

## **PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK**

Report of the Head of Housing Management and Housing Options

### **1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report outlines a proposal to create a new Derby Homes Partnership Policy and Derby Homes Partnership Register building on the success of the Derby Association of Community Partners (DACP) Partnership Forum. The proposal will create a layered framework that will improve the awareness and understanding of partnership working at Derby Homes, and identify how we manage, maintain and monitor the outcomes achieved through partnership working.

### **2. RECOMMENDATION**

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1. Acknowledge the successful achievements of the DACP Partnership Forum.
  2. Agree the development of a new Derby Homes Partnership Policy.
  3. Agree the development of a new Derby Homes Partnership Register.

### **3. REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 The development of a Derby Homes Partnership Policy will give clarity between the DACP Partnership Forum and Derby Homes partnerships, improving the awareness and understanding of partnership working at Derby Homes and the added value gained from these partnerships.

### **4. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 4.1 The DACP Partnership Forum was launched on 11 August 2015 and represents a fundamental part of the DACP Strategy 2014-2017. During the last 2 years the membership has continually increased with those attending reporting positive feedback.
- 4.2 The Operational Board received a progress report and presentation on 15 December 2016 documenting and detailing the various positive outcomes this Forum was achieving.
- 4.3 The Derby Homes Partnership Policy was developed in 2011 and subsequently informed some of the development around the DACP Partnership Forum, notably around facilitating less formal partnership relationships.
- 4.4 The DACP Forum does not however, nor was it intended to support the more formal strategic and financial partnership arrangements between partners and Derby Homes.

- 4.5 It is therefore proposed to develop a new Derby Homes Partnership Policy that will clearly outline a framework that will improve the awareness and understanding of partnership working within Derby Homes. The Policy will identify how we manage, maintain and monitor the outcomes achieved through partnership working.
- 4.6 This will include the development of a Derby Homes Partnership Register that will detail specifically the partnership arrangements that Derby Homes have with organisations with whom there is a financial investment either in a monetary form, resources in kind or Officer time. The Register will also demonstrate the added value that Derby Homes and our customers gain from these formal partnerships.
- 4.7 The new Derby Homes Partnership Policy will include the DACP Partnership Forum as part of the new layered framework recognising that not all partnerships are the same; some are formal, with service level or contractual agreements whilst others are informal.
- 4.8 The Partnership Register will highlight further opportunities for increasing the positive outcomes that can be achieved through a more coordinated and consistent approach to creating and managing partnerships.
- 4.9 A report will be brought back to a future meeting of the Operational Board for approval of the new policy and register.

## **5. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 5.1 None.

## **IMPLICATIONS**

The areas listed below have no implications directly arising from this report:

Consultation  
Financial and Business Plan  
Legal and Confidentiality  
Council  
Personnel  
Environmental  
Equalities Impact Assessment  
Health & Safety  
Risk  
Policy Review

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