



Report to: Cabinet Meeting - 6 December 2022

Portfolio Holder: Councillor David Lloyd, Strategy, Performance & Finance

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Report Summary	
Type of Report	Open, Non-Key Decision
Report Title	Establishment of Newark & Sherwood Community Partnership
Purpose of Report	To endorse the establishment of Newark & Sherwood Community Partnership
Recommendations	That Cabinet approve the establishment of Newark & Sherwood Community Partnership in accordance with the proposed Terms of Reference as set out in the report.
Alternative Options Considered	Cabinet could choose not to establish the proposed partnership or could vary its role and responsibilities.
Reason for Recommendations	To satisfy Government funding requirements and to develop and sustain good relationships between partners for the benefit of local residents and local businesses.

## 1.0 Background

- 1.1 In recent years, the Council has been successful in securing substantial amounts of external funding from national Government, including the Towns Fund and Levelling Up Fund.
- 1.2 In order to secure such funding, Government requires local authorities to have in place local partnerships that bring together representatives from across the private, public and voluntary and community sectors.
- 1.3 To date, we have satisfied Government's funding expectations by creating local and funding specific partnerships i.e. a Newark Towns Fund Board and Sherwood Levelling Up Steering Group. These build on the many different partnerships that were already in place covering every aspect of local quality of life.
- 1.4 The requirement to produce a District-wide Investment Plan as part of the Shared Prosperity Fund has prompted us to take stock of our current arrangements and in particular the need for a new partnership covering the whole of Newark and Sherwood.

## **2.0 Proposal**

- 2.1 Set out below are the proposed Terms of Reference for a new Newark & Sherwood Community Partnership.
- 2.2 It is important to emphasise that we are attempting to strike a balance here between creating sufficient formality to satisfy Government, along with the informality that encourages engagement and involvement.

## **3.0 Proposed Terms of Reference**

### **3.1 Purpose**

To build and maintain relationships and networks across Newark & Sherwood to improve the quality of life and prosperity for residents and businesses.

### **3.2 Core Functions and Responsibilities**

To provide a forum for the exchange of insight, information, best practice and ideas.

- 3.3 To inform and influence the plans, priorities and allocation of resources of partner organisations.
- 3.4 To contribute to the submission of funding bids to Government and other bodies
- 3.5 To contribute to the development of key projects and initiatives and maintain oversight of the progress of their delivery.
- 3.6 To identify emerging challenges and opportunities that have a significant impact on Newark & Sherwood.
- 3.7 To champion Newark & Sherwood at a sub-regional and regional level, bringing influence to bear on key partners including the emergent East Midlands Combined Authority.
- 3.8 To coordinate and add value to local plans and initiatives to maximise impact and reduce duplication.

### **4.0 Membership and Meetings**

The Newark & Sherwood Community Partnership will meet at least quarterly and otherwise as and when required.

- 4.1 Membership of the Partnership will be drawn from across the public, private and voluntary/community sectors. While it is expected that there will be consistency of representation from 'core' members including the NHS, Nottinghamshire Police and local colleges, it is anticipated that attendance/representation at meetings will vary dependent upon the agenda items under consideration.

- 4.2 Newark & Sherwood District Council will administer meetings (prepare agendas, minutes, etc.) and members of the partnership will be invited to submit items for inclusion on the agenda. The Council will be represented by the Leader of the Council and other members will be invited dependent on the business under consideration.
- 4.3 The Leader of the Council will Chair meetings of the Partnership or in their absence another representative will be appointed at the meeting.

## **5.0 Implications**

In writing this report and in putting forward recommendations officers have considered the following implications; Data Protection, Digital and Cyber Security, Equality and Diversity, Financial, Human Resources, Human Rights, Legal, Safeguarding, Sustainability, and Crime and Disorder and where appropriate they have made reference to these implications and added suitable expert comment where appropriate.

### **Financial Implications**

- 5.1 There are no direct financial implications associated with this proposal. The cost of administering the Partnership will be met from existing resources.

### **Background Papers and Published Documents**

None