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SUBJECT:	CORPORATE PLAN PRIORITIES FOR ACTION 2008/11	REF: PJJ/SH
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1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 The Committee is recommended to approve the draft priorities for action for the 2008/11 Corporate Plan as outlined in **Appendix A**, as a basis for consultation with local people and other stakeholders.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To consider the key actions for 2008/9 in accordance with the themes of the Council's current Corporate Plan.

3.0 Executive Summary

- 3.1 The Corporate Plan is an integral part of the Council's Performance Management framework and the actions set out how we will deliver our key priorities together with key measures of success.
- 3.2 These actions continue to support the Council's vision for ***"Making South Derbyshire a healthier, more prosperous and safer place to live by offering value for money services."***
- 3.3 The six Themes in the Plan emerged from extensive consultation with our community and other stakeholders. Resources, including external funds have been directed into these areas in the past 2 years.
- 3.4 The fundamental change for 2007/8 was the requirement to place Value for Money at the heart of everything that we do.
- 3.5 This Plan and in particular the actions arising from it are key to the formulation of the budget which is to be considered as the next item on this agenda.

4.0 Background

- 4.1 This Plan will build upon the previous plans, which have been subject to extensive public consultation with local people and groups. It covers all aspects of life in all areas of our District and the actions are grouped into 6 cross-cutting themes:

Theme 1:	Safer and Healthier Communities <i>covers crime and disorder, anti social behaviour, support for vulnerable people, activities for young people and health promotion.</i>
Theme 2:	You at the Centre <i>community consultation, sustainable communities, recycling & composting, environmental improvement and recreation & leisure.</i>
Theme 3:	Higher Quality Services <i>improvements in the quality and efficiency of our services.</i>
Theme 4:	Prosperity for All <i>social exclusion, housing needs and economic regeneration.</i>
Theme 5:	Rural South Derbyshire <i>meeting the needs of rural communities.</i>
Theme 6:	Stronger in the Region <i>the Council's community leadership role, planning policies, support for the National Forest and the Community Strategy.</i>

- 4.2 The priorities for action as outlined in **Appendix A** represent the delivery mechanism for our Corporate Plan and describe how we will continue to work with our partners to improve the quality of life for our residents, the vitality of our community groups and the success of all existing and new businesses within our District.
- 4.3 The current Corporate Plan, approved in August 2007 had one significant change which was around Value for Money. This is reflected throughout the document and is now at the heart of everything that we do, but in particular it is a key component in the budget process and the setting of the Council Tax.
- 4.4 Following the extensive consultation in 2005/6 (in preparation for the 2006/9 Corporate Plan) and in accordance with best practice, it is considered that the themes outlined above should remain in place for now, to enable us to develop in those areas that have been determined to be important to our community. However, to ensure we continue to provide for the changing needs of our community, a fundamental review of the Plan will be undertaken in 2010.

5.0 Consultation

- 5.1 It is proposed to consult on the draft actions, together with the proposed budget for 2008/9 at the next round of area meetings, with local businesses, hard to reach groups (supported by CVS) and by utilising our web site, in addition to the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 5.2 Results from the consultation will be reported to the next meeting of this Committee on 19th February 2008.

6.0 Financial Implications

- 6.1 The Plan is being developed in order to inform the budget process, to ensure we continue to place our resources into our priority areas. The actions for 2008/9 will have details of resources allocated upon completion of the budget for 2008/9.

7.0 Corporate Implications

- 7.1 The Corporate Plan is a vital element of the Council's Performance Management Framework. It is the delivery mechanism that links the Vision of the Council with the needs of the community and overall good governance.

8.0 Community Implications

- 8.1 The Plan affects all aspects of our community and is built upon community consultation.

9.0 Conclusions

- 9.1 The Corporate Plan is an essential part of managing our day-to-day business and once approved will form the basis of our key actions for 2008/9 and beyond.

10.0 Background Papers

- 10.1 2007/10 Corporate Plan