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In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equality of opportunity; and legal, financial, environmental, health, respect for human rights, personnel and property considerations.

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

19 March 2008

Report of the Chief Executive

Review of Community Transport - Scoping Report

Purpose of the Report

To inform Members of the scope of the Scrutiny Review of Community Transport.

Information and Analysis

The review will consider the effectiveness of Community Transport services in the county and will explore the benefits to local communities. The issue of value-for-money to both Derbyshire County Council and the service users will be investigated.

The review will aim to develop a better understanding of the operation of Community Transport services and identify any improvements that might be made to these services.

The way in which Community Transport services operate will be looked at in respect of how they contribute to the County Council's overall aims such as the Council Plan, Local Area Agreements, Comprehensive Performance Assessment and Every Child Matters.

An anticipated outcome of the review will be to identify and encourage best practice and value for money for service users, Community Transport operators and DCC.

Potential Information Sources

During the course of the review it is anticipated that the following will be consulted;

- Appropriate officers in the Environmental Services Department
- Community Transport operators
- Parish Council representatives
- Service users
- Cabinets Members as appropriate

It is proposed that the review be undertaken by a panel of Members from the Committee, with the outcome report and recommendations being submitted to committee for approval.

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It is anticipated that this review will share many themes with the recently instigated Review of Rural Bus Services, which was halted pending the decision to review Community Transport Services. It is therefore suggested that this new review be commenced and the review of Rural Bus Services be continued, but taking on the issues raised during the Community Transport review.

Other Considerations

The impact of the review on the Council's financial, property and personnel resources will be taken into account.

Timescale

Once the scope of the review is agreed, the work will be programmed into the schedule of committee dates. It is suggested that the review be completed by September 2008.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

That the scoping report for the Improvement and Scrutiny review on Community Transport be approved and Members be appointed to the review working group.

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Chief Executive