

To: Council

Date: 30th September 2013

Report of: Head of Law and Governance

Title of Report: PARTNERSHIP REPORTING TO COUNCIL

Summary and Recommendations

Purpose of report: This report addresses the request of the Leader at the June 2013 Council meeting that a proposal be brought forward as to how Council Procedure Rule 11.14 might pro-actively be used to highlight the work of significant partnerships

Report Approved by:

Finance: Nigel Kennedy
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Policy Framework: Efficient and Effective Council

Recommendation(s): That the procedures for partnership reporting to ordinary meetings of Council, and the consequent amendment to Council Procedure Rule 11.14 be agreed.

Appendices

- **Appendix 1 – Council Procedure Rule 11.14**
- **Appendix 2 – Proposed amended Council Procedure Rule 11.14**

1. As part of the governance review on which Council reached decisions on 22 April 2013 (minute 154) Council agreed arrangements for reports and questions about organisations the Council is represented on. Procedure Rule 11.14 that forms Appendix 1 to this report reflects those arrangements. At the June Council meeting the Leader asked that a proposal be brought forward as to how that arrangements might pro-actively be used to highlight, on a rota basis, the work of significant partnerships.

2. This report makes a proposal for five of the most significant partnerships the Council is represented on to be the subject of an annual report and debate. And it proposes a consequential change to Procedure Rule 11.14. An amended Procedure Rule 11.14 forms Appendix 2 to this report.
3. The proposal is that written material about the work of the highlighted Partnership is presented to Council and that the Executive Member representing the Council on the highlighted Partnership introduces the material and then questions/ a debate follows.
4. There is no time limit for this agenda item and this proposal does not inhibit questions or statements about other organisations. It will, however, provide for at least one in-depth/informed debate at every Council meeting and highlight the work and priorities of the Council's most significant partnerships.
5. Officers will coordinate the provision of written material for each highlighted Partnership and any Executive Member briefings which may be required.
6. There are four remaining ordinary Council meetings in the 2013/14 Council Year and the following Partnerships are suggested for debate, one at each meeting –
 - Local Enterprise Partnership (including Oxfordshire Skills Board) – Councillor Price – 30 September 2013 (see the report elsewhere on this agenda)
 - Health and Well Being Board (including Health Improvement Board, Adult and Social Care Board and Children and Young People Board) – Councillor Turner – 25 November 2013
 - Community Safety Partnership – Councillor Kennedy – 3 February 2014
 - Environmental and Waste Partnership – Councillor Tanner – 14 April 2014
 - Spatial Planning and Infrastructure Partnership – Councillor Price – the first ordinary Council meeting in 2014/15

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