

COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (SPECIAL)

5th October 2005

**PRESENT:-**

**Labour Group**

Councillor Harrington (Chair), Councillor Bambrick (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Jones and Mrs. Mead.

**Conservative Group**

Councillor Lemmon.

(Councillors Carroll and Murphy also attended the Meeting, and, with the approval of the Chair, contributed to the deliberations.)

**APOLOGY**

An apology for absence from the Meeting was received from Councillor Mrs. Hood (Conservative Group).

CYS/15. **REPORT OF MEMBER**

Councillor Bambrick advised that a scrutiny review was progressing at the County Council relating to a street scene project and a visit to Rotherham had recently been undertaken. He considered that South Derbyshire could benefit from inclusion in the review and the Head of Policy and Economic Regeneration confirmed that she had been contacted by the County Council with regard to joint working on this matter. Councillor Murphy reminded Members that this matter had been identified at the Scrutiny Away Day in July. The Council's participation in this review was agreed in principle, subject to further discussions.

CYS/16. **CORPORATE PLAN CONSULTATION**

The Chair advised that discussions had already taken place on this subject and it was noted that the timescale was very tight. The Head of Policy and Economic Regeneration confirmed that this issue concerned the process of consultation. The first opportunity would be at the Area Meetings during October and November and could take the form of a presentation and questionnaires to residents. A further opportunity for consultation would be at the meeting with parish councils on 26th October 2005 and a presentation was also proposed for this Meeting.

It was noted that the Corporate Plan would outline the ambitions for South Derbyshire and there would be a need to consult with external partners. In this regard, the main consultation body was the Local Strategic Partnership, both as a collective body and contributions from individuals. It was intended to hold a Focus Group with representatives from the urban area and further consultations would be undertaken through a questionnaire on the website and with staff through the Joint Negotiating Group and the weekly Team

Briefs. The Chair referred to consultation with “Hard to Reach” groups through the South Derbyshire CVS and it was noted that the CVS was a key Board Member of the Local Strategic Partnership.

It was noted that a report would be submitted to the Finance and Management Committee on 13th October 2005 to confirm the consultation process. In this regard, a draft report would be circulated to Members of the Committee shortly.

It was accepted that detail of the consultation could not be considered at the present time, as the content could only be determined when the priorities of the Corporate Plan had been determined.

**RESOLVED:-**

***That the proposed consultation process, as outlined above, be approved and a report on this basis be submitted to the Finance and Management Committee on 13th October 2005.***

K. HARRINGTON

CHAIR

The Meeting terminated at 4.25 p.m.