

## PLANNING SERVICES SERVICE PLAN 2005/2008

### HALF YEARLY REPORT (SEPTEMBER 2005)

#### SERVICE DESCRIPTION

The service provides a range of statutory and non-statutory services related to the formulation of planning policy, heritage and conservation, the determination of planning applications, enforcement action and building control to mainly external customers such as residents of the districts and the development industry.

#### THE HALF YEAR IN CONTEXT

During the six months the service has experienced several changes at manager level, dealt with planning applications in the absence of an up to date local plan whilst maintaining performance levels and progressed the preparation of new documents related to the 2004 Act.

ACTION	OUTCOMES
<i>Complete studies arising from Planning Delivery Grant</i>	<i>Studies either concluded or ongoing.</i>
<i>Maintain HERS with increased funding</i>	<i>Increased match funding allocated but English Heritage has now confirmed that this will be the final year of the scheme.</i>
<i>Pursue improvements to gateways for Swadlincote Town Centre and the approaches to it.</i>	<i>Ongoing.</i>
<i>Maintain capability to deliver expert advice and decision making via external consultants. Focus expenditure so as to secure level of advice that fully informs decision making on where technical expertise is required.</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>
<i>Contribute to development of Housing Strategy and balancing of housing markets.</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>
<i>*(also BVPI 200b) Achieve the 2005/06 Milestones set out in the Local Development Scheme</i>	<i>Achieved (The Statement of Community Involvement was submitted on time to Secretary of State in September)</i>
<i>*Support the review of public transport provision in South Derbyshire with the County Council and other partners as part of the production of the second Local Transport Plan.</i>	<i>Responses made to Local Transport Plan consultation.</i>
<i>*Undertake a feasibility study of the Woodville-Swadlincote Regeneration Route.</i>	<i>Being pursued via a Desktop Study commenced by Derbyshire County Council</i>
<i>*Negotiate Section 106 (Planning)</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>

<p>Agreements to secure local facilities and services to meet the needs generated by new housing development.</p> <p>*Apply National Forest Planting Guidelines to all relevant planning applications</p> <p>*Produce an annual report of housing land availability in the District and share results with key stakeholders</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Will now form part of the Annual Monitoring Report to be submitted to the Secretary of State by 31<sup>st</sup> December.</p>
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\* = also Corporate Plan

## TASKS AT RISK OF NON DELIVERY DURING THE YEAR

ACTION	EXPLANATION
<p>Adopt new South Derbyshire Local Plan.</p> <p>Prepare associated Supplementary Planning Guidance.</p> <p>*Prepare Action Area Plan for Woodville to Swadlincote Town Centre.</p>	<p>Document withdrawn in May – remedial measure = Revised Local Development Scheme agreed in June 05 with the Secretary of State.</p> <p>Cannot be pursued due to withdrawal of LP - remedial measure = Informal guidance documents to be produced as an interim measure e.g. telecom masts.</p> <p>Timetable affected by withdrawal of LP – remedial measure = Date for first consultation on Area Action Plan set back in LDS to June 2006. (Background work has commenced e.g. consultants engaged with DDEP funding to undertake a Wider Swadlincote Employment Study.</p>
<p>Improve working conditions in the Civic Offices by pursuing apportionment of additional space for overcrowded space.</p>	<p>Staff numbers have increased without comparable increase in workspace – remedial measure = assess accommodation needs in association with move to customer first and bid for appropriate funding as a service development proposal.</p>
<p>Produce best practice guidance on the provision of affordable housing</p>	<p>Lack of willingness on the part of some partners to contribute – remedial measure = project reassessed and moved to 06/07 so as to follow on from Housing Needs Study, local definition of 'affordability' and emerging national guidance.</p>

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## 2005/2006 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

INDICATOR	2004/05 (actual)	2005/06 (target)	2005/06 (estimated outturn)
<p>Best Value PIs</p> <p>106 – % of new homes built on previously developed land</p>	79%	60%	60%
<p>109a - % of major applications determined within 13 weeks</p>	54%	55%	55%
<p>109b - % of minor applications determined within 8 weeks</p>	72%	65%	65%
<p>109c - % of other applications determined within 8 weeks</p>	85%	80%	85%
<p>200a – Did the LPA submit the Local</p>	Yes	Yes	Yes

Development Scheme by 28 <sup>th</sup> March 05 and thereafter maintain a rolling programme?	Yes	Yes	Yes
200b - Has the LPA met the milestones which the current LDS sets out?	N/A	Yes	Yes
200c - Did the LPA publish an annual monitoring report by 31 <sup>st</sup> December of each year			
204 - % of appeals allowed against the authority's decision to refuse planning permission.	23%	30%	25%
205 - Score against the quality of service check list.	78%	83%	78%
170a - The number of visits to/useages of LA funded or part funded museums per 1,000 population	N/A	No target set	250
170b - The number of those visits to LA funded museums that were in person per 1,000.	N/A	216	250
170c - The number of pupils visiting museums and galleries in organised school groups (including visits to schools)	N/A	300	300
219a - Total number of Conservation Areas in the LA area	22	No target set	22
219b - % of Conservation Areas with an up to date character appraisal	0%	50%	50%
219c - % of Conservation Areas with published management proposals	0%	No target set	0%
Local PIs			

## EMERGING ISSUES

*No new issues have emerged during the last six months but those that were identified in the Service Plan are now manifesting themselves.*

