

# Scrutiny Report



## Performance Scrutiny Committee – Partnerships

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### Part 1

Date: 4 October 2017

### Subject – Shared Resource Services (SRS) briefing

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The following people have been invited to attend for this item:

- Rhys Cornwall – Head of People and Business Change
- Mark Bleazard – Information Development Manager
- Jo Evans (Digital Information Project Officer)
- Representative from SRS

## Section A – Committee Guidance and Recommendations

### 1. Recommendations to the Committee

The Committee is receiving this briefing session for information.

### 2. Context

- 2.1 The Shared Resource Service (SRS) is a collaborative ICT provision in South East Wales that comprises Gwent Police Authority, Monmouthshire County Council, Torfaen County Borough Council and Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council. The SRS is underpinned by a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that enables a single management structure across the board. The MoU was signed Jul 2011 and includes governance arrangements that allow new partners to join. In addition to the partners outlined, the SRS also has customers.
- 2.2 At its meeting on 26 July 2017, the Committee requested briefings on all of the partnerships within the remit of the Committee, to enable Members to have an understanding of the partnerships prior to any scrutiny being undertaken. Previously SRS have presented their Business Plan 2016 – 2019 to the Community, Planning and Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

- 2.3 The SRS have been asked to provide a briefing to the Committee covering the following;
- What is SRS? A brief explanation of the background to how and why SRS was set up;
  - What is its purpose, aims and objectives?
  - Who are the key contacts for SRS? Who will be attending Scrutiny Committee when they consider reports on SRS?
  - How is the service provided through SRS reported on, and how is its performance monitored.
  - Any other information that might be useful for the Committee – such any detail on how performance is measured (PIs), current projects / update on current work.
- 2.2 At its meeting on 26 July the Committee agreed to include items relating to the EAS on its work programme for the coming year the table below outlines the Committee’s Forward Work Programmes reference to SRS:

Topic	Role	Statutory Status
Shared Resource Services	Performance Scrutiny – Effectiveness of Partnership Arrangements	<p>No statutory obligation to scrutinise this partnership.</p> <p>The previous Scrutiny Committee (Community, Planning and Development) reviewed the SRS arrangements. It was agreed that the Committee would review the arrangements 6 months after it was implemented.</p> <p><i>Timescale - November 2017</i></p>

### 3. Suggested Areas of Focus

- 3.1 It is suggested that the Committee discuss the role of EAS with the Officers present, and gain an understanding of the partnership and how the Scrutiny Committee may be involved with scrutinising the work of the partnership in the future.

The Committee will be receiving a presentation from the lead officers at the meeting.

## Section B – Supporting Information

### 4. Links to Council Policies and Priorities

Digital Strategy 2015  
Corporate Plan – Standing up for Newport

### 5. Background Papers

Report – Review of IT – Alternative Service Delivery: Scrutiny Recommendations ([March 2016](#))  
Cabinet minutes of Review of IT ([March 2016](#))