the information within the related framework. Entries without a Chief Officer's signature are not accepted.

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 Date: 2nd March 2023
 Background Papers: Significant Partnerships Register
 (Appendix 1 – attached separately)