

REPORT TO:	Housing and Community Services Committee	AGENDA ITEM: 7
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SUBJECT:	Environmental Volunteering Project	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Districtwide	TERMS OF REFERENCE:

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 Members support and promote the continued development of the Environmental Volunteer project and provide advice and guidance where appropriate.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To update members on this new project which has been monitored by Overview and Scrutiny Committee during 2013.

3.0 Detail

3.1 This project aims to provide a link between businesses and other groups wishing to volunteer for 1 day on a community environmental project and the projects which need doing.

Terms of reference (Annexe No.1) have been prepared during 2013 through consultation with South Derbyshire Environmental Forum, voluntary groups and local businesses.

Project templates and a charging policy have been prepared in order to make sure the project is cost neutral to SDDC. These are being tested at present on pilot projects.

Background documents are available if required.

3.2 The role of SDDC staff will be:

To assess potential projects and match them up with a business or other volunteer group. We expect to test this with Rolls-Royce plc as we have an existing relationship with them with other volunteer projects.

To manage a booking system (planning to use the website as the primary tool).

To ensure safe planning and working practices are adopted

To resolve any queries

To identify training needs and look for opportunities to provide training.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 Activity is covered within current budgets for 2013-14 as funding is provided by South Derbyshire Partnership for development work.
- 4.2 For 2014-15 the Environmental Forum will apply for funding to South Derbyshire Partnership to support this work and there will be the introduction of a formal charging policy to generate income to develop the project further and make it sustainable.

5.0 Corporate Implications

- 5.1 The project contributes towards the following Corporate Plan priorities:
- Lifestyle choices – supporting people in the community who choose to volunteer to improve their neighbourhood
 - Value for money – providing a service to businesses and the community which is no cost to SDDC (self funding long term and subsidized by grants from partners short to medium term).
 - Sustainable Growth and Opportunity – supporting businesses in their work on Business in the Community / Community Investment and providing an outlet for their voluntary contributions in South Derbyshire.

6.0 Community Implications

- 6.1 This work provides valuable volunteering opportunities for and within the local community

7.0 Conclusions

- 7.1 This service development is an exciting partnership approach to increasing environmental volunteering within businesses and the community.

8.0 Background Papers

- 8.1 Terms of Reference Annexe No.1
Powerpoint Presentation for Overview and Scrutiny
Overview and Scrutiny Report December 2013