

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

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Report of the County Council Chief Executive

Improving information provision and co-ordination

The County Council is seeking to strengthen its support across the county to LSPs and the Board Members. Six LSPs operate in Derbyshire and this, naturally, places a burden on the County Council and other countywide agencies in terms of resources.

The County Council has nominated a lead contact officer for each LSP who will co-ordinate County Council input to the Board and its working groups, and who will report issues to the County Council's Cabinet and Local Area Committees as necessary. Helen Woodhouse from the Chief Executive's Office will be the lead officer for the South Derbyshire LSP and she will be supported by a partnerships co-ordinator. This is a new post to be advertised shortly. The aim is to improve communication and co-ordination across the full range of County Council services. Specialist staff will continue to support any working groups.

To improve communication about County Council service developments, County Councillors receive a monthly "Service Development Diary" which covers areas of general interest across the County and, more specifically, service development by district area. An example of the diary is attached as an appendix.

It is proposed to circulate this information to those LSP Board Members who wish to receive it. This is one additional method of ensuring that all the County Council's different partner organisations are regularly informed of its activity.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the arrangements for the County Council's lead officer be noted
2. That LSP Board Members inform the lead County Council officer if they wish to receive the Service Development Diary.

**Nick Hodgson
Chief Executive**

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Service Development Diary

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STRATEGIC POLICY/SERVICE EFFECTIVENESS

GENERAL INTEREST

- **This month:** A 12-week **satisfaction survey** continues as 45,000 residents are asked to rate county council and district or borough council services, along with those of the county's police and fire services. Households have been randomly selected and ultimately the results could affect the amount of cash councils receive from the Government.

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- **Thursday 30th:** South Derbyshire Local Area Committee meeting, 6pm, **Melbourne Leisure Centre.**

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COMMUNITY SERVICES

GENERAL INTEREST

- **Tuesday 7th:** **Video phones** are being launched in **all** the county's 45 libraries. They will be the first of their kind in the UK and free to use. The new countywide £97,500 network is being funded by the Government and replaces the authority's video conferencing system. The see-you phones will allow deaf and hearing-impaired people who can lip-read or use sign language to communicate through monitors. But there will also be other social, cultural and educational benefits.

Libraries in **Bolsover, Buxton, Chesterfield, Dronfield, Heanor, Ilkeston, Matlock** and **Swadlincote** will have standard monitor-size screens, while video phones in the remaining 37 branches will have five-inch (12.5cm) screens.

The official launch will take place at **Chesterfield** library at 1pm and will include representatives from the authority and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, the Council for Museums, Archives and Libraries, the New Opportunities Fund and a host of community organisations.

Launch demonstrations include a link to the Inland Revenue and the council's trading standards section, communication between hearing impaired users at **Long Eaton** and **Swadlincote**, a school link from **Chesterfield** to children's author **Jacqueline Wilson** in **Dudley**, and an **Ashbourne** family talking to relatives in the **Cayman Islands**.

More details: Robert Gent 6574 robert.gent@derbyshire.gov.uk

- **Thursday 9th:** **Read On – Write Away!** celebrate the end of its **Big Read** event (see below) and **national Poetry Day**, **County Hall, Members' Room**, 7.30pm, with **Matlock** performance poet **Mark Gwynne Jones** as special guest. **Bar and buffet.**

More details and free tickets: Gwen Wilson 6793 gwen@rowa.co.uk

- **Saturday 11th:** **Read On – Write Away!** is involved in a national pilot project focusing on **Family learning**. It is linking up with one library from **each district** to stage a range of events - see below for dates and

details. ROWA! Is also holding an **information day** at the Midland Hotel, Derby on **Thursday 16th**.

More details: Louise Goodwin 01629 535232 or Karen Hanson 01773 535232 khanson@rowabridgecentre.fsnet.co.uk

- **Wednesday 15th:** **Youthtrain** presentation evening, County Hall, **Members' Room**. More than 100 young people aged between 13 and 25 years who have been working for an Open College Accreditation under this learning programme will be receiving OCA and/or Derbyshire County Council certificates of achievement. Invitation only, although some places may be available if members contact:

Pam Bradder 5689 pam.bradder@derbyshire.gov.uk

- **Thursday 16th:** **Derbyshire Youth Forum** meeting, County Hall, **Matlock**, 7pm – 9pm.

More details: John Rogers 5725 john.rogers@derbyshire.gov.uk

- **Sunday 19th:** **UK Youth Parliament** regional meeting, County Hall, **Matlock**. For details of local representatives, click on:

http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/b_line/bigvote_ukyprep.asp

More details: richard.angell@ukyouthparliament.org.uk

- **The Big Read:** All Derbyshire's **libraries** are involved in this BBC initiative that aims to find the nation's favourite book. The year-long campaign to get the country reading involves a range of activities - see below for individual details and dates.

