
REPORT TO:	ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 7
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SUBJECT:	DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - STREET SCENE REVIEW	REF: IR/SAC
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE: EDS 03, 04, 07, 09

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That the Committee determines whether they wish to participate in the Derbyshire County Council review of Street Scene.
- 1.2 If the Committee is so minded, it determines the scope and nature of that participation and how it would like to contribute to the review.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 Derbyshire County Council has approached this Council to ask whether it wishes to participate in a review of Street Scene that is currently being undertaken by one of its Improvement and Scrutiny Committees. The issue was discussed at a recent meeting of this Council's Overview Committee who agreed to refer the matter to this Committee for it to consider the scope of the project, the nature of the review and how the Committee might wish to contribute to the review process.
- 2.2 This report brings the issue before this Committee, being the Policy Committee responsible for this Council's functions that relate to the scope of the review.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The idea of this Council participating in the County Council Review of Street Scene was first discussed between Members and Officers of both Councils and then raised at the Community Scrutiny Committee on the 28th November 2005. That Committee resolved that the issue be considered further by the Overview Committee at its meeting on the 12th December, where it was resolved to refer the matter to this Committee, as the relevant Policy Committee.

- 3.2 The Street Scene review will look at the built environment generally, but particularly Town Centres. The County Council review team have already visited Rotherham MBC to look at the approach of that Unitary Council in providing a co-ordinated or "joined up" service from service providers within and outside the Council. In South Derbyshire the County Council is responsible for maintaining public highway and the District Council are responsible for planning, conservation, street sweeping and maintaining other public areas. The Statutory Undertakers (gas, water, electricity etc.) also install and maintain equipment within public areas. Poor quality of service or appearance of any of these elements can have a significant impact on how the built environment looks and feels.
- 3.3 The draft minutes of the Community Scrutiny and Overview Committees together with the report to the Overview Committee is appended to this report at Annexe A. A report gives details of the meeting between the two Council's held on the 11th November 2005 and gives information about what the County Council is seeking to achieve through the review. The meeting was attended by the Chair and Vice Chair of this Committee together with Senior Officers from the service areas that are responsible for the issues within the scope of the review.
- 3.4 This Committee is now asked to consider this issue and determine: -
- To agree this Committee's participation or otherwise in the DCC review
 - If the Committee wishes to participate to determine views on the scope of the review and how it would like to contribute to the review process