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1.0 Recommendations

1.1 That members note the contents of this report.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To outline progress with the neighbourhood warden feasibility study.

3.0 Detail

3.1 Meetings have been held with various Council Departments to discuss the potential roles and responsibilities of neighbourhood wardens in South Derbyshire. A Service Development Bid has also been submitted.

3.2 The next stage of the process is to complete the feasibility study having investigated the alternative methods of delivering the scheme. Parish Councils will also be consulted upon as to what their requirements may be for a warden service and this will be fed into the Study. This work will be completed by the end of March and the recommendations taken through the Committee process.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 The Service Development Proposal that is currently progressing through the budget process requests £165,000 SDDC funding over a three year period, assuming that the new Local Area Agreements can provide an additional £85,000.

4.2 These figures are based around the initial appointment of up to three wardens but at this point because of the provisional nature of the Local Area Agreement money, does not allow more accurate costings to be provided.

5.0 Corporate Implications

5.1 At this feasibility stage, there are no corporate implications.

6.0 Community Implications

6.1 The establishment of a neighbourhood warden scheme will contribute to the key priorities of the 2005/08 Crime and Disorder Strategy and the Community Plan. It will have a significant impact on crime levels, the fear of crime and improve the quality of life in South Derbyshire.

7.0 Conclusions

7.1 The provision of a uniformed patrol service has been identified within the consultation for the Community Plan as a priority for the local community. Funding is now in place for the start of such a scheme but requires much consideration to the most effective deployment of a service to ensure that the expectations of the community and elected Members are realistic.

8.0 Background Papers

8.1 Neighbourhood Wardens file.