

NEWHALL AREA MEETING

**AGENDA
AND
REPORTS**

Monday, 22nd January 2007

**William Allitt School
Sunnyside
Newhall**

7.00 p.m.

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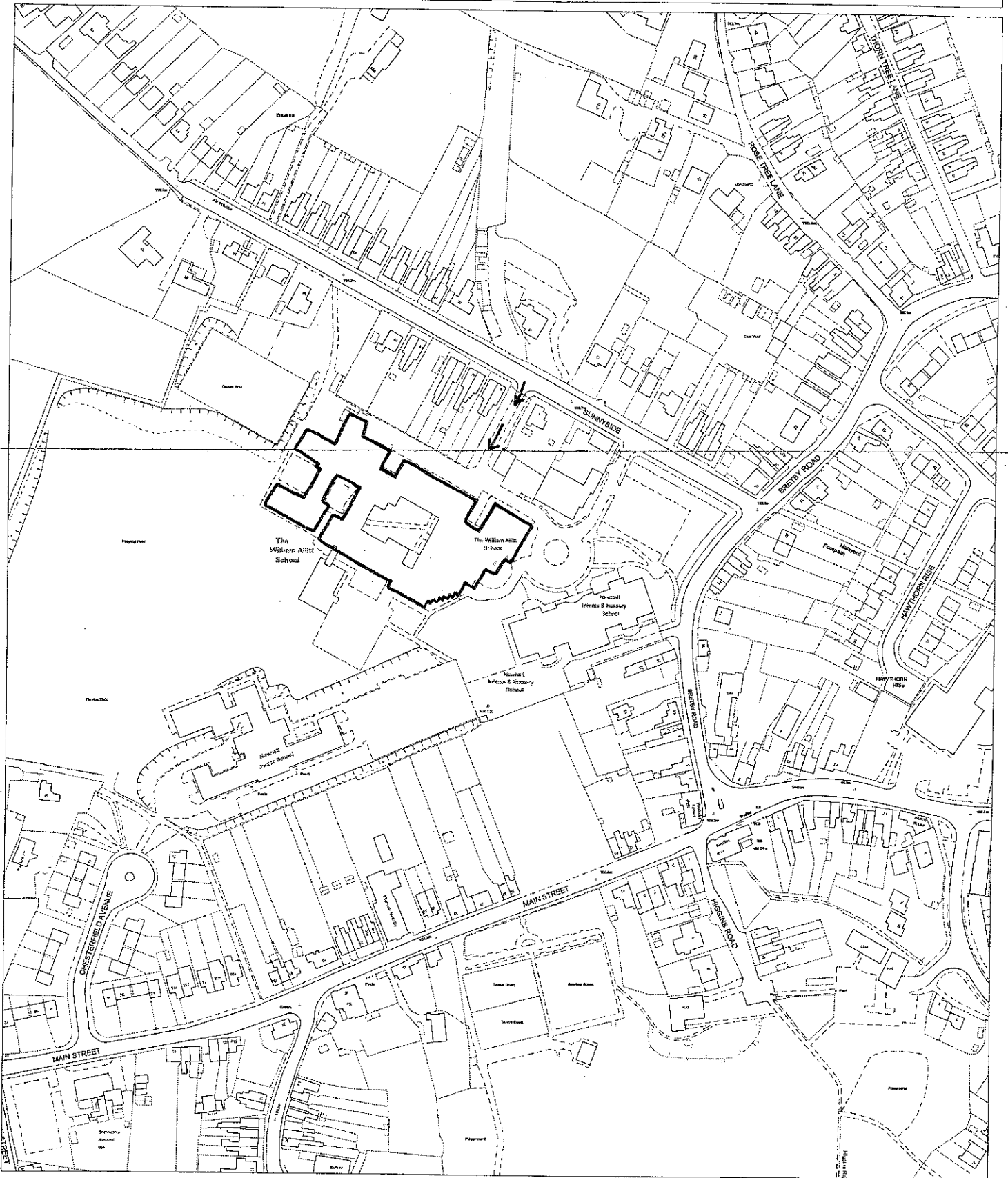
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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL:

