

DRAFT CORPORATE PLAN – DEVELOPMENT OF THE LONG LIST OF PROPOSALS

PROPOSALS FOR HOUSING & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE SHOWN SHADED

THEME 1: YOU AT THE CENTRE ACTION AREAS		Cttee Responsible	Proposal
Doing more to reduce, reuse and recycle waste		Env & Dev Services Cttee	Extend the composting and 'green box' (recycling) schemes across the whole of the district
Making South Derbyshire cleaner and greener		Env & Dev Services Cttee	Provide more litter bins and improve weed control and road sweeping
Involving local people and groups in improving their local environment		Env & Dev Services Cttee	Deliver a programme of community based environmental projects through Groundwork Trust
Helping local communities to develop plans and proposals for their areas		Finance & Management Cttee	Establish a rolling programme of local Community Plans
Keeping residents and partners better informed about the work of the Council		Finance & Management Cttee	Publish a quarterly newsletter
Undertaking more consultation with local people and groups on needs and priorities		Finance & Management Cttee	Deliver an annual programme of communication and consultation
Maintaining up to date and effective planning policies		Env & Dev Services Cttee	Deliver key stages in the Local Development Scheme
Promoting opportunities for walking, cycling and public transport		Env & Dev Services Cttee	Adopt a Green Travel Plan for the Council (as an example to others)
Developing the capacity of the Community and Voluntary Sector		Housing & Comm Services Cttee	Set up a sustainable funding regime for the Community and Voluntary Sector linked to Service Level Agreements

THEME 2: SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES ACTION AREAS	Head of Service	Proposal
Trying to get more police on our streets	Housing & Comm Services Ctee	Deliver the Safer Neighbourhoods Project (which includes Neighbourhood Police and other support teams)
Doing more to help vulnerable people to feel safe in their homes	Housing & Comm Services Ctee	Establish long term funding arrangements for projects such as Safer Homes and Liberation Day
Providing more dedicated youth facilities and activities to distract young people from becoming involved in antisocial behaviour	Housing & Comm Services Ctee	Continue to implement the Youth Facilities Plan and deliver of the Youth Engagement through Sport programme (in anti-social behaviour 'hotspots')
Undertaking more enforcement activity such as 'on the spot' fines and prosecutions to deal with anti social behaviour (e.g. dropping litter, flyposting, graffiti, etc)	Housing & Comm Services Ctee	Appoint Safer Neighbourhood Wardens to patrol anti social behaviour 'hotspots' and enforce the Cleaner Neighbourhoods and Environment Act.
Setting up 'help lines' to provide advice and assistance to local communities and to report anti social behaviour	Housing & Comm Services Ctee	Promote community awareness of the planned anti social behaviour reporting hotline
Providing a Neighbourhood Support Service	Housing & Comm Services Ctee	Deliver the Safer Neighbourhoods Project (with accountability to local communities via Area Meetings)
Organising more activities during the school holidays	Housing & Comm Services Ctee	Develop play scheme activities (linked to the Youth Engagement through Sport programme)
Ensuring that people dependent upon drugs and alcohol and their families receive advice and support	Housing & Comm Services Ctee	Establish long term funding arrangements for the development and delivery of substance misuse projects.
Promoting a greater understanding of the issues around fear of crime	Housing & Comm Services Ctee	Actively promote the Safer Neighbourhoods Project through newsletters, the local media, web sites etc
Improving security at community facilities in the district.	Finance & Management Ctee	Conduct an audit of security at community facilities
Preventing floods and other emergencies	Env & Dev Services Ctee	Raise awareness amongst local communities of emergency planning, especially in relation to the risk of flooding
Providing more opportunities to take part in physical activity	Housing & Comm Services Ctee	Redesign our services to provide more opportunities for local people to take part in physical activities
Working in partnership to promote healthier lifestyles	Housing & Comm Services Ctee	Work with health agencies to provide easier access to healthier food and more exercise

THEME 3: PROSPERITY FOR ALL ACTION AREAS	Head of Service	Proposal
Improving access for older people to the services they need	Housing & Comm Services Ctee	Consult older people about the services they need from the Council
Helping vulnerable people to live independently and with dignity within the community	Housing & Comm Services	Reduce the time taken to provide home adaptations and promote ways of enabling people to continue living in their own homes
Developing measures to assist householders living in fuel poverty	Housing & Comm Services Ctee	Significantly reduce the number of households living in fuel poverty
Working with investors to bring more medium / higher skilled jobs to South Derbyshire that attract higher wages	Finance & Management Ctee	Introduce an on-line enquiry system for companies seeking to relocate to the area
Taking action with partners to target teenage pregnancy and truancy from school	Housing & Comm Services Ctee	Promote the use of Acceptable Behaviour Contracts to tackle truancy issues
Assisting unemployed people to access training and support that will enable them to return to work	Finance & Management Ctee	Work with partners to provide a package of support to the long term unemployed, including those with redundant skills and those facing multiple challenges in entering the workforce
Providing advice and assistance to homeless people and also to those who may become homeless	Housing & Comm Services Ctee	Provide more advice and assistance to homeless people and those who may become homeless, giving priority to homeless young people
Improving housing conditions across the District (Council Homes)	Housing & Comm Services Ctee	Ensure all Council homes are decent* in advance of the Government's 2010 deadline * a decent home is one which is wind and weather tight, warm, energy efficient and with modern facilities
Improving housing conditions across the District (Other Homes)	Env & Dev Services Ctee	Provide help to vulnerable households living in private sector homes who cannot afford to make their home decent

