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| **Report to** | **On** |
| **Governance Committee** | **25th May 2021** |
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| **Title** | **Report of** |
| Key Contracts and Partnerships Framework | **Deputy Chief Executive** |

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| Is this report confidential? | No  |

## Purpose of the Report

1. To present the Key Contracts and Partnerships Framework (included at appendix A) for South Ribble Borough Council.

## Recommendations

## To endorse the Key Contracts and Partnerships Framework for approval by Cabinet.

## Reasons for recommendations

1. As part of the South Ribble Annual Governance Statement there is an action to develop a Key Contracts and Partnerships Framework to ensure effective monitoring of key contracts and partnerships to demonstrate and evidence that they are delivering effective, efficient and economic services providing best value for the council.

**Other options considered and rejected**

1. The alternative is South Ribble Borough Council does not have a Key Contracts and Partnerships Framework in place. This has been rejected on the basis that there are key contracts and partnerships within the Council which would benefit from additional effective monitoring to demonstrate and evidence that they are delivering effective, efficient and economic services providing best value for the Council.

## Corporate outcomes

1. The report relates to the following corporate priorities: *(tick all those applicable):*

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| An exemplary council | x | Thriving communities |  |
| A fair local economy that works for everyone |  | Good homes, green spaces, healthy places |  |

**Background**

1. The approach to developing a Key Contracts and Partnerships Framework was presented to Governance Committee in March 2021. This report presents the final version of the Framework prior to Cabinet approval (see appendix A).
2. The framework will ensure the effective monitoring of key contracts and partnerships to demonstrate and evidence that they are delivering effective, efficient and economic services providing best value for the council.

**Outline**

1. The council is involved in many contracts and partnerships, with many different partners. The aim of the framework is to differentiate the level of governance and risk management that needs to be applied based on the following considerations:
* There is significant impact on the delivery of the council’s strategic objectives
* There is a large reliance on the proposed partner to deliver core services
* There is significant financial value
* The scale of human and other resources involved is large
* The length/timescales of the commitment are significant
* There is a significant degree of risk
1. The framework sets out:
* The definition of a key contract or partnership
* The contracts and partnerships that will be monitored under the framework
* The approach to performance monitoring via Cabinet annually including financial assessment
* Roles and responsibilities
* Governance expectations

**Next steps**

1. Following feedback from Governance Committee, the final framework and initial monitoring report will be presented to Cabinet in June 2021 for approval.

## Comments of the Statutory Finance Officer

1. The relevant financial information is included in appendix A but there are no direct financial implications as a result of this report.

## Comments of the Monitoring Officer

1. The Council has a duty to achieve best value contained in the Local Government Act 1999 and effective contract monitoring is in furtherance of that duty.

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