Corporate Scrutiny (Special – Budget)	Monday, 29 th January 2007 – 4.30 p.m.
Finance and Management (Special – NNDR)	Monday, 29 th January 2007
Environmental and Development Services	Thursday, 1 st February 2007
Housing and Community Services	Thursday, 8 th February 2007
Corporate Scrutiny	Monday, 12 th February 2007 – 4.30 p.m.
Development Control	Tuesday, 13 th February 2007
Community Scrutiny	Monday, 19 th February 2007 – 4.00 p.m.
Finance and Management	Tuesday, 20 th February 2007
Overview	Monday, 26 th February 2007 – 4.00 p.m.
COUNCIL	Thursday, 1 st March 2007
Development Control	Tuesday, 6 th March 2007
Environmental and Development Services	Thursday, 8 th March 2007
Housing and Community Services	Thursday, 15 th March 2007
Finance and Management	Thursday, 22 nd March 2007
Community Scrutiny	Monday, 26 th March 2007 – 4.00 p.m.
Development Control	Tuesday, 27 th March 2007
Corporate Scrutiny	Monday, 2 nd April 2007 – 4.30 p.m.
Overview	Monday, 16 th April 2007 – 4.00 p.m.
COUNCIL	Thursday, 19 th April 2007
Etwell Leisure Centre (John Port School, Etwell)	Monday, 23 rd April 2007 – 5.00 p.m.
Development Control	Tuesday, 24 th April 2007
ANNUAL COUNCIL	Thursday, 24 th May 2007
Development Control	Tuesday, 29 th May 2007
CIVIC COUNCIL	Thursday, 31 st May 2007

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings will be held at the Council's Civic Offices and will start at 6.00 p.m.

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South Derbyshire District Council
Policy Unit

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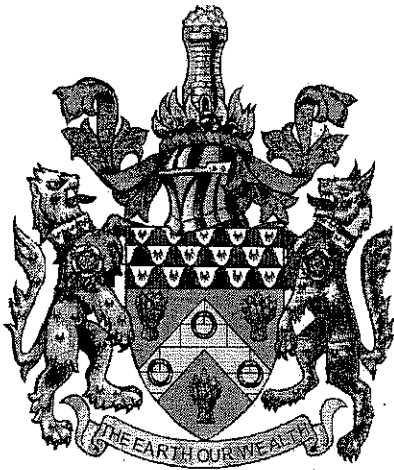
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SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

NEWHALL AREA MEETING

(Covering Midway, Newhall and Stanton)

**Meeting to be held at
William Allitt School
Sunnyside
Newhall**

**on Monday 22nd January 2007
at 7.00 p.m.**

(Light Refreshments will be available at 6.30 p.m.)

Members:

District Councillors: Councillor Richards (Chair) and Councillors Bambrick, Dunn, Mrs. Mead (Vice-Chair), Mulgrew and Wilkins.

County Councillors: Councillors Bambrick and Jones.



BUSINESS

1. Apologies.
2. To note the Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th November 2006 (copy herewith).
3. To note any declarations of interest arising from any items on the Agenda.
4. Chair's Announcements (if any).
5. Report back on issues raised at the last Meeting.
6. Public Question Time and suggestions for future local discussion items.
7. South Derbyshire District Council – Responding to your views. (Please see attached report).
8. Date of next Meeting.



NEWHALL AREA MEETING

28th November 2006

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Richards (Chair), Councillor Mrs. Mead (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Bambrick, Mulgrew and Wilkins.

F. McArdle (Chief Executive), D. Townsend (Democratic Services), L. Neave and K. Ashley (Waste and Cleansing) and B. Jones (Helpdesk).

County Council Representatives

Councillors Bambrick and Jones.

D. Tysoe (County Secretary) and G. Duckworth (Democratic Services Officer).

Derbyshire Constabulary

Sergeant S. Thandi.

Members of the Public

P. Bambrick, L. Gillespie, P. Holden, R. Holden, R. House, C. Maddock, B. Marsden, G. Myatt, W. Parker, M. Richards, E. Tagg and B. Woods.

NA/10. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from District Councillor Dunn, M. Dunn, R. Hughes, K. Parker, M. Perry and E. Tunnicliffe.

NA/11. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Area Meeting held on 22nd August 2006 were noted.

