

**FINANCE ADVISORY GROUP – 25 JANUARY 2012**

**PARTNERSHIP WORKING – COSTS AND SAVINGS**

Report of the: Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Resources

Status: For Information

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**This report supports the Key Aim of Effective Management of Council Resources**

**Portfolio Holder** Cllr Ramsay

**Head of Service** Head of Finance and Human Resources -Tricia Marshall

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**Recommendation:** That the report be noted.

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**Introduction**

- 1 At a previous meeting Members asked for a report on implementation costs and savings for partnership working to be included in the Group's forward programme for this meeting.

**Current partnerships in place**

- 2 The appendix lists all of the partnership arrangements currently in place and also shows those that have ended.

**Future partnerships**

- 3 Possible future partnerships included in savings proposals for 2012/13 to 2014/15 are:
  - CCTV;
  - Extension of Licensing partnership;
  - Human Resources.
- 4 The development of future partnerships relies on finding willing partners and the development of a mutually beneficial operating model. Therefore, alternative plans will be put in place to achieve the required savings should partnership working not be achieved in the above service areas.

## **Key Implications**

### Financial

- 5 This report is for information only and there are therefore no financial implications arising from this report. The partnerships listed have been entered into by the Council in order to achieve financial savings, deliver increased efficiencies and to improve resilience of service delivery.

### Community Impact and Outcomes

- 6 The partnership working arrangements outlined above have delivered financial savings usually through reducing the cost of management or back office services, thus delivering a financial benefit to local residents whilst maintaining customer facing services.

### Legal, Human Rights etc.

- 7 There are no legal or human rights implications arising from this report.

## **Risk Assessment Statement**

- 8 There are no new risks associated with this report. Each partnership proposal would include a risk assessment.

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