

Position Statement: Special Projects undertaken by Community Scrutiny Committee May 2006 - May 2007

| Scrutiny Committee Recommendations | Policy Committee Recommendations | Progress |
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| Joint Review with Derbyshire County Council- 'Street-scene' Review | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Contacting the relevant authority o Branding of the service o Public awareness o Partnership working o Enforcement | EDS / 1 Feb 07 | |
| Delivery of Council services via the Post Office network | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Explore the delivery of council services via the post office network, and the continuation of discussions with the National Federation of Sub-Postmasters o Explore the possibility of the Safer South Derbyshire Partnership delivering outreach services via the Post Office network o To undertake a campaign to promote the rate relief scheme to the National Federation of Sub-Postmasters, in order that Post Offices in the district can maximise their opportunities in making a claim. o Install an existing information kiosk, which is currently available on a trial basis at a post office site, preferably in the north west of the district o Ensure that the Council's planning policies in Local Development Documents support the provision and location of Post Offices in villages where significant new development is planned | Council 25 Jan 07 | |

| Achieving Targets – 2006/09 – Waste Management | | |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Accelerate the implementation of the 'green box' scheme across the district. b) Review the number of 'bring site' locations, in order to ensure Value For Money c) Accelerate the implementation of the 'brown bin' compost scheme across the district. d) Extend the 'brown bin' (compost) collection service throughout the year, except two weeks over the Christmas period. e) Review the existing side waste collection facility f) Review the existing 'closed lid' wheeled bin policy g) Consider options for the kerbside collection of plastics h) Ensure that the Waste Minimisation Plan is SMART i) To be more innovative and proactive in our publicising and promoting our waste management services and our successes. j) Adopt a higher profile and more proactive school education programme k) In partnership with other contractors, offer a wheeled bin cleaning service l) Ensure that the Council's website is regularly updated. m) Ensure that website application forms can be completed on-line. n) Consider 'branding' the waste management service o) Advertise / promote all waste services to all households p) Investigates scope for securing developer contributions in relation to planning permissions for development, for the purposes of providing improving waste management provision. q) Develop our strategy and performance using the existing 'building capacity' initiative as its next project. Concentrate our | <p>(EDS / 5 Oct 06)</p> <p>Report received.</p> <p>Report back on issues raised to EDS Committee on 9th January 2007 on the issues raised to this Committee's Meeting on 9th January 2007.</p> | <p>Report submitted –</p> <p>Accelerating the provision of recycling and composting services to all households across the district</p> |

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| <p>'shifting resources' savings into the performance delivery of the service</p> <p>r) Urgent review the financial implications of our current waste management service in relation to the National Waste Strategy and the County response.</p> <p>s) Press for additional civic amenity sites, in order to serve the rural community</p> | | |
| <p>Achieving Targets – 2006/09 – Planning Applications</p> | | |
| <p>a) The Committee, endorse the proposals outlined in the Head of Planning Services report, which will be considered at this meeting</p> <p>b) The proposals outlined in the Head of Planning Services report includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streamlining existing processes • Introduces measurable milestones to enhance performance • Enables fast tracking of certain applications • Makes best use of Customer First • Strengthens the approach to urban design • Maximises the use of existing resources <p>c) That a post implementation review of the Planning Service is undertaken in April 2008, to ensure that the stated outcomes for the service are being delivered</p> | <p>(EDS / 5 Oct 06)</p> <p>Report received</p> <p>Consideration to the recommendations made within the next three months.</p> | |

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| <p>Arrangements for Improving Homelessness Services BVPI 183 (a) and (b)</p> <p>Housing & Community Services Committee investigate how other similar local authorities approach homelessness issues and how they achieve top quartile performance for BVPI183 (a) [Length of stay in temporary accommodation (bed & breakfast)]</p> | <p>(HCS / 12 Oct 06)</p> <p>Recommendations approved and the Director of Community Services be requested to investigate how other similar local authorities approach homelessness issues and how they achieve top quartile performance for BVPI 183</p> | |
| <p>Audit Commission Inspection of the Council's Housing Repairs & Maintenance Service</p> <p>a. the tenants obligations with respect to 'dealing with asbestos' should be included in the lettings agreement (see Audit Commission Ref: R3)</p> <p>b. A separate report advising on the implications of the slippages in the Sheltered Housing 'Vision & Standards' Plan be prepared for the Housing & Community Services Committee (Ref R4)</p> <p>c. Consider the need for and frequency of post inspections (Ref. R5)</p> <p>d. A discount system to be investigated for retrospective annual review of repetitive work in the proposed contract arrangements (Ref R6)</p> <p>e. There appears to be scope for improvements in the delivery of Disabled Facilities Grants (DFGs) Arrangements with our Partners need to be reviewed as a matter of urgency. (Ref. R7)</p> <p>f. The extension of reporting times to include Saturday mornings to be reviewed (Ref. R9).</p> | <p>(HCS / 12 Oct 06)</p> <p>Recommendations approved</p> | |

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| <p>g. That a 'capacity building' exercise is undertaken to develop the housing maintenance and repairs service / DFGs with a view to improving performance, quality and VFM (Ref. R12)</p> <p>h. In the absence of a planned Audit Commission re-inspection of the housing repairs and maintenance service, the commissioning of an independent assessment of the service is made within eighteen months time to allow for the completion of the implementation plan and to collect six months performance data</p> | | |
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