NA/12. **CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair passed on his congratulations to the Chief Executive of South Derbyshire District Council for introducing Morrison's to Swadlincote Town Centre. He also extended his welcome to the new Health Centre on Civic Way.

NA/13. **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

The Chair reviewed those items raised at the last Meeting and noted the progress made in each case.

With regard to item 3, Councillor Bambrick confirmed that Officers from Derbyshire County Council had visited Sunnyside and were currently dealing with these issues directly with the resident concerned.

NA/14. **RECYCLING**

Copies of a presentation entitled "Waste Minimisation, Recycling and Composting" were handed out to those present at the Meeting and Lorraine

Neave and Karen Ashley (Waste and Cleansing Officers) responded to questions. Items raised were as follows:

- It was confirmed that there were currently 16,000 properties without brown bins within the District. To initiate a new scheme, which included 3,000 to 4,000 new brown bins involved a very labour intensive process including consultation prior to the commencement of the scheme and assistance post commencement. It was also confirmed that the 2010 target for all properties in the District having brown bins was currently being reviewed. This could possibly be accelerated for completion in 2008/2009.
- It was confirmed that cardboard should be placed in the recycling bin, as this aided with rotting, and also made better compost.
- District Council Officers could assist with problems of flies or maggots within bins, and had a stock of hygiene leaflets. It was also pointed out that by ensuring meat was wrapped up before putting it in the bin, maggots would be less likely to develop.
- Ashes from a coal fire should be placed in the black bin, although it was possible to place small amounts within the brown bin.
- Plastic recycling was being considered further by the District Council, but this was currently difficult as there was not a local processing plant which would accept the District's plastic refuse. It was confirmed that recycling of plastic would hopefully be included within the green bin collection by 2008.
- A resident asked why a recycling plant could not have been provided on the site occupied by Drakelow Power Station. D. Tysoe confirmed that Derbyshire County Council was currently considering its waste disposal policy. However, incineration was a very controversial subject as the process itself produced toxic waste.
- Representatives of Stanton Village Hall thanked the Waste and Cleansing Team for providing a plastic recycling container at their site.

NA/15. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE LOCAL DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A resident reported that Radio Derby was currently promoting the Derbyshire flag, and asked for the District Council's view on this matter. The Chief Executive responded that he felt that this flag was not a democratic choice as there had been no consultation. He added that it was his view that this was the commercial promotion of a product. Very few authorities had adopted this flag and the Chair added that in his opinion, the symbol for South Derbyshire was the District Council's crest.

A resident asked how many houses had been built in South Derbyshire over the last five years. The Chief Executive responded that although he did not know the exact number of new properties within South Derbyshire, he could confirm that the population in England had grown by 3.4% over ten years. However, the population in South Derbyshire had grown by 11.1% over ten years. He added that the District had seen significant growth and Hilton was a major provider of new houses. The proposal within the Regional Spatial Strategy required 6,000 more houses by the year 2026. Recommended areas for these houses were either the surrounds of Derby, for example the Sinfin area, or within the Swadlincote area. It was vital that to enable further growth, additional employment opportunities were provided for people to live

and work within South Derbyshire. It was important to ensure that houses and employment grew together to avoid a dormitory District.

It was asked if assurance could be given that land on Nadins Way would not be developed for residential purposes. The Chief Executive confirmed that UK Coal had no intention of building houses on this area of land. Councillor Wilkins added that the only proposals of which the District Council was aware were for two golf courses and a driving range, although these were problematical. A resident felt that not everybody may want to play golf and other leisure facilities should be considered for this site. The Chair added that this was a very important issue for the area, and further discussions would be held shortly with UK Coal.

The purpose of the white lines recently imposed outside residences in front of the dropped kerb was queried. A general discussion ensued and it was understood that these were imposed to discourage parking, although Sergeant Thandi confirmed that enforcement could only be pursued if the parked vehicle was causing an obstruction.

D. Tysoe agreed to look into this matter and report back both directly to the resident concerned and also to the next Meeting.

It was requested that the Police should monitor the area of Bretby Road and Sunnyside at school closing time, as due to the number of children and vehicles, this location continued to be very dangerous. Councillor Mrs. Mead responded that this had been reported many times and letters had also been sent to parents. It was very difficult to control as there were three schools in this area, necessitating at least four school buses plus many cars of parents picking up children.

