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- where partnerships and organisations can take action to simplify or consolidate the governance and reporting structures to reduce repetition and duplication;
- the Welsh Government's view of the landscape of partnership structures over the next reporting period (2020-25), including any proposals to abolish or consolidate those structures.

**Response: Accept in principle**

The outcome of the *Review of Strategic Partnerships*, which was agreed by Partnership Council for Wales, contained clear recommendations not to create new partnerships, or add to the remit of existing partnerships, without considering the existing landscape. It noted there was no support for standing down any specific partnerships and focused on partnerships being supported to simplify their own arrangements locally. The report concluded that any change should come from the ground up, rather than being imposed by the Welsh Government.

We believe delivering against the recommendations from the review will also deliver the aims within recommendation 9 and 10. We will be working closely with the Chairs of strategic partnerships to support local action to align and rationalise the landscape in the way that makes most sense to that area. As per the recommendations of the *Review of Strategic Partnerships*, the Partnership Council for Wales will be monitoring and evaluating progress. As part of its regular review of progress, they will determine what further action may be needed.

However, the immediate priorities for local government are the successful implementation of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

**Financial implications**

This commitment will be met from within existing staff resources.

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