THEME 4: HIGH QUALITY SERVICES ACTION AREAS		Head of Service	Proposal
Maintaining sound and stable finances, with spending linked to priorities		Finance & Management Ctee	Monitor and review our medium term Financial Strategy
Working positively with partners (across the sectors) to help improve the efficiency of our services		Finance & Management Ctee	Deliver our Procurement Strategy (which is about how the Council obtains goods, works and services from external providers) Set clear service standards in consultation with service users
Setting clear service standards in consultation with service users		Finance & Management Ctee	Achieve the milestones set out in the National Procurement Strategy for Local Government
Developing effective practices for procuring goods, works and services		Finance & Management Ctee	Develop a framework for assessing services against the needs of specific service users.
Continuing to develop services tailored to the needs of specific groups, such as children and young people, and older people		ALL	Produce a project plan for the 'Shifting Resources' project (designed to move resources to new or higher priorities) and deliver key stages
Reviewing existing services and shifting resources to new or higher community priorities		ALL	Set targets for service reliability and responsiveness in consultation with service users and monitor performance
Setting challenging targets for service reliability and responsiveness		ALL	Develop and implement a Corporate Property Strategy (which will contain guidelines for the holding, disposal and management of land and building owned by the Council) Establish a rolling programme of customer satisfaction surveys
Developing sustainable plans for the management and improvement of our capital assets (land and buildings)		Finance & Management Ctee	Promote our complaints/compliment procedure through newsletters, leaflets, the local media and the our web site
Undertaking regular customer satisfaction surveys (so that we can measure our performance)		Finance & Management Ctee	Implement our 'Achieving More' Performance Management Strategy, with regular reports to local people on our performance
Doing more to publicise our complaints/compliments procedure (so that we can learn from our customers)		Finance & Management Ctee	Implement key milestones in the People Strategy (linking the development of the Councils' workforce to the needs of our business)
Overhauling our arrangements for managing our performance and reporting outcomes to local people		Finance & Management Ctee	
Implementing a People Strategy that links the development of the Council workforce to the delivery of our Vision for South Derbyshire		Finance & Management Ctee	

THEME 5: RURAL SOUTH DERBYSHIRE ACTION AREAS	Head of Service	Proposal
Working with partners to ensure that rural areas have good quality, affordable public transport	Env & Dev Services Cttee	Establish a means of continuing the Rural Transport Partnership (with the Countryside Agency and the County Council) beyond 2006 in order to improve public transport in rural areas
Ensuring we have up to date information about rural needs and issues	ALL	Develop a better understanding of how our performance in delivering services varies across the district
Developing innovative ways of delivering services in rural areas	ALL	Establish Service Level Agreements with Parish Councils (linked to funding arrangements) in order to promote innovation in the delivery of local service priorities
Making sure our planning processes deliver an adequate supply of affordable homes across the district	Env & Dev Services Cttee	Undertake regular housing needs surveys across the district so that the Council can require developers to provide enough affordable homes
Addressing environmental issues in rural areas	Env & Dev Services Cttee	Ensure rural environmental issues are adequately covered in the Sustainability Appraisals and policies of Local Development Framework documents

THEME 6: STRONG IN THE REGION ACTION AREAS	Head of Service	Proposal
Resisting changes in the delivery of services by other agencies which could have an adverse impact on local people and communities	Finance & Management Cttee	Resisting changes in the delivery of services which could have an adverse impact on local people and communities and report outcomes to local people
Lobbying county, regional and national Local Government Associations on issues of concern to South Derbyshire residents	Finance & Management Cttee	Lobby on issues of concern and report outcomes to local people
Ensuring the Council's representatives on outside bodies/organisations provided feedback to Council on meetings and matters arising	Finance & Management Cttee	Set up a protocol for the Council's representatives on outside bodies/organisations to provide feedback to Council on issues and outcomes.
Keeping local people informed about the work we are doing to represent their interests	Finance & Management Cttee	Provide details of the work we are doing to represent the interest of South Derbyshire in newsletters and on our web site
Delivering our contribution to the Community Strategy	Finance & Management Cttee	Link the delivery of the Community Strategy to our corporate and service planning processes; monitor and manage performance; and, provide regular reports to local people and partners
Supporting the Derbyshire Partnership Forum to meet the targets set in the Derbyshire Local Area Agreement	Finance & Management Cttee	Monitor and manage our performance in meeting the targets set out in the Derbyshire Local Area Agreement and provide reports as required to the Derbyshire Partnership Forum.
Publicising the work of the SDLSP and promoting attendance by local people and organisations at meetings of the Forum and the Partnership Board	Finance & Management Cttee	Assist the SDLSP to develop a structured communication programme, including the establishment of a dedicated web site.
Taking a lead in the preparation of Community Strategy Action Plans and the development of the next Strategy	Finance & Management Cttee	Assist the SDLSP to develop a project plan for reviewing and rolling forward the Community Strategy.
Contributing fully to the work of the East Midlands Regional Assembly and the East Midlands Regional Development Agency	Finance & Management Cttee	Ensure that the Council is represented at meetings of the East Midlands Regional Assembly and the East Midlands Regional Development Agency
Promoting citizenship	Finance & Management Cttee	Institute an award for good citizenship