

Appendix C

Members considered the following questions, produced by the Audit Commission to analyse specific partnerships;

1. Rationale for the partnership:

- a Why does this partnership exist?
- b What are its agreed aims?
- c Where have they been published?
- d Can you identify a better way of serving the public?

2. Added value from the partnership:

- a How does this partnership add value?
- b How do you demonstrate this added value to the public?
- c How do you know whether funds are being well spent?
- d How does the public know that partnership funds are being well spent?

3. Governance arrangements:

- a How do your partnership's corporate governance arrangements link to those of individual partners?
- b How are decisions made?
- c How are they recorded?
- d Who makes sure that they are acted on?
- e Who scrutinises them?
- f To whom are they reported?

4. Performance management:

- a How do you know which partnership targets you are meeting and which you are failing to meet?
- b Who manages and reports progress?

5. Financial management

- a Who provides the money?
- b Who decides how to spend it?
- c Can the money be reallocated?
- d What are the financial reporting arrangements?

6. Risk management:

- a How do you know when things are going wrong?
- b Who can take action when things are going wrong?
- c How do you resolve conflicts of interest?

7. Termination arrangements:

- a What are the arrangements if this partnership comes to an end?
- b Or if you decide no longer to be involved?
- c How will resources be reallocated back to partners?

8. Serving the public:

- a How effectively does this partnership communicate with the public?
- b How can the public and service users obtain redress when things go wrong?
- c Is there a complaints and suggestions process the public can use?