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## **1.0 Recommendations**

1.1 Elected Members are asked to approve the draft Annual Report 2016/17.

## **2.0 Purpose of Report**

2.1 To inform Elected Members of the Council's Annual Report, which summarises how we work, what we achieved during the year and our financial performance.

2.2 The report has been written and designed to be appealing to the public, our partners and to businesses in the District.

## **3.0 Detail**

3.1 The Annual Report follows a set style and presentation of information for our residents and key stakeholders. Each year, revisions to the format and layout are proposed to ensure the report is unique and remains informative.

3.2 The Annual Report 2016/17 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 Council has produced a Corporate Plan for 2016-2021 with new themes that guide and capture all of the work that the Council does.
- There continues to be a high level of achievement because of the Council's ongoing commitment to partnership working.
- The Council has a robust approach towards the management of its resources and its performance in 'doing more with less'.
- We are responsive to the needs and expectations of our communities.
- 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 includes producing a new Housing Strategy and building 45 new Council-owned homes across three sites in Linton, Swadlincote and Overseal.
- South Derbyshire is 'open for business', with multi-national firms continuing to invest in the area and major events like the Swadlincote Festival of International Food and Crafts pulling in thousands of visitors and promoting inward investment.

3.3 The Annual Report has again been managed, developed and designed by the Policy and Communications Team. All photos used in the report have been taken in South Derbyshire.

3.4 It is important for the Council to continue to inform the community, businesses and partners of the work that has been completed and the plans for the future. This provides another vehicle to explain and receive feedback on our stated vision of 'making South Derbyshire a better place to live, work and visit'.

#### **4.0 Financial Implications**

4.1 The Annual Report has been produced in-house by the Policy and Communications Team and is accommodated within the current budget.

#### **5.0 Corporate Implications**

5.1 This Annual Report reports on and is built around the themes of the Corporate Plan 2016/21 – People, Place, Progress and Outcomes. It includes a summary of our financial performance for 2016/17.

#### **6.0 Community Implications**

6.1 This report enables a better understanding of what we do as a Council, what we have achieved, what we provide in partnership and how we spend money. This promotes the work of the Council and enhances our reputation.

#### **7.0 Conclusions**

7.1 This Annual Report responds to a number of sources of good practice and will be used to champion the work of this Council throughout the coming financial year.

7.2 It is built on the strong outcomes that have been achieved during 2016/17. All services have contributed to this Annual Report through their actions in delivering customer-focused services for the community.

7.3 The Annual Report is available for viewing at **Appendix 1**.