

Harborough District Council



Report to Council Meeting of 18 September 2023

Title:	Report on the activity of organisations with which the Council has Joint Arrangements
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Appendices:	A. Leicestershire Partnership Revenues and Benefits Joint Committee minutes 6 July 2023.

Summary

- i. Article 11 of the Council's constitution provides that either Council or Cabinet can enter into joint arrangements to promote the economic, social or environmental well-being of its area.
- ii. This report updates Council on the joint arrangements currently in place within the district in compliance with the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 2.11

Recommendations

1. That the Council note the joint arrangements activity since the last meeting.

Reasons for Recommendations

- iii. It is appropriate that the Council is aware of activities carried out by or on its behalf.

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. This report updates Council on the activities of bodies, since the last Council meeting, with which the Council has entered into joint arrangements.

2. Background

- 2.1. The Council has established a joint committee for the purpose of administering its revenues and benefits functions. The joint committee is hosted by North West

Leicestershire and includes Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council. It meets 4 times a year and the Council has nominated Councillor Graves as its representative. The Joint Committee is also attended by the Head of Financial Services, Carolyn Bland.

3. Details

- 3.1. The Leicestershire Partnership Revenues and Benefits Joint Committee met on 6 July 2023 but no information was available to report to the last meeting of council.
- 3.2. The joint committee considered a number of reports relating to the end of the 2022 / 2023 financial year (i.e. reports in relation to performance, financial year end and internal audit) and appointed Cllr Wyatt as Chair with Cllr Lynch appointed as vice chair. It also determined its calendar of meetings for the municipal year and reviewed its forward plan. The draft minutes of the meeting are attached as Appendix A to this report.

4. Implications of Decisions

Corporate Priorities

- 4.1. The Council is committed to delivering its corporate priorities as set out in its corporate plan. Providing the information contained within this report gives assurance that the Council continues to work to deliver these priorities.

Consultation

- 4.2. The identification of individuals within this report reflects the nominations provided by the relevant group leaders. No further consultation is required.

Financial

- 4.3. The financial consequences set out within this report are within the budget set by the Council.

Legal

- 4.4. This report therefore ensures that the Council is meeting its legal obligations in this regard.

Environment Implications

- 4.5. Nothing within this report is anticipated to impact upon the Council's commitment to achieving net zero carbon.

Risk Management

- 4.6. The contents of this report do not pose any risk implications for the Council – the potential risk would arise from failing to report the contents of this report.

Equalities Impact

- 4.7. The Council has a statutory duty to consider and demonstrate equalities impact in all of its activities. However, the report does not impact upon the public sector equality duty.

Data Protection

- 4.8. This report contains no private information.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1. Council is invited to receive the report.

6. Background papers

- 6.1. None