

## Coordination of strategic partnerships

This item is for (delete as appropriate):

Information  Discussion  Decision

### Summary

This report updates the Stockport Board on steps taken to better co-ordinate the discussion of key issues across Stockport's strategic partnerships.

### Desired outcome:

Partners note the intention to better coordinate strategic partnerships, including the Stockport Board, and the steps taken to do this.

Stockport Board

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# Coordination of Strategic Partnerships

## Summary

1. This report updates the Stockport Board on steps taken to better co-ordinate the discussion of key issues across Stockport's strategic partnerships. Better coordination is intended to improve the speed and quality of decision making by the Partnership.
2. The Strategic Partnership tier includes the Place Board, Public Services Resources Board (PSRB) and the Stockport Board. A diagram describing the relationship of this tier to the wider partnership is enclosed at **Annex A**.
3. A forward schedule of dates for the three Strategic Partnerships is enclosed at **Annex B**.

## Background

4. Tackling entrenched inequalities in Stockport's most deprived neighbourhoods, and making best use of the partnership's resources in their broadest sense are two paramount strategic priorities that cut across thematic and other issues. The partnership has created the Place Board (PB) and Public Services Resources Board (PSRB) to focus specifically on these two areas.
5. The Stockport Board recently asked for greater clarity about the respective roles of the Place Board and the PSRB and about the relationship between these two bodies and itself. The Stockport Board want to ensure that key strategic issues are progressed in the most appropriate forum and that discussions are not duplicated.
  - **The PSRB** exists to develop a partnership approach to optimising the use of public resources in the Borough on behalf of the Stockport Partnership. It is currently undertaking substantial pieces of work to develop a partnership estates strategy and a partnership Local Information System.
  - **The Place Board** exists to develop effective and sustainable practice whereby the life chances experienced by residents in Stockport's priority communities, and identified in the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy, are tackled and improved. The Place Board has established partnership Neighbourhood Management structures in the three Priority 1 areas and in Offerton; it is also developing a partnership approach (Act Family) to supporting families with complex needs.
6. The **Stockport Board** is the forward-looking strategic leadership body for the whole partnership, including the PB and PSRB. It sets the priorities for the Partnership and holds wider groups to account for their performance and for work commissioned from them.