More details: Priscilla Baily 01773 831359 priscilla.baily@derbyshire.gov.uk

- **Derbyshire Film:** A one-year £14,000 project to show **mainstream films** in town and village community venues in **Amber Valley** and **Derbyshire Dales** finishes its run this month. The money comes from the Lottery's Regional Investment Fund and aims to provide film in areas without easy access to cinemas. If the venture proves viable it could spread to other places. See below for dates.

More details: Ann Wright 01773 832498 ann.wright@derbyshire.gov.uk

- **Live and Local:** Promoted as "surprising shows in surprising places", Live and Local starts its second seasonal Derbyshire tour. The group, made up of more than 100 **regional arts** organisations, presents professional shows - chosen by the local community for the local community - performed in venues such as village halls and community centres. See below for dates.

More details: Ann Wright 01773 832497 ann.wright@derbyshire.gov.uk

- **Mobile climbing wall:** is **out and about** again in Derbyshire - see below for dates. The £25,000, 6metre x 3metre frame is part of a 2 year project designed to provide a positive outlet for young people in isolated and other areas, especially those who might otherwise turn to crime or anti-social behaviour. It is aimed at those aged 11 – 19 and hopes to entice up to 4,000 youngsters a year into trying it out. Any school or youth group in the county interested in using it should get in touch with:

More details: Keith Towell 7963 keith.towell@derbyshire.gov.uk

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Arts activities aimed at providing access to a range of cultural and artistic experiences for local people. *More details:* Ann Wright 01773 832497 ann.wright@derbyshire.gov.uk or 01332 792514

- **Wednesday 8th:** Quondam Theatre Company present their new comedy, *The Hit*, at **Shardlow Village Hall**, 7.30pm. Part of the Live and Local tour.

Library Activities aimed at meeting the information needs of individuals and local organisations.

- **Saturday 11th:** Family learning weekend at **Swadlincote** library, 10am – 1pm. Programme of family events include how to create place mats and door plaques on the computer, making a children's book, storytime, family history on the web and details of newly installed videophones.

More details: 01283 217701 swadlincote.library@derbyshire.gov.uk

EDUCATION

GENERAL INTEREST

- **This month:** More than **£2 million** of school building projects start or come on stream - see below for dates and details.

More details: Ray Mullaney 6292 ray.mullaney@derbyshire.gov.uk

- **Monday 13th:** Derbyshire **Schools Forum** meets at County Hall, **Matlock**. The group, which was set up earlier this year, consists mainly of teaching and governing representatives who act as a soundboard for the authority on budget and other consultation matters.

More details: Chris Allcock chris.allcock@derbyshire.gov.uk

- **Tuesday 21st:** Mini **Ofsted/DfES/Audit inspection**. The authority is one of a handful of "excellent" councils involved in a pilot to replace numerous official education plans (19) that have to be submitted to the Department for Education and Skills each year. It is drawing up a Derbyshire Education Strategy, based on its New Millennium education strategy, which will be used to assess what it does and achieves, allowing it to plan to suit itself rather than to a common formula.

Once it has been produced in March it will last for 5 years and link to service and council plans and will be shared with schools, providing a more meaningful tool with a Derbyshire ownership and involvement. The Government's aim is for all education authorities to be working this way by 2006.

The inspection is unusual in so much as the 3 bodies rarely work together. They last visited 18 months ago and focus their attention on the consistency and logic of the planning mechanisms within the strategy, providing any necessary advice or comment. Inspectors will be here 2 days during which time they will meet with senior education and other figures, visit a couple of schools and examine 3 specific areas - Early Years and Child Care, 14 – 19 education, social inclusion and children looked after - before providing verbal and written feedback.

More details: David Shaw 6412 david.shaw@derbyshire.gov.uk

- **This month:** The advisory service has developed new support arrangements for **school improvement reviews**. It is holding 34 meetings with schools this autumn through School Improvement Cluster

groups as part of the LEA's significant development programme to support school self evaluation.

More details: Jim Hickman 2751 jim.hickman@derbyshire.gov.uk

- **Latest OfSTED inspection reports:** Copies of the **summary reports** on **Matlock All Saints CE Infant School, Somercotes' Somerlea Par Junior School** and **Youlgrave's All Saints C of E Primary School** are available from: Lynda Stevenson 2796 lynda.stevenson@derbyshire.gov.uk

ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS

GENERAL INTEREST

- **£646,000** of road and other **highways work** is taking place throughout the county this month - see below for more details.
- **Friday 10th**: Deadline for comment on the revised Derby and Derbyshire **Waste Local Plan**. Copies available from main county, city, district and borough council offices and **Buxton** library.

More details: Ken Acons 7158 ken.acons@derbyshire.gov.uk

PUBLIC PROTECTION AND TRANSPORT

GENERAL INTEREST

- **This month:** Work starts on installing nearly £49,000 of solar powered new **bus shelters** in **5 districts**, aimed at improving the safety and comfort of passengers so more people are persuaded to use public transport. Each shelter costs around £4,300 with, in most cases, the authority sharing the cost with the local parish or district council - see below for further information.

