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| <b>REPORT TO:</b>              | <b>ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE</b> | <b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>                           |
| <b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>        | <b>17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2008</b>                       | <b>CATEGORY:</b><br><b>DELEGATED</b>          |
| <b>REPORT FROM:</b>            | <b>CHIEF EXECUTIVE</b>                                  | <b>OPEN</b><br><b>PARAGRAPH NO: N/A</b>       |
| <b>MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT:</b> | <b>NEIL BETTERIDGE (595895)</b>                         | <b>DOC:</b>                                   |
| <b>SUBJECT:</b>                | <b>ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT HIGHWAYS FORUM</b>            | <b>REF:</b>                                   |
| <b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>       | <b>ALL</b>  | <b>TERMS OF REFERENCE: EDS01 &amp; EDS 09</b> |

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#### **1.0 Reason for Exempt**

1.1 Not applicable.

#### **2.0 Recommendations**

2.1 That the proposed arrangements in establishing a Joint Highways Forum be confirmed.

#### **3.0 Purpose of Report**

3.1 To consider proposed arrangements in establishing a Joint Highways Forum.

#### **4.0 Detail**

4.1 A 2007/08 Corporate Plan Target (Theme 6: Stronger in the Region) provides for the establishment of a local Highways Forum in partnership with the County Council (as Highways Authority). A meeting has been held with the Area Manager of the County Highways Authority to discuss the details and it is proposed that the Forum would operate along similar lines to the Flooding Liaison Meeting, being held on a six-monthly basis at 10.00 a.m. at the Civic Offices. Initially, it would be a "pilot" for two years before being reviewed.

4.2 It is suggested that the Forum would be open to general discussions relating to roadworks, footways, traffic, parking and street cleaning, being mainly County Highways Authority functions. Appropriate Officers from the District and County Council will attend and it is proposed to invite representatives from parish councils together with the Urban Core Members, County Councillors and the local MP.

4.3 It is intended that the first meeting be held in June following the Annual Meetings of the District and Parish Councils. The County Council will now have its agreed programmes for South Derbyshire and suggested agenda items for the first meeting could include the following matters:-

- Surface Dressing Programme 2008/09
- Footways/Bridges Programme 2008/09
- Decriminalisation of Parking Update
- Speed Limit Reviews – New Proposals
- Highway Management and Maintenance Budget 2008/09
- Street Cleaning Programme 2008/09
- Suggestions for Future Discussion
- Date of Next Meeting

## **5.0 Financial Implications**

5.1 None.

## **6.0 Corporate Implications**

6.1 A 2007/08 Corporate Plan Target (Theme 6: Stronger in the Region) provides for the establishment of a local Highways Forum in partnership with the County Council (as Highways Authority).

## **7.0 Community Implications**

7.1 The establishment of the Forum will provide for a dialogue with parish councils on highways issues.

## **8.0 Background Papers**

None