REPORT TO: COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM:

DATE OF 26 SEPTEMBER 2013 CATEGORY:

MEETING: DELEGATED

REPORT FROM: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OPEN

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SUBJECT: ANNUAL REPORT 2012/13 REF:

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1.0 Recommendations

1.1 Members are asked to note the draft Annual Report 2012/13.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To inform Members of the Council's Annual Report that summarises 'what we do' and 'who we are', together with the operational and priority actions for the current year and financial performance of the Council in 2012/13.
- 2.2 The report has been specifically designed to be both appealing and understandable to members of the public, our partners and to businesses in the District.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 This Annual Report draws upon the fourth year of the Council's Corporate Plan for 2009/2014, end of year performance reports for 2012/13 and audited financial outturn figures as reported to Finance and Management Committee on 25th September 2013.
- 3.2 The Council's Annual Report follows a style and presentation of information in this report which is well received by our residents and key stakeholders. Each year, revisions to the format and layout are proposed to keep the Report unique for the year and informative.
- 3.3 This Annual Report captures the outcomes from the work that has been done by the Council and in partnership with other organisations over the past year. Throughout the Annual Report, it can be seen that
 - The Council continues to meet its aims and deliver on its promises as set out in Corporate Plan for 2009/14.
 - There continues to be a high level of achievement because of the Council's ongoing commitment to partnership working.
 - The Council continues to achieve national recognition for its work including the RoSPA Gold Award for 2013.

- The Council has a robust approach towards the management of its resources and its performance in 'cutting costs not services'.
- It is responsive to the needs and expectations of the community.
- 3.4 The Annual Report has again been managed, developed and designed by the Policy and Communications Team. All photographs used in the report have been taken in South Derbyshire.
- 3.5 It is important for the Council to continue to inform the community, businesses and partners on the work that has been completed and the plans for the future. This provides another vehicle to explain and receive feedback on our stated vision of 'Making South Derbyshire a better place to live, work and visit'.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 As noted in the report, the Annual Report has been produced in-house by the Policy and Communications Team and is accommodated within the current budget.

5.0 Corporate Implications

- 5.1 This Annual Report reports on and is built around all themes of the Corporate Plan and specifically links to 'VP05 Continue to communicate and engage with our communities to ensure that the Council is delivering services appropriately'
- 5.2 It also provides information on the performance of the Council against its Corporate Plan 2009/2014 as well as reporting our financial performance for 2012 /13 to the people of South Derbyshire.

6.0 Community Implications

6.1 This report is a direct result of consultation with our residents and will enable a better understanding of what we do as a Council, what we have achieved, what we provide in partnership and how we spend the money. This will promote the work of the Council and enhance our reputation.

7.0 Conclusions

- 7.1 This Annual Report responds to a number of sources of good practice and will be used to champion the work of this Council throughout the coming financial year.
- 7.2 It is built on the strong outcomes that have been achieved during 2012/13 and looks forward to how we will deliver on our stated priorities in 2013/14. All services have contributed to this Annual Report through their actions in delivering improved customer focused services for the Community.

The Annual Report is available for download off CMIS by following the link below.

http://south-derbys.cmis.uk.com/south-derbys/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/1585/Committee/319/Default.aspx