Sergeant Thandi agreed to pursue this issue with all schools in the area.

NA/16. **FEEDBACK GETTING YOUR IDEAS INTO ACTION**

The Chief Executive reported on feedback of the Ideas into Action campaign.

Following the Council's consultation on its Corporate Plan, an Ideas into Action campaign had been undertaken requesting ideas from individuals, parish councils, and community groups within the District. 64 ideas had been received, which included:-

- specific complaints about issues such as untidy land
- requests for improved services to the whole District such as collecting plastics for recycling
- ideas for local initiatives that required funding or other support to launch the idea
- suggestions where the Council had little influence, such as dismantling electricity pylons and laying the cables underground.

It was confirmed that all the ideas received had been acknowledged by letter and would receive a detailed response when the appropriate course of action to be undertaken had been decided.

It was confirmed that ideas for improving services across the District or developing local initiatives which had budgetary implications would be considered in the Council's budget cycle later this year. Where there was no cost it would be investigated and if the idea could be implemented, it would.

Where the Council was not responsible for provision of a service, the suggestion would be passed to the relevant body or partner.

An analysis had been undertaken of the ideas received. The top issues suggested included:-

- litter/cleanliness
- graffiti
- better recycling facilities collection
- untidy sites
- more trees, flowers and spring bulbs
- highway maintenance and improvement
- support for Neighbourhood Watch
- better facilities for children and young people

It was agreed that the content of the report “Ideas into Action” be noted.

NA/17. **COMMUNITY SCRUTINY NEEDS YOU!**

The Area Meeting considered a report on the work of the District Council’s Community Scrutiny Committee which invited contributions from members of the public to participate in the Committee’s projects. The Council had appointed two scrutiny committees and an Overview Committee. The purpose of the scrutiny committees was to improve the Council’s performance by monitoring, questioning and making recommendations on the way services were provided and decisions taken. A short guide to the membership, dates of meetings and work of the three scrutiny committees was circulated.

It was confirmed that the Community Scrutiny Committee’s remit focused on community and environmental issues, culture, leisure and arts, housing, economic development and land use.

The Area Meeting was advised that the Community Scrutiny Committee had completed four projects to date relating to:-

- Housing repairs and maintenance services
- Homelessness services
- Waste management services
- Planning application services

The above four scrutiny reviews would contribute to the Council’s delivery of better, more efficient and more effective services to residents and would ensure continued best value for money. During the period to May 2007, the Community Scrutiny Committee would be investigating the following projects:-

- The future of post offices
- How health services would be delivered by the new Derbyshire County Primary Care Trust
- Street Scene review
- Cleaner neighbourhoods

It was agreed that the content of the report “Community Scrutiny Needs You” be noted.

NA/18. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was confirmed that the date of the next Meeting was 22nd January 2007 at 7.00 p.m. at William Allitt School, Sunnyside, Newhall.

K.J. RICHARDS

CHAIR

The Meeting terminated at 8.15 p.m.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

NEWHALL AREA MEETING

(Covering Midway, Newhall and Stanton)

22nd January 2007

REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

At the last meeting held on 28th November 2006 at Elmsleigh Infant School, a number of issues were raised. These issues are listed below, together with progress made:-

ISSUES	PROGRESS	ACTIONED BY
1. Purpose of white lines in front of dropped kerb.	A written response was sent to the Residents concerned.	David Tysoe Derbyshire County Council County Secretary 01629 580000
2. Bretby Road, Sunnyside.	An update will be provided at the meeting.	Sgt. Steph Thandi Derbyshire Constabulary

South Derbyshire District Council

Responding to your views

Report to Area Meetings **January 2007**

What we set out to do?

In the last 12 months we have consulted local people about what they wanted us to do to improve our services and South Derbyshire as a place to live. Last January we asked you to prioritise some of the ideas being considered for our Corporate Plan for 2006. In October we asked you for your ideas in our initiative called "Ideas into Action".

We reported back earlier this year about our new Corporate Plan and to the last Area Meetings about the ideas you had submitted. This report gives you feedback about what we did about what you said to us.

