



Partnership and Accountable Body Arrangements and Pooled Budgets – Addition to Financial Procedure Rules

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To approve the addition of two sections to the Financial Procedure Rules to cover Partnership and Accountable Body Arrangements and Pooled Budget Arrangements.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Partnership and Accountable Body Arrangements

- 2.1 In 2005/06 the Council is acting as Accountable Body for funding in excess of £33m. All of this funding is delivered through partnership arrangements such as Derby City Partnership, New Deal for Communities or Supporting People.
- 2.2 Under these arrangements, the responsibility for managing the various funding streams fall to the partnership whilst the Council is solely responsible for the financial regularity, probity and value for money of the funding stream.
- 2.3 The Council will be ultimately liable for any funding clawed back due to non-compliance of the associated rules of funding streams.
- 2.4 The increase in the amount of funding managed in this way in recent years has necessitated an addition of a specific section to the Financial Procedure Rules. These require approval from Council. The proposed section is shown at Appendix 2.

Pooled Budget Arrangements

- 2.5 With the increased focus on partnerships, the pooling of budgets with other organisations is increasingly being used as an alternative method of service delivery. These arrangements may include the transfer of funds between organisations or the ringfencing of budgets within the organisations for specific commonly agreed purposes. Either way, specific guidance is now considered to be necessary for these arrangements. The proposed additional section to the Financial Procedure Rules is shown at Appendix 3.

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Background papers: None

List of appendices: Appendix 1 – Implications
Appendix 2 – Partnership and Accountable Body Arrangement – Additional section to financial procedure rules.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. As detailed in the report.

Legal

- 2 As detailed in the report.

Personnel

3. None directly arising.

Equalities Impact

4. None Directly Arising.

Corporate Themes and Priorities

5. The Financial Procedure Rules ensure that financial probity and value for money is obtained for the Council.