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SUBJECT:	SOUTH DERBYSHIRE HOUSING MARKET AND NEEDS STUDY	REF: SW
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE: CS01

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 That members receive a presentation on the recent South Derbyshire Housing Market and Needs Study.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To inform Members of the findings of the recent South Derbyshire Housing Market and Needs Study which has been carried out to inform the 2002 Housing Strategy.

3.0 Detail

3.1 In April 2002 this Committee approved work with external specialists to support the Council's strategy housing work.

3.2 Feedback to the Council from the Government Office for the East Midlands (GOEM) and the Council's own work on the Best Value review of the Strategic Housing function had shown that the previous methods of measuring and using housing needs information were inadequate.

3.3 In May the Council commissioned a specialist company to carry out a piece of work which aimed to:

- ⊛ Improve information and understanding of the housing market
- ⊛ Inform housing strategy and policy
- ⊛ Estimate needs for affordable housing
- ⊛ Assist in developing planning policies

3.4 This report is presented to Members tonight. The findings have been explored with partners in order to develop the 2002 Housing Strategy submission to the Government Office for the East Midlands which Members are also considering tonight.

3.5 The report provides improved information on which to plan but we now need to further develop our knowledge of housing markets and housing needs if we are to attract increased investment in housing in South Derbyshire.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 None associated with this report.

5.0 Corporate Implications

5.1 The information for this study is of relevance to planning, housing and economic development services.

6.0 Community Implications

6.1 Better understanding of housing markets and housing needs allows the Council to better develop its housing strategy and performance in meeting housing needs.

7.0 Background Papers

7.1 Report to Community Services Committee April 2002 – Housing Needs.