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SUBJECT:	ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19	
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1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That Elected Members approve, for publication, the Annual Report for 2018/19. This is attached in Appendix A.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To inform Council of the Annual Report; this summarises how the Council works, what has been achieved during the financial year and our financial performance.
- 2.2 The Annual Report has been written and designed to appeal to the public, the Council's partners and to businesses in the District. It demonstrates how the Council delivered against its key objectives in 2018/19.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The Annual Report follows a set style and presentation of information for residents and key stakeholders. Each year, revisions to the format and layout are proposed to ensure the report is unique and remains fit for purpose. The style for the previous three years has largely been maintained to reflect continuity of work against the Corporate Plan 2016 – 2021.
- 3.2 The Annual Report 2018/19 captures the work done by the Council as well as achievements in partnership with other organisations. Throughout the document it can be seen that:
- The themes of the Corporate Plan 2016-2021 guide and capture all of the work that the Council does.
 - There continues to be a high level of achievement as a result of the Council's ongoing commitment to partnership working. A multi-agency Welfare Reform user group was successfully established to help Benefit claimants move over to Universal Credit.
 - The Council is responsive to the needs and expectations of local communities. This is demonstrated by the fact that 15 projects received funding from the Community Partnerships Scheme with £250,000 being the total amount allocated.

- The Council's work is enabling South Derbyshire to keep pace with its status as being one of the fastest growing Districts in the country. This included delivering 219 affordable homes as the result of working closely with partners.

- South Derbyshire is 'open for business', 266 businesses or those thinking of starting a business in the District attended sessions with the South Derbyshire Business Advice Service.

- 3.3 It is important for the Council to continue to inform the community, businesses and partners of the work that has been completed, as well as its plans for the future. The Annual Report provides another vehicle to explain and receive feedback on the Council's vision of 'making South Derbyshire a better place to live, work and visit'.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 The Annual Report has been produced in-house by the Communications team. The cost has been met from the current budget.

5.0 Corporate Implications

- 5.1 This Annual Report is built around the themes of the Corporate Plan 2016-2021 – People, Place, Progress and Outcomes. It includes a summary of the Council's draft financial performance for 2018/198.

6.0 Community Implications

- 6.1 This report enables a better understanding of what the Council delivers, what has been achieved, what the Council provides in partnership and how it spends its money. This promotes the work of the Council and enhances its reputation.

7.0 Conclusions

- 7.1 This Annual Report responds to a number of sources of good practice and will be used to inform the new Corporate Plan currently being drafted.

- 7.2 The Annual Report is built on the strong outcomes that have been achieved during 2018/19. All services have contributed to this Annual Report through their actions in delivering customer-focused services for the community.

- 7.3 The draft annual report is available for viewing at Appendix A.