More details: Maryse Harrison 6741 maryse.harrison@derbyshire.gov.uk

- **This month:** All **public transport maps** will be available on the www.derbysbust.net website from the beginning of the month.

More details: Kyle Hulme 6730 kyle.hulme@derbyshire.gov.uk

- **Monday 6th – Friday 10th**: **International Walk to School Week** when, on **Wednesday 8th**, people throughout the globe will be encouraged to walk to school to raise awareness of the benefits of leaving the car at home. Locally, this one-day initiative follows a range of activities that took place this summer as part of an on-going campaign by the council to encourage more people to walk to school. The programme enables schools to include safety and environmental issues within their topic and classroom work, while helping children learn road safety skills.

More details: Philippa Young 7075 philippa.young@derbyshire.gov.uk or click on to: www.iwalktoschool.org

- **Friday 10th**: End of a 6-week **anti-speed campaign** being run in partnership with Derby City Council, Derbyshire Constabulary and the primary care trusts. The campaign aims to help the authority achieve its targets to reduce the number of road deaths and serious injury by 60 per cent for children and 45 per cent for adults by 2010.

More details: Philippa Young 7075 philippa.Young@derbyshire.gov.uk

- **Monday 13th – Friday 17th**: Jacolly Puppet Theatre tours local primary schools with **“Dogworthy’s Magic Roadshow”** aimed at raising awareness of basic safe behaviour on local roads for those aged 5 – 8 years. Latest figures show that in 2001 there were 439 child casualties in Derbyshire, 55 of them serious with 2 fatalities. The authority is aiming to cut fatal and serious injury figures to 33 within the current decade. See below for tour details.

More details: Rob Bounds 7069 rob.bounds@derbyshire.gov.uk

- **Friday 24th**: End of the 6-week **“Stop!”** campaign that highlights the dangers irresponsible driving can cause for school crossing patrols and

others. It is the 5th year the council has run the campaign, which has seen the number of potentially dangerous incidents at crossing cut by nearly half in the last 12 months compared with the previous year.

More details: Philippa Young 7075 philippa.Young@derbyshire.gov.uk

- **End of the month:** Launch of the annual **Be Safe Be Seen** campaign targeted at children, urging them to get visible and stay safe this winter. It is being run by the council in association with the Derbyshire Road Safety Partnership as one of a series of initiatives aimed at cutting the number of child casualties by 60% by 2010.

More details: Philippa Young 7075 philippa.Young@derbyshire.gov.uk

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Mobile advice unit dates

The trading standards mobile advice and promotions unit will be at the following venues and dates aimed at providing consumers and traders with information and help.

More details: Tina Jones, ext. 6146 tina.jones@derbyshire.gov.uk

- **Saturday 11th:** **Melbourne** **High Street**
- **Thursday 21st:** **Swadlincote** **Outside Town Hall**

Bus Shelters

- **Monday 20th:** Bus shelters will be going up on Main Street at Hartshorne, outside the new doctor's surgery at Hilton and on High Street at Woodville between now and the end of the month.

More details: Maryse Harrison 6741 maryse.harrison@derbyshire.gov.uk

SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH

GENERAL INTEREST

- **This month:** More than **£75,000** of building work starts or comes on stream - see below for dates and details.

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- **This month:** sees the launch of a campaign involving leaflets and posters to raise awareness of the protection of **vulnerable adults**.

More details: Andrew Hambleton 01246 348600 andrew.hambleton@derbyshire.gov.uk

- **Wednesday 1st:** **International Day of Older People** - see Chesterfield for more details.
- **Thursday 9th:** Social Services **gardening competition awards**, County Hall, **Matlock**, noon – 2pm. Cllr Anne Western will be presenting awards to the winners of this 6-category contest, which aims to involve people who use the centres and homes and social services staff in gardening projects, encourage recycling and improve the environment.

More details: Pam Brassington 2243 pam.brassington@derbyshire.gov.uk

- **Monday 13th:** County Hall, **Matlock**; **seminar for leading Members** and Chief Officers on a range of issues associated with developments in Children's Services that will help inform the authority's response to the Government's Green Paper, "Every Child Matters".

More details: Ian Johnson 2005 ian.johnson@derbyshire.gov.uk

- **Friday 24th: Foster carers' awards**, County Hall, **Matlock**, 7pm – 11pm. Cllr Anne Western will be recognising the work of the authority's long-term foster carers by presenting those with at least 15 years service with certificates and £30 vouchers.

More details: Jayne Brooks 2042 jayne.brooks@derbyshire.gov.uk

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- **Friday 10th:** A 6-week, £25,000 scheme to re-vamp the kitchen and bathrooms at Linden House, **Swadlincote**, comes to an end. The work has been funded through capital monies and carried out by the authority.

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