What you told us – and what we did about it

Corporate Plan 2006/09

We have 6 themes in our corporate plan and we put forward a number of suggestions for actions within each theme. We acted on the ones that you prioritised at these meetings and incorporated proposals within our 3 year plan that runs to April 2009. We have listed in Appendix A the 4 highest priority actions, based on the area meeting consultation, together with the actions taken so far and an indication what we will do next, if the proposal is not yet completed.

Ideas into Action

At the last meeting we told you that the top issues people put forward were

- Litter / Cleanliness
- Graffiti
- Better recycling facilities / collections
- Untidy Sites
- More trees, flowers and spring bulbs
- Highway maintenance and improvements
- Support for Neighbourhood Watch
- Better facilities for children and young people

These have gone to the top of the list for any new money that will be available in the new budget that runs from April 2007, but we may not be able to fund everything that we all want to do. However, we have implemented some ideas immediately so we can make a difference straight away. These ideas include

- We now take action to clear litter from private land where public access makes it prominent and noticeable this is in addition to the usual highways and council land where we have a duty to control litter. We will work with private landowners to make sure they do not avoid their legal responsibilities but this will make sure that problem areas remain tidy whilst we sort out the legal position.
- We currently only deal with graffiti on council owned land and buildings. This year we have started to remove prominent graffiti where it is visible to the public.
- We are launching a grant scheme for Parish Councils to plant spring bulbs or other planting to improve the look of public areas. A similar scheme will operate in the unparished urban core.
- We are working with Derbyshire County Council, who are responsible for Civic Amenity Sites, to seek improvements to access, particularly in the north of the district where access is limited. As an interim measure we are introducing a Saturday Refuse Freighter collection from a number of villages and details of locations and dates will be available shortly.
- We will provide financial support for Rosliston, who will represent South Derbyshire in the national Britain in Bloom competition in 2007. We will also contribute to an urban landscape scheme promoted by Groundwork and the Parish Council in Melbourne.

Finally – Thank you

Residents of South Derbyshire are always very positive and helpful in our consultation exercises and this helps us deliver what you want to see. Thanks for all your views and ideas in this exercise and all the other consultation work we do.

We hope this note demonstrates that we do listen to what you say and take action on what our local communities are telling us.

Ian Reid
Deputy Chief Executive
January 2007

Appendix A

Proposal	Action delivered
<p>Theme 1: You at the Centre</p>	
<p>1st Provide more litter bins and improve weed control and road sweeping</p>	<p>We have provided 20 additional litter bins, improved our approach to street sweeping and litter picking, doubled the frequency of mechanical road sweeping and increased the frequency of weed spraying on footpaths. Our performance is now comparable with the best in the country.</p>
<p>2nd Extend composting and green box recycling scheme across the whole of the district</p>	<p>We have extended composting collections to 3000 properties and this new scheme collects kitchen waste as well as garden waste. The green box scheme has been extended across the district and now covers over 98% of properties.</p>
<p>3rd Deliver a programme of community based environmental projects through Groundwork Trust</p>	<p>Groundwork launched. Consultation on use of Council garage sites to improve the appearance of the area. A DVD making it easier to apply for disabled facilities grants, and a consultation on the future appearance of Swadlincote.</p>
<p>4th Deliver an annual programme of communication and consultation</p>	<p>4 issues of The South Derbyshire District News published per year. Our website has been reviewed externally by the Society of Information Technology Management who gave very positive feedback on content and functionality. Members of the public have tested our website and improvements made following their comments. An information screen has been introduced in our reception area to communicate information. We have improved our approach to consultation and this is exemplified by the Ideas into Action initiative, which was publicised in the newspaper.</p>
<p>Theme 2: Safe and Healthy Communities</p>	
<p>1st Deliver the Safer Neighbourhoods Project</p>	<p>6 Safer Neighbourhood meetings established across the district.</p>

