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Report of the Policy Development Committee: Partnership Strategy (Dec 09/07)

1. Following an Internal Audit report and completion of the Organisational Assessment, the need for a Partnership Strategy became evident. The Strategy will help to ensure that the Council's partnerships are formed, monitored and reviewed with the appropriate level of governance arrangements in place to achieve better outcomes.
2. The Committee initially considered a draft Partnership Strategy at its June 2009 meeting, and this draft was piloted in partnership with Forest Heath District Council. The Strategy had been developed to reflect the findings of the pilot, and the changes which had been made to the Strategy were considered by the Committee.
3. The Committee believes that the Strategy will ensure that appropriate governance arrangements are in place for new and existing partnerships, and it is **RECOMMENDED** that:-
 - (1) **the Partnership Strategy, attached to Report A339, be adopted;**
 - (2) **the Policy, Performance and Customer Service Manager, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Performance and Organisational Development, be given delegated authority to make any amendments to the policy in the light of changing guidance; and**
 - (3) **any minor typographical, factual and/or grammatical changes to the final document be agreed by the Policy, Performance and Customer Service Manager in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Performance and Organisational Development.**

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