

Scrutiny Committee – 30th August 2011

7. Local Strategic Partnership: South Somerset Together – Comprehensive Review

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In place of the annual review report there will be a presentation on the main findings emerging from the comprehensive review of South Somerset Together, which was formally requested at the District Executive meeting in April. The review has examined qualitative and quantitative information about both South Somerset Together and other Strategic Partnerships, including:-

- 1) National practice in the role and running of LSPs to understand how a cross section are being supported and repositioned to respond to changing to partnership requirements to consider what we can learn from this;
- 2) The views of partners, on the performance of SST and its future role, form and resourcing, drawn from the Partnership's self analysis exercise;
- 3) Examination of costs incurred by SSDC through its hosting role and to consider if these could be met in different ways to reduce costs (Efficiency Review);
- 4) Establish options for the long-term sustainability of the LSP;
- 5) Assessing the risk of options including impact on strategic effectiveness, SSDC finances and reputation.

This review should enable all parties to better understand the costs and benefits of the Partnership and have an opportunity to consider objectively a sustainable format for strategic partnership work across the District in the future. Members should be aware that this will be discussed with the South Somerset Together Board on 23rd September 2011, prior to the final report being taken to the District Executive on 6th October 2011.
