

New LLP's in place require embedding into the Council's governance processes

Financial Regulations and other rules to be updated to reflect LLP's – This is complete, with the Council and LLP Financial Procedure Rules and Financial Regulations now updated to reflect the existence of the LLP's and the interaction between all three parties. The FPR's and Financial Regulations have been approved by Members and the respective Boards and are now in full application cross the appropriate entities.

Interim business plans are currently in place and full business plans to be submitted to the Cabinet – The partnership already has a draft business plan which was drawn up at the start of the partnership. All service areas within MKSP have started to work on new business plans which will be presented by March 2014 when the revised shape of the partnership will be known post the service reviews. Through out the process these will be subject to a detailed challenge and review and will be considered both individually and as a group, to ensure that the overall objectives of the Partnership are addressed.

Communication in respect of LLP's to be strengthened so that members and officers better understand the governance relationship

Briefing provided for members and officers on the LLP's and their links with the authority – The MKSP Board review the financial position of the partnership at its meetings, which has also been taken to the Budget Review Group and Cabinet. Updates on the service reviews and progress of the partnership to date been provided to Corporate Affairs and Cabinet in October These meetings included discussion around the roles and responsibilities of both the Council and the Partnership and its governance to ensure that the responsibilities between parties are clear and efficient.

Review LLP services to ensure that the current MKSP structure is the best possible going forward

Review of interface between MKSP and the Council to be undertaken – Detailed reviews of each service are being undertaken and details of the progress made has been presented to Cabinet and Corporate Affairs Committee in October. An extension has been requested and agreed by Cabinet to allow the reviews to be undertaken in the necessary detail. A further update to Cabinet is scheduled for March 2014. An update on the current position of the reviews is contained in Annex B.

Confirm the governance arrangements for MKDP and MKSP in relation to the Council and commence regular reporting, as set out in the members agreements – MKSP reports to Cabinet on a regular basis, providing details of the financial position and highlighting any issues that require Member consideration. In terms of governance arrangements, the MKSP board meets on a bi-monthly basis and is made up of all-party representatives of Cabinet, the Chief Executive of MKC, the Corporate Director of Resources and the Partnership Director of MKSP.