

Subject: Rossendale Partnership
Performance Review 2006.

Status: For Information

Report to: The Cabinet

Date: 15 November 2006

Report of: Head of Community and Partnerships.

Portfolio

Holder: Community and Partnerships

Key Decision: NO

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency "X" In
Relevant Box

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Cabinet about the Performance Management assessment that the Local Strategic Partnership (Rossendale Partnership) has recently completed with Government Office North West.

2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

2.1 The matters discussed in this report are linked to and support the following corporate priorities:

Embedding our Customer Promise (Customers)

Delivering regeneration across the Borough (Economy)

Delivering the District Vision (Partnerships)

Improving the environment

Promoting Rossendale (Economy)

3. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no specific risk issues for members to consider arising from this report.

4. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

- 4.1 Members will recall last year the Cabinet received a report regarding the progress of the Rossendale Partnership through the Government Office North West performance management framework (PMF).

As the Rossendale Partnership is not supported by Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF) we are not required to go through the PMF process but have chosen to do so to assist us in achieving our ambition. Rossendale is unique in choosing to take this route.

LSP was required to self assess against a series of criteria set out by the GONW which was then reviewed by a team at GO who then undertook a rigorous formal review meeting with key partners. Following the review meeting GONW allocated a traffic light rating for our LSP. The possible ratings are red, amber-red, amber-green and green.

For the year 2005/06 the LSP was awarded an amber green rating by GONW. This meant that the Partnership made progress towards achieving its targets. GONW provided a report to the partnership highlighting key strengths and areas for improvement. During 2006/07 the LSP has been working hard to address all improvement issues raised by GONW.

A detailed self assessment performance management report of our LSP was submitted to GONW in June 2006. A review meeting was then held in September 2006 focussing on five out of the 8 theme groups. The five theme groups were: Housing, Environment, Community Safety, Health and Well Being, Education and Lifelong Learning. Present at the meeting were the chair of the five theme groups, the chair of the LSP and also Council and County Council support officers.

There were presentations from each of the five theme group chairs followed by questions from GONW. There was also a presentation about Partnership working arrangements by the Head of Community and Partnerships.

The feedback from GONW was extremely positive and as a result the Rossendale Partnership was awarded an overall GREEN rating. A green rating is the highest that can be achieved and it means that the Partnership are delivering significant progress towards improving the quality of life for residents in the Borough. It is also proof that the Council is working effectively in partnership to make Rossendale a better place by delivering the borough's Community Strategy.

A green status also ranks the partnership as one of the top performing LSPs in the Country and the only non NRF funded LSP to have achieved a green status.

Government Office North West are impressed by the strong partnership working and performance management arrangements which are having a positive impact on many areas, particularly community safety where three year attainment targets in reducing crime have been achieved in a year.

5. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

5.1 N/A

6. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

6.1 N/A

7. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF HUMAN RESOURCES

7.1 N/A

8. CONCLUSION

Rossendale Borough Council is working effectively in partnership to deliver better outcomes for local people. This is evident following the recent GONW assessment of the Borough Local Strategic Partnership. GONW rated the Rossendale Partnership (LSP) as 'GREEN' – the highest that can be achieved. The Rossendale Partnership is one of the top performing LSPs in the Country and the only non NRF funded LSP to have achieved a green rating.

9. RECOMMENDATION(S)

9.1 That the report and attached GONW review document is noted.

10. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

10.1 N/A

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Background Papers	
Document	Place of Inspection
GONW letter and feedback report LSP delivery plan Community Strategy LSP performance management self assessment report to GONW	www.rossendalealive.co.uk

