

**Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development**

**Report to Scrutiny Board (Sustainable Economy and Culture)**

**Date: 14 April 2015**

**Subject: Strategic Partnership Board**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Summary of main issues**

1. The Scrutiny Board Procedure Rules state that all Scrutiny Boards will act as a “critical friend” to the relevant Strategic Partnership Board and consider and report annually on the following areas:
  - What contribution the Partnership Board is making to tackle poverty and inequality, and the progress being made against this
  - How successfully the Board’s partnership arrangements are working
  - To what extent are significant benefits being seen from partnership working? How has partnership working ensured increased pace of change to address the issue in hand?
2. The chair of the Sustainable Economy and Culture Board, Nigel Foster, and the Director of City Development will attend the Scrutiny Board to give a presentation on the Partnership Board’s work over the past year and respond to Members’ questions.
3. The partnerships are an important focus for the delivery of the city’s key aims. Scrutiny Boards acting as the “critical friend” of the partnerships will help further progress the agenda and the delivery of the relevant priorities in the City Priority Plan.

**Recommendation**

4. The Scrutiny Board is requested to comment on the progress of the Strategic Partnership Board.

## **Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

5. None

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.