FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (SPECIAL)

24th January 2005

PRESENT:-

Labour Group

Councillor Wilkins (Chair) and Councillors Carroll and Lauro.

In Attendance

Councillor Atkin (Conservative Group).

Consultee

Mrs. G. Sanderson (Derbyshire Chamber).

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillor Pabla (Vice-Chair) and Councillor Southerd (Labour Group) and Councillors Harrison, Lemmon, Nalty, Mrs. Renwick and Mrs. Wheeler (Conservative Group).

Apologies had also been received from Chief Superintendent T. Hurrell (Derbyshire Constabulary), Mr. P. Bramall (Learning and Skills Council), Reverend Frudd (Swadlincote Council for Churches), R. Poole and M. Hallam (Government Office for the East Midlands), T. Walsh (Derby Racial Equality Council), Professor Waterhouse (University of Derby), Nina Ennis (Derbyshire Dales and South Derbyshire Primary Care Trust), Councillor Carlile, J. Sanders and J. Cox (Derbyshire County Council).

FM/92. **SPENDING PLANS 2005/06**

Information had been circulated on the Council's consolidated budget proposals for 2005/06 and financial strategy for the period 2005 to 2008. Mr. K. Stackhouse, Head of Finance and Property Services at the District Council highlighted the key sections of this report. In addition, a copy of the presentation slides used to consult on the Council's financial position and budget proposals were also provided, with particular reference made to the money available for service improvements and proposed areas for new spending.

Questions were invited and Mrs. Sanderson asked about the funding secured from external sources and tourism schemes. Information was provided on the Council's approach to partnership working and with regard to tourism developments in the South Derbyshire and North West Leicestershire areas.

P.J. WILKINS

CHAIR

The Meeting terminated at 6.45-p1mf 1