

REVIEW OF THE STRATEGIC SERVICE DELIVERY PARTNERSHIP**Report By: The Strategic Service Delivery Partnership Review Group****Wards Affected**

County-wide.

Purpose

1. To consider the findings of the Strategic Service Delivery Partnership Review Group following the review of the operation of the Partnership.

Background

2. In April 2005 the Committee agreed to include in its work programme a scrutiny review of the Council's contract with Herefordshire Jarvis Services (HJS). Under the contract HJS provides a range of contract services, including highway maintenance, grounds maintenance, street cleansing, toilet cleansing, recycling, street lighting, courier services, printing, vehicle maintenance, signage, building maintenance, building cleaning, and event catering.
3. It was subsequently decided, as reported to this Committee in October 2005, to extend the review to include Owen Williams who have a separate contract to provide a range of technical consultancy services. The scope of this contract covers the provision of engineering services for policy development, design and implementation, including transportation and traffic engineering, management and control; highway design and management; materials testing; general infrastructure development; property/architectural services and other associated technical services.
4. The Council, HJS and Owen Williams together form the Strategic Service Delivery Partnership.
5. The Review Group's report setting out the Group's approach to its task, its findings and conclusions is attached.
6. It will be noted that in its concluding remarks the Review Group envisages that subject to the outcome of the consideration of the report by Cabinet that it would wish to review the progress made in response to its recommendations in six months time. This timescale would also enable the Group to take account of the second annual report on the Strategic Service Delivery Partnership which is due to be reported to Cabinet in the Summer.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Committee considers the report of the Strategic Service Delivery Review Group and determines whether it wishes to agree the findings for submission to Cabinet.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None identified.