

MINUTES of the SPECIAL MEETING of the
SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
held at Civic Offices, Civic Way,
Swadlincote on 2nd June 2005
at 5.30 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Labour Group

Councillor Jones (Chair), Councillor Lauro (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Bambrick, Bell, Carroll, Harrington, Mrs. Mead, Pabla, Shepherd, Stone, Taylor, Whyman, M.B.E. and Wilkins.

Conservative Group

Councillors Atkin, Bale, Bladen, Ford, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Hood, Hood, Mrs. Littlejohn, Mrs. Renwick and Mrs. Wheeler.

Independent Member

Councillor Mrs. Walton.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillors Dunn, Isham, Richards, Southerd and Southern (Labour Group) and Councillors Lemmon and Shaw (Conservative Group).

CL/22. **LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Leader expressed his congratulations and best wishes to the Chair following his recent appointment as Chair of the Council for the municipal year and these sentiments were echoed by the Chief Executive on behalf of the staff.

CL/23. **CORPORATE PLAN 2005 – 2008**

It was reported that the Corporate Plan was an important part of the Council's performance management framework, together with the Best Value Performance Plan, Service Plans and the Employee Review and Development Scheme. This was the Council's fourth Corporate Plan, which built upon the vision, key aims and proposals set out in last year's Plan. The main changes related to the presentation of the Plan's proposals. The aim had been to explain more clearly the outcomes that could be expected by local people and to establish a framework for managing performance in delivering the Plan. The Plan also sought to reflect improvement priorities resulting from the Council's first Comprehensive Performance Assessment in 2004, priorities and action areas in the new South Derbyshire Community Strategy, the development of the pilot Local Area Agreement by the Derbyshire Partnership Forum and Members' intentions to pursue a stronger leadership role within the community.

The purpose of the Plan was to set out the Council's vision and ambitions for South Derbyshire, explain the Council's plans and priorities for providing

and improving local services, provide a framework for the Council's contribution to local and regional partnerships, including the South Derbyshire Local Strategic Partnership and help local people and organisations to become more involved in the work of their Council.

The sections within the Plan were outlined and the next stage would be to finalise the Plan in terms of presentation and contents. It was noted that most of the performance data in the sections on "Measuring Our Success" had still to be included. Whilst data and targets for the Best Value Performance Indicators were currently being collected, for some indicators it would be necessary to establish baselines for the first time. For these indicators, the objective would be to increase performance by at least 10% over 2005 levels. Once the Plan had been finalised, it was proposed to produce a short summary for circulation to all employees and for discussion at Area Meetings. Copies of the full Plan would be distributed to key stakeholders in the public, private and voluntary sectors, including parish councils and a copy would also be placed on the Council's website.

The Council was one of the District's largest businesses and needed to plan for the future, based on clear priorities. The Corporate Plan was intended to help with this process and next year, it was proposed to undertake a more fundamental review of the Plan, which would look further ahead and be based on an extensive programme of consultation with local people and groups.

Members expressed their gratitude to the Officers involved in the preparation of the Plan.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That the Draft Corporate Plan for 2005 – 2008 be approved.***
- (2) That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, be authorised to approve any final changes to the Plan prior to publication and distribution.***

R. JONES

CHAIR

The Meeting terminated at 5.45 p.m.