
REPORT TO:	ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 6
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SUBJECT:	REPORT OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – MOBILE TELEPHONE COVERAGE	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE: G

1.0 Grounds for Urgency

1.1 This matter was considered and approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, which met after the agenda had been circulated for this Policy Committee.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That the Committee considers the report from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and proposals to provide a briefing to all Members on guidance used when considering applications for new masts.

3.0 Purpose of Report

3.1 To advise the Committee of recent work by a task group appointed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to look at issues around mobile telephone coverage in South Derbyshire.

4.0 Detail

4.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee's work programme includes a review area on mobile telephone coverage. It was agreed that this review would be undertaken using a task group, comprising Councillors Bambrick, Mrs. Patten, Pearson and Mrs. Plenderleith.

4.2 The group met on two occasions, most recently on 17th January and the following documents were reviewed:

- Community Facilities Policy 4: Telecommunications Development
- Mobile Operators Association – Annual Roll Out Plans 2010/11 and 2011/12
- Mobile Phone Masts Advisory Guidance.

- There is also a link to relevant documents on the Council's website <<[http://www.south-derbys.gov.uk/planning and building control/planning permission/telecom mast register/default.asp](http://www.south-derbys.gov.uk/planning_and_building_control/planning_permission/telecom_mast_register/default.asp)>> and a further link on Ofcoms plans: <<http://www.landmobile.co.uk/cgi-bin/go.pl/library/articlehtml.cgi?uid=87535;type=News>>

- 4.3 At the second task group, it was established that mobile phone mast training had not been provided for Members for approximately 5 years, and it was felt that all Members should be encouraged to attend such training, rather than just Planning Committee Members. It was agreed that the training should cover mobile phone network aspects, both current and the implications of 4G, as well as a familiarisation with the Council's Mast Advisory Guidance. An update on health concerns was also requested.
- 4.4 As a result of its work, the task group made this recommendation to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, at its meeting on 18th January. This proposal is now referred to Environmental and Development Services for consideration, recommending that Officers make arrangements for the training outlined above.

5.0 Financial Implications

- 5.1 None arising directly from this report.

6.0 Background Papers

- 6.1 Documentation from Mobile Operators Association and Community Facilities Policy 4: Telecommunications Development.