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SUBJECT:	ANNUAL REPORT 2019-20	
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1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That Elected Members approve, for publication, the Annual Report for 2019/20. 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 our financial performance.
- 2.2 The Annual Report has been written and designed to appeal to the public, the Council's partners and to businesses in the District. It demonstrates how the Council delivered against its key objectives in 2019/20.

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 is unique and remains fit for purpose. The style for the previous three years had largely been maintained to reflect continuity of work against the Corporate Plan 2016 – 2021. This year, because the Council adopted a new Corporate Plan in November 2019 the design has been revised to ensure it reflects that of the Corporate Plan 2020-2024.
- 3.2 As the year drew to a close, Covid-19 had just started to impact on the Council, but significant achievements had been delivered throughout the rest of the year and this report concentrates on those.
- 3.3 The Annual Report 2019/20 captures the work done 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 2019-2020 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 new partnerships created during the year including one with Nottingham City Council to review the carbon footprint of South Derbyshire District Council homes.

- The Council is responsive to the needs and expectations of local communities. This is demonstrated by consultations carried out which included an eight-week Parish Survey in which Parish Councils were asked what facilities were in their Parish, and consultation for a new Public Spaces Protection Order on Lowes Lane, Swarkestone to deal with fly-tipping and anti-social behaviour.

- 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. This included delivering new Council housing - six two-bedroom semi-detached properties were built in Overseal and the Council took handover of seven new homes in Aston-on-Trent.

219 affordable homes as the result of working closely with partners.

- South Derbyshire is 'a great place to invest'; scores of people attended a business breakfast at Toyota (UK)'s plant which invited visitors to find out **how to recruit** and retain staff. Speakers included the Council's Health Partnership Manager who spoke about the importance of staff well-being and a business advice marketplace was set up.

3.4 It is important for the Council to continue to inform the community, businesses and partners of the work that has been completed, as well as its plans for the future. The Annual Report provides another vehicle to explain and receive feedback on the Council's vision of 'making South Derbyshire a great place to live, visit and invest'.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 The Annual Report has been produced in-house by the Communications team. The cost has been met from the current budget.

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 2019/20.

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 2019/20. All services have contributed to this Annual Report through their actions in delivering customer-focused services for the community.

7.2 The draft Annual Report is available for viewing at Appendix A.