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SUBJECT:	"IDEAS INTO ACTION"	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE: FM08

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 That the Committee determines the "Ideas into Action" proposals that will be actioned in the current year and agrees to allocate the financial resources for these in advance of consideration of the Budget 2007/10.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To allow the Committee to consider the views of the other two Policy Committees regarding proposals for delivering "Ideas into Action", and determine those it wishes to action in the current financial year.

3.0 Detail

3.1 The previous report on this agenda informed the Committee about the ideas submitted to the Council as a result of our recent "Ideas into Action" initiative. It also includes an analysis of that information and some suggested proposals within the key issues that emerge from the full list.

3.2 Comments from the other two Policy Committees are broadly supportive of the ideas submitted by the public and of the particular proposals included at Annexe 1 of the report to Council on the 9th November. Neither Committee has suggested any other ideas that they wish to propose at this time.

3.3 Further work on the list of proposals has been undertaken by officers in consultation with the Committee Chairs. A revised list of potential proposals that could be progressed within the current financial year is attached to this report at Annexe 1. A list of all proposals for the Budget 2007/10 has been circulated at members separately. Each of these lists details the "Idea" reference number so Members can reference "ideas" to proposals.

- 3.4 The majority of suggestions and proposals for the current year are within the remit of the other 2 Policy Committees with only one, no cost, item for this Committee in the list of proposals at Annexe 1. However, it is noticeable that no suggestions have been received from groups representing people with specific needs such as disabled people.

A report on our draft Disability Equality Scheme earlier on this agenda included a number of specific comments in relation to Council services and facilities that Members may wish to consider as part of the "Ideas into Action" initiative.

This proposal has been discussed with the Chair of this Committee and the Council's Equalities and Diversity Champion who are agreeable to this approach. An item has therefore been included in the proposals to be considered by this Committee in Annexe 1. The financial consideration for this is a one off cost of £10,000 with a recurring budget of £5,000.

- 3.5 Members are requested to consider the proposals in Annexe 1 that can be delivered in 2006/07, and determine those they wish to action immediately. Other proposals will be considered in the Budget process for our plans for 2007/10.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 The cost of each proposal is identified in the Annexe. The total 3 year cost of all the 2006/07 proposals would be £45,000 in 2006/7 and £60,000 over the period 2007/10, making a total cost of £105,000 to March 2010.

5.0 Corporate Implications

- 5.1 The main area of consultation on the Corporate Plan this year has been the "Ideas into Action" campaign. The response has been very encouraging with the receipt of a range of ideas that focus on our declared priorities.
- 5.2 The recent consultation on the Disability Equality Scheme has also provided information on how we can make our services better in line with that particular priority.
- 5.3 Members should note that approval of any proposals starting within the current year and continuing into future years will have costs within the 3 year budget period that has yet to be determined. This effectively puts any approved proposals ahead of any others that are yet to be considered within the corporate scoring and assessment process.

6.0 Conclusions

- 6.1 The campaign has successfully identified a number of ideas some of which can be progressed in the short term and at low cost.
- 6.2 If the Committee can make resources available at this time we have an opportunity to deliver a quick response to a number of the key issues where our communities have suggested how we can improve our services to them.

7.0 Background Papers

- 7.1 Reports to Council (9 November 2006), Environment & Development Services Committee (16 November 2006) and Housing & Community Services Committee (23 November 2006)

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	"Issue" Ref No.	Timescale	Budget	Proposal	Committee
Litter and Cleanliness					
Re-launch our 0800 hotline to include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All litter issues • Fly tipping • Untidy sites 	9, 14, 17, 18	2006/07	Existing	Publicity campaign to re-launch the hotline and clarify that it deals with all our "Cleaner" issues	Environment & Development Committee
Make all graffiti visible to the public a priority for urgent action	9, 27	2006/07	£5k / year (includes litter on private land – see below)	Take action on all graffiti visible to the public and work with private landowners to recover or share costs	Environment & Development Committee
Untidy Sites					
Define Environmental Services as lead responsibility for untidy sites with performance monitoring of complaints and resultant actions	2, 4	2006/07	Existing	Establish single point of contact for complaints and customer responses	Environment & Development Committee
Take action on litter and graffiti on private land that is accessible to the public, particularly DCC highways issues re graffiti	4, 9, 18, 22, 28	2006/07	Existing	Take action on all litter on land accessible to the public and work with private landowners to recover or share costs	Environment & Development Committee

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Recycling and Waste					
Overall review of our approach to recycling including we can't collect plastics before the end of the current contract	10, 23, 30, 35, 36(3), 38, 39, 41(2), 49, 63	2006/07	Existing	E&DS Ctte. to consider our approach to recycling at the January meeting.	Environment & Development Committee
Lobby DCC for better access to more civic amenity sites (Tips)	40(2),	2006/07	Existing	Meetings at Member level with DCC to lobby for better facilities in South Derbyshire and support for village collection service as a temporary measure	Environment & Development Committee
Village collection service for communities with poor access to civic amenity (CA) sites, until more sites made available.	41(2)	2006/07	£10k / year (£3k 2006/7)	Saturday refuse freighter service for villages more than 5 miles from CA sites. Summer collection of green waste Large villages ?x per year Small village groups ?x per year	Environment & Development Committee
Environmental Enhancements					
Launch a one off parish grant scheme for spring bulbs and trees (£200 / parish) with a pro rata spend in the urban core.	14, 15, 21, 26, 50, 51, 52	2006/07	£10k	Scheme launched	Housing & Community Services Committee
Support Rosliston in National Britain in Bloom competition	60	2006/07	£8k	Grant offer to Rosliston Parish Council	Housing & Community Services Committee

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Support Melbourne Memorial garden scheme being developed by the Parish Council with Groundwork	61	2006/07	£9k	Grant offer to Melbourne Parish Council	Housing & Community Services Committee
Highways and Transport Issues					
Establish a highways / traffic forum with DCC (along the lines of and linked to the Flooding Forum)	3, 5, 19, 33, 37(2), 40(1), 48, 57	2006/07	Existing	Arrange meeting with DCC and parish / other district representatives after the next Flooding Forum in April 2007	Environment & Development Committee
Planning / Environmental Policy					
Promote the proposed LSP conference on the Regional Spatial Strategy (7 December) to the wider community, especially Parish Councils.	13	2006/07	Existing	Conference arranged. Invitations sent to Parish Councils, LSP Partners and stakeholders, Community & Voluntary Sector, local businesses.	Environment & Development Committee

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Better Services					
Address key issues arising from consultation on Disability Equality Scheme and on other schemes action plans to be developed onwards including gender in 2007 and other to follow.	*	2006/07	£10k 2006/07 £5k / year 2007 onwards	Delivering action in scheme action plans (RES, DES, Gender (from April 2007) other to follow)	Finance & Management Committee

*Consultation responses to Disability Equality Scheme