

COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

19th June 2006

PRESENT:-

Labour Group

Councillor Lane (Chair), Councillor Bambrick (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Lauro and Mrs. Mead.

Conservative Group

Councillors Atkin, Bladen and Lemmon.

CYS/1. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th May 2006 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

CYS/2. **COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2006/07**

A report on the Community Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme for 2006/07 was circulated to all Members present at the Meeting. The Committee was advised that its Work Programme for the forthcoming year would be designed to support the delivery of the Corporate Plan's three priority themes:-

- Safer and Healthier Communities
- A Cleaner and Greener South Derbyshire
- More efficient, customer focussed services

The Committee was advised that by prioritising the above areas, its work would support the Council's three policy committees and also concentrate on making local government more local by improving communications, using press briefings, developing the scrutiny website, and Scrutiny Service Plan reports.

The Committee's Work Programme would provide an opportunity to involve community groups such as the Tenants Advisory and Consultation Team (TACT), Citizens' Panels, Parish Councils and Area Meetings and members of the public during scrutiny into the following areas:-

- Rural Post Office closures
- Housing Services
- Clean neighbourhoods and environment
- Street Scene Review

The Committee noted that it would have the opportunity to use its established techniques during its investigations to arrive at robust evidence-based conclusions including the following:-

- 4 'C's – Consult, compare, challenge and compete
- SWOT – strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats and ensure that Service Plan targets are SMART:-

- S – specific
- M – measurable
- A – achievable
- R – relevant
- T – timely

The Committee was advised that it was intended that the scrutiny function should work with the Council's policy committees, partner organisations and members of the public to produce concise, challenging reports with recommendations where appropriate that would result in better quality services for the communities of South Derbyshire.

RESOLVED:-

(1) That the following items be placed on the Committee's Work Programme for 2006/07:-

- ***Low frequency noise***
- ***Primary Care Trust issues and District Council liaison***
- ***Rural Post Office closures, including the withdrawal of pensioner cards***
- ***Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPI) bottom quartile performance***
- ***Housing Service Performance Management***
- ***E-enablement***
- ***Corporate Plan three priorities: Clean Neighbourhoods and the Environment Act and the Council's response***
- ***Street Scene Review***
- ***Role of Member Champions***
- ***Pamphlet on the work of scrutiny***
- ***Scrutiny website***
- ***Area Meeting reports: publicity report on a bi-annual basis on the work of scrutiny***
- ***Training: proactive e-training package for Members and Officers***
- ***Preparation of the Committee's Annual Report***

(2) That a copy of the Committee's Draft Work Programme for 2006/7 be circulated to all Members of the Committee to enable its contents to be agreed and refined further if necessary.

(3) That regular reports on the Committee's Work Programme be submitted to both the Housing and Community Services Committee and the Environmental and Development Services Committee to keep them informed of progress.

R. LANE

CHAIR

The Meeting terminated at 4.40 p.m.