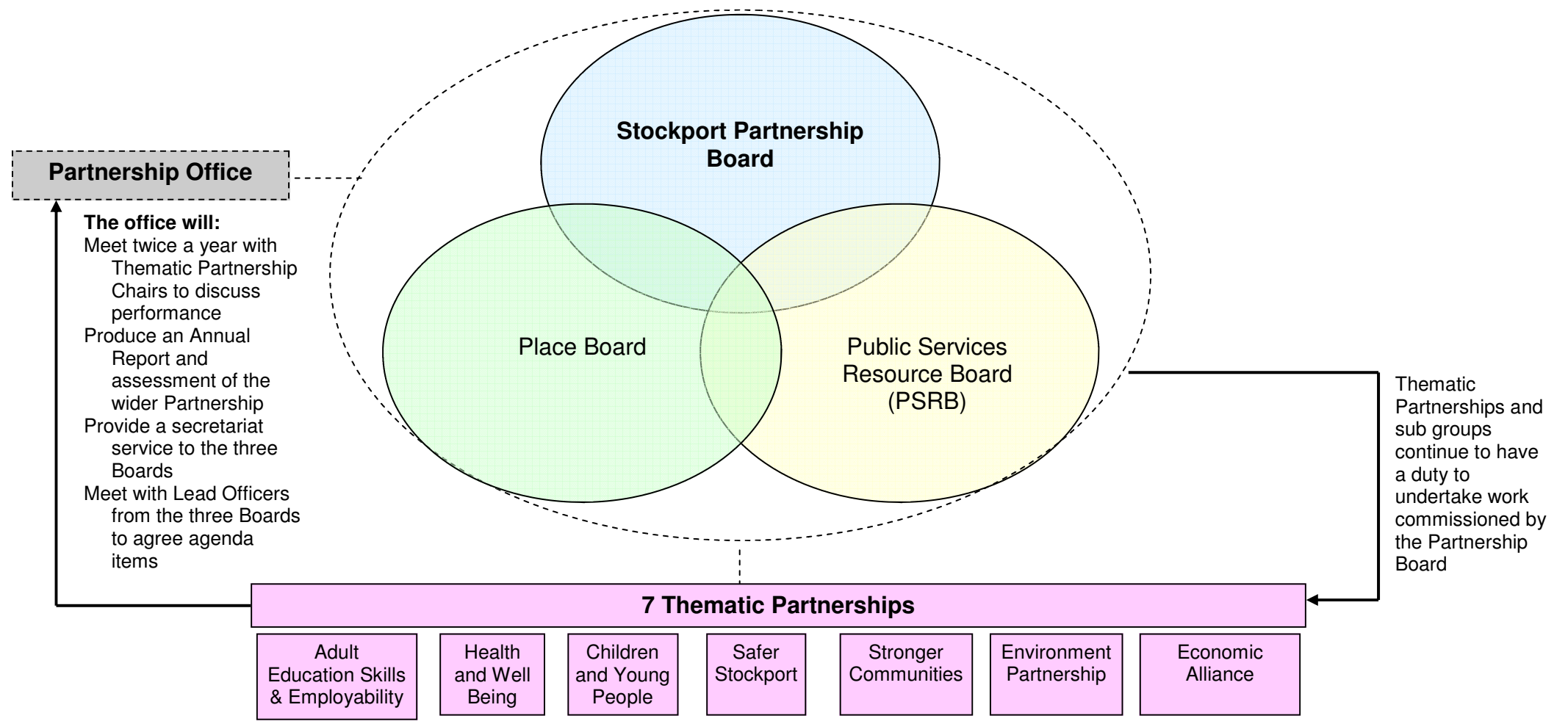
## **Better coordination**

7. In order to better coordinate their work going forward the Strategic Partnerships will have a single secretariat, provided by the Partnership Office. Previously the secretariat function for the Stockport Board and PSRB was performed jointly by the Partnership Office and SMBC Democratic Services; the Place Board secretariat was provided by CRE.
8. Working with lead officers<sup>1</sup> for the Strategic Partnerships, the Partnership Office will organise all meetings, attendance and external speakers, monitor and update membership lists, prepare agendas and produce or commission relevant papers, take minutes and communicate actions as appropriate.
9. Future meetings of the Strategic Partnerships will also be sequenced more closely, with the Place Board and PSRB meetings taking place in the weeks leading up to Stockport Board meetings. This is to ensure that issues can be cascaded up or down between partnerships where necessary for quicker resolution. A forward schedule of meeting dates for the 2011-12 is enclosed at **Annex B**.
10. There will also be a standing item on future Stockport Board agendas for reports back from the Chairs of the Place Board and PSRB.

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<sup>1</sup> Lead officers for the Strategic Partnerships are: Corporate Director for Business Services (PSRB); Asst Chief Executive, Strategy and Democracy (Stockport Board); Service Director for Communities (Place Board).

# Stockport Partnership



## Strategic Partnership Meetings 2011-12

Month	Dates 2011/2012	Meeting
May	13 <sup>th</sup> May	Public Services Resources Board Meeting
	16 <sup>th</sup> May	Place Board Meeting
	23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Stockport Partnership Board Meeting
July	15 <sup>th</sup> July	Public Services Resources Board Meeting
	26 <sup>th</sup> July	Place Board Meeting
Aug	23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	Public Services Resources Board Meeting
Sept	1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Place Board Meeting
	12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Stockport Partnership Board Meeting
Oct	21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Public Services Resources Board Meeting
Nov	23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Public Services Resources Board Meeting
	24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Place Board Meeting
Dec	5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Stockport Partnership Board Meeting
Jan '12	11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Place Board Meeting
	25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Public Services Resources Board Meeting
Feb	6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Stockport Partnership Board Meeting
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