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SUBJECT:	ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21	
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1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That Elected Members approve, for publication, the Annual Report for 2020/21. This is attached in Appendix A.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To inform Council of the annual report; this summarises how the Council works, what has been achieved during the financial year and the Council's financial performance.
- 2.2 The annual report demonstrates the Council's performance against the objectives in the Corporate Plan. It is presented in a format which can be easily understood by residents, tenants and stakeholders.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The annual report presents information for residents and key stakeholders. Each year, revisions to the format and layout are proposed to ensure the report remains fit for purpose. This year, the report has adopted an infographic approach to demonstrate the performance against key performance indicators in the Corporate Plan.
- 3.2 This year's annual report also contains details of how the Council and partners have worked together to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 3.3 The Annual Report 2020/21 captures the work carried out by the Council as well as achievements in partnership with other organisations. Throughout the document it can be seen that:
- The themes of the Corporate Plan 2020-24 guide and capture all the work that the Council does. This is underlined by including sections for each of the key themes, Our Environment, Our People, Our Future.

- There continues to be a high level of achievement as a result of the Council's ongoing commitment to partnership working with a wide range of public, private and voluntary sector organisations.
- The Council is responsive to the needs and expectations of residents and communities. This is demonstrated by consultations carried out throughout the year on key policy documents across all services and corporately, for example on its new Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy.
- The Council's work is enabling South Derbyshire to keep pace with its status as being one of the fastest growing Districts in the country with 174 affordable homes built in South Derbyshire during the year and a net increase of more than 1,000 in the District.
- South Derbyshire is 'a great place to invest'; the Council distributed more than £24 million in business grants to local businesses who were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

3.4 It is important for the Council to continue to inform the residents, businesses and partners of the work that has been completed, as well as its plans for the future. The annual report demonstrates the Council's vision of 'making South Derbyshire a great place to live, visit and invest'.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 None

5.0 Corporate Implications

5.1 This annual report is built around the themes of the Corporate Plan 2020-2024 – Our Environment, Our People, our Future. It includes a summary of the Council's draft financial performance for 2020/21.

6.0 Community Implications

6.1 This report enables a better understanding of what the Council delivers, what has been achieved, what the Council provides in partnership and how it spends its money. This promotes the work of the Council and enhances its reputation.

7.0 Conclusions

7.1 The annual report is built on the strong outcomes that have been achieved during 2020/21. All services have contributed to this annual report through their actions in delivering customer-focused services to residents, tenants and local businesses.

7.2 The draft annual report is available to view at Appendix A.