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1.0 Recommendations

1.1 Members are asked to note the draft Annual Report 2014/15.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To inform Members of the Council's Annual Report, which summarises 'what we do', 'who we are' and the financial performance of the Council.

2.2 The report has been specifically designed to be both appealing and understandable to members of the public, our partners and to businesses in the District.

3.0 Detail

3.1 The Council's Annual Report follows a style and presentation of information which is well received by our residents and key stakeholders. Each year, revisions to the format and layout are proposed to keep the report both unique and informative.

3.2 This Annual Report captures the outcomes from the work that has been done by the Council and in partnership with other organisations over the past year. Throughout the Annual Report, it can be seen that:

- The Council continues to meet its aims and deliver on its promises as set out in Corporate Plan for 2009/15.
- 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 'cutting costs not services'.
- It is responsive to the needs and expectations of the community.

- 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, for example by starting work on the first Council-owned housing development in South Derbyshire for a generation in Coton Park, Linton.

3.3 The Annual Report has again been managed, developed and designed by the Policy and Communications Team. All photographs 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 all themes of the Corporate Plan and specifically links to *'VP05 – Continue to communicate and engage with our communities to ensure that the Council is delivering services appropriately.'*

5.2 It also provides information on the performance of the Council against its Corporate Plan 2009/2015, as well as reporting our financial performance for 2014/15 to the people of South Derbyshire.

6.0 Community Implications

6.1 This report is a direct result of consultation with our residents and will enable a better understanding of what we do as a Council, what we have achieved, what we provide in partnership and how we spend the money. This will promote the work of the Council and enhance 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 2014/15 and looks forward to how we will deliver on our stated priorities in 2015/16. All services have contributed to this Annual Report through their actions in delivering improved customer-focused services for the community.

The Annual Report is available for viewing at Appendix 1.