

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - WORK PROGRAMME 2007/08

Flooding (New project)

- Committee Responsibility: Environmental and Development Services
- Scope:
- Role of the Flood Liaison Committee
 - Emergency planning arrangements
 - Communication with communities
 - Planned flood prevention measures.
- Position to date:
- Initial baseline report produced (August 2007)
 - A related action has been included in the Corporate Plan 2007/10 under the Safer and Healthier theme
- Next Steps:
- Issues to be explored with Director of Community Services at September meeting
 - Detailed project plan to be produced
 - Environmental and Development Services Committee to monitor delivery of the Corporate Plan action as part of the quarterly performance reports

Public / Community Transport (New project)

- Committee Responsibility: Environmental and Development Services
- Scope:
- Availability / adequacy of bus and rail services across the district
- Position to date:
- Contact made with Derbyshire County Council and consideration given to contributing to a review of rural bus services being undertaken by the County Council
 - Initial baseline data collected on policy background, services, previous community consultation about public transport and community transport and identification of key issues (for inclusion in County review)
 - A related action has been included in the Corporate Plan 2007/10 under the Rural South Derbyshire theme

- Next Steps:
- Consultation with Environmental and Development Services Committee on key issues
 - Feedback provided to Derbyshire County Council and way ahead finalised
 - Environmental and Development Services Committee to monitor delivery of the Corporate Plan action as part of the quarterly performance reports

Broadband Availability (New project)

Committee Responsibility: Environmental and Development Services

- Scope:
- Availability of broadband across the district (especially in terms of the impact on businesses and people working from home)

- Position to date:
- A review of previous work on this issue has been completed (August 2007)

- Next Steps:
- Information request to BT about the availability of broadband services in rural areas
 - Consideration given to the possibility of linking the review to a review by Derbyshire County Council on broadband in schools
 - Detailed project plan to be produced

Partnership Working (New Project)

Committee Responsibility: Finance and Management Committee

- Scope:
- The Council's contribution to the Derbyshire Local Area Agreement and South Derbyshire Local Strategic Partnership

- Position to date:
- Identification for the first time (August 2007)

- Next Steps:
- Detailed scope of the project to be defined and project plan produced

Health issues (Existing project)

Committee Responsibility: Housing and Community Services

- Scope:
- Availability / adequacy of health service provision across the district
- Position to date:
- Chief Executive and Chair of former Community Scrutiny Committee have met with the Chief Executive of the Derbyshire County Primary Care Trust (February 07)
- Next Steps:
- Baseline paper to be produced detailing how health services are delivered across the district and identifying any reported gaps in provision, future plans and feedback from local communities
 - Explore linkages with Derbyshire County Council's review programme

Rural Post Offices (Existing Project)

Committee Responsibility: Finance and Management

- Scope:
- Further project development / - ongoing monitoring and review
- Position to date:
- Initial stage of review completed and recommendations were approved by Full Council in January 2007 (Minute CL/107)
 - A related action has been included in the Corporate Plan 2007/10 under the Rural South Derbyshire theme
 - Office working group established to deliver the actions
- Next Steps:
- Consideration of proposals from CVS and CAB on possible partnership working
 - Finance and Management Committee to monitor delivery of the Corporate Plan action as part of the quarterly performance reports

Street-scene (Existing project with Derbyshire County Council)

Committee Responsibility: Environmental and Development Services Committee

Scope:

- Monitoring and review of project delivery

Position to date:

- The review was completed and reported to the Environmental and Development Services Committee in February 2007 (Minute EDS/69)
- A related action has been included in the Corporate Plan under the Higher Quality Services theme

Next Steps:

- Environmental and Development Services Committee to monitor delivery of the Corporate Plan action as part of the quarterly performance reports

Budget (An annual project)

Committee Responsibility: Finance and Management Committee and Full Council

Scope:

- Advise Council on the robustness of the budget proposals and arrangements for consultation with key stakeholders
- Examine any specific issues raised by the Finance and Management Committee

Position to date:

- Budget timetable considered (August 2007)

Next Steps:

- Views of Finance and Management Committee sought on any specific matters to be examined
- Detailed project plan produced

Overview and Scrutiny Website Pages (On-going project)

Committee
Responsibility:

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Scope:

- Use of Council website to communicate with and engage local people / groups in the scrutiny process

Position to date:

- Basic update of website completed

Next Steps:

- Ongoing updating and development