<p>2nd Appoint Safer Neighbourhood Wardens to patrol anti social behaviour hotspots and enforce "Cleaner Neighbourhoods" legislation</p>	<p>Wardens are now patrolling a hit list of anti social hot spots suggested by the Police, the public and Councillors. Much positive feedback from the community on their beneficial impact.</p>
<p>3rd Continue to implement The Youth Facilities Plan</p>	<p>Plan rolled out with a range of new and improved facilities including multi use games areas at Midway, Castle Gresley and imminently Hatton.</p>
<p>4th Promote awareness of anti social behaviour hotline</p>	<p>Hotline launched and promoted. 78 calls received and responded to.</p>
<p>Theme 3: Prosperity for All</p>	
<p>1st Consult older people about the services they need from the council</p>	<p>Consultation framework under development with SDCVS. Specific consultation with Age Concern has identified a number of actions that we will undertake.</p>
<p>2nd Promote the use of Acceptable Behaviour Contracts to tackle truancy issues</p>	<p>11 Acceptable Behaviour Contracts in place (0 of which relate to truancy issues)</p>
<p>3rd Reduce the time taken to provide home adaptations and promote ways of enabling people to stay in their own home</p>	<p>Time taken to approve major adaptation grants reduced with 100% of grants new grant referrals received this year being completed within the 42 weeks Government Target.</p>
<p>4th Significantly reduce the number of households living in fuel poverty</p>	<p>434 households assisted with insulation and heating measures. 1507 tonnes CO2 saved as a result of activity.</p>
<p>Theme 4: High Quality Services</p>	
<p>1st Set clear standards in consultation with service users</p>	<p>First phase of Service Standards project is complete with publication of standards for environmental services and customer service. Other areas will generate equivalent documents. Achievement of Government approved Chartermark awarded to Environmental Services (supported by Customer Services).</p>
<p>2nd Develop a framework for assessing the needs of specific service users</p>	<p>This will follow on from the Service Standards Project.</p>

<p>3rd Set targets for service reliability and responsiveness in consultation with service users and monitor performance</p> <p>4th Establish a rolling programme of customer satisfaction surveys</p>	<p>Customer Service standards have been adopted and are used in Customer Services. These standards are available on our website will be rolled out to other service areas. Part of the Service Standards Project.</p> <p>The Best Value User Satisfaction Surveys, the results of which are now starting to come forward, form the basis of this year's project.</p>
<p>Theme 5: Rural South Derbyshire</p>	
<p>1st Ensure rural environmental issues are adequately covered in the Sustainability Appraisals and policies of Local Development Framework documents</p>	<p>Policy Framework in development.</p>
<p>2nd Establish Service Level Agreements with Parish Councils (linked to funding arrangements) in order to promote innovation in the delivery of local service priorities</p>	<p>Initial scoping work undertaken by consultants for the Council and updates given to Parish Council Forum. Parish Council funding to continue on current basis until consultation and discussions with parishes is completed.</p>
<p>3rd Establish a means of extending the Rural Transport Partnership (with partners) beyond 2006 in order to improve public transport in rural areas</p>	<p>County Accessibility Partnership to be established to take forward recommendations contained in report commissioned by Derbyshire County Council and East Midlands Development Agency.</p>
<p>4th Develop a better understanding of how our performance in delivering services varies across the district</p>	<p>The Pilot Project for examining selected Best Value Performance Indicator data at a ward level is about to commence.</p>
<p>Theme 6: Strong in the Region</p>	
<p>1st Resisting Changes in the delivery of services which could have an adverse impact on local people and communities and report outcomes back to local people</p>	<p>The Council has resisted changes to the bus route to Melbourne and Nottingham East Midlands Airport. Scrutiny currently undertaking consultation and meetings with the MP and Sub-postmasters about possible closure of rural post offices. The Council has responded to proposals in the Draft Regional Plan has also supported the SDLSP to formulate a response.</p>

<p>2nd Lobby on issues of concern and report outcomes back to local people</p>	<p>Council lobbied against reorganisation of Derbyshire Police. Regional Spatial Strategy discussed at Committee & SDLSP - Further details to be provided.</p>
<p>3rd Ensure that the Council is represented at meetings of the East Midlands Regional Assembly (EMRA) and East Midlands Development Agency (EMDA)</p>	<p>The Leader of the Council is a representative on the EMRA and the Chief Executive works closely with EMDA on all inward investment opportunities. Both attend and represent the Council at all important meetings.</p>
<p>4th Provide details of the work we are doing to represent the interest of South Derbyshire in newsletters and on our web site</p>	<p>Details reported to all homes and businesses in The South Derbyshire District News / website. In addition we use the local media, Press Releases and radio networks communicate the work of the Council to local people.</p>

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