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1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 Members approve the draft Annual Report 2008-2009 (copy to follow)

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To inform Members of the Council's Annual Report that summarises 'what we do' and 'who we are', together with priority actions for the current year and the operational and financial performance of the Council in 2008-2009.
- 2.2 The report has been specifically designed to be both appealing and understandable to members of the public, our partners and to businesses in the District.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 This Annual Report draws upon the approved Corporate Plan for 2008-2009, end of year performance reports for 2008-2009 and financial outturn figures as reported to Finance and Management Committee on 25 June 2009.
- 3.2 It builds on our first ever Annual Report, which was produced in June 2008. The style and presentation of information in this report were well received by our residents and key stakeholders.
- 3.3 This new Annual Report captures the great work that has been done by the Council and in partnership with other organisations over the past year. Throughout the Annual Report, it can be seen that
- The Council has achieved its aims and kept its promises as set out in the Corporate Plan for 2008-2009.
 - There is a higher level of achievement because of the Council's ongoing commitment to partnership working.
 - External funding, brought in by the Council, has widened the range of services that is provided to meet the identified needs of the community.
 - More services are being made available in the rural areas of the District.
 - The Council has achieved national recognition for its work.

- The Council has a robust approach towards the management of its resources evidenced in external assessments that have been completed.
- It is responsive to the needs and expectations of the community.

3.4 The Annual Report has again been managed, developed and designed by the Policy and Communications Team. All photographs used in the Report have been taken in South Derbyshire.

3.5 It is important for the Council to continue to inform the community, businesses and partners on the work that has been completed and the plans for the future. This provides another vehicle to explain and receive feedback on our stated vision of 'Making South Derbyshire a better place to live, work and visit'.

3.6 Following approval by the Council, the Annual Report 2008-2009 will be launched on our website and a printed version will be made available to Members, our key partners, parish councils, the media, neighbouring authorities, libraries and copies will be available at public meetings and events.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 Printing costs can be accommodated within the current budget.

5.0 Corporate Implications

5.1 This Annual Report, specifically links to action 4.1 in the Corporate Plan – "*Effective consultation and communication with the community, businesses and other organisations*".

5.2 It also provides information on progress against all the themes in the Corporate Plan for 2008-2009.

6.0 Community Implications

6.1 This report is a direct result of consultation with our residents and will enable a better understanding of what we do as a Council, enhancing our reputation.

7.0 Conclusions

7.1 This Annual Report responds to a number of sources of good practice and will be used to champion the work of this Council throughout the coming financial year.

7.2 It is built on a strong evidence base on the outcomes that have been achieved during 2008-2009 and our stated priorities in 2009-2010. All services have contributed to this Annual Report through their actions in delivering improved, customer focused services for the Community.