

## Partnership Working

- 40.1** Partnership working has become an ever increasing part of the Council's work. For example, Section 4 of the Local Government Act 2000 requires every local authority to prepare a strategy for promoting or improving the economic, social and environmental well being of their area and contributing to that achievement of sustainable development in the UK.
- 40.2** In preparing or modifying their sustainable community strategy a local authority must consult and seek participation of such persons as they consider appropriate. The City Council's Local Strategic Partnership (Westminster City Partnership) satisfies these duties.
- 40.3** It is recognised that Partnerships, both formal and informal, are playing a significant part in the way the Council consults and works with stakeholders to facilitate joined-up planning and delivery of services. In accordance with guidance issued by the Audit Commission, the Council has produced a Partnership Manual, which sets out processes for Members and Officers relating to partnership working.