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1.0 Recommendations

1.1 Members are asked to note the draft Annual Report 2015/16.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To inform Members of the Council's Annual Report, which summarises how we work as an authority, what we do and our financial performance.

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

3.0 Detail

3.1 The Council's 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 keep the report both unique and informative.

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

- The Council has produced a Corporate Plan for 2016/21 with new themes that guide and capture all of the work that the Council does.
- A clear map has been set out on how the Council will achieve the aims of the Corporate Plan and measure performance.
- 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'.
- 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 producing a Housing Strategy 2016/21 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 inaugural 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 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 the themes of the Corporate Plan 2016/21 – People, Place, Progress and Outcomes. It also reports our financial performance for 2015/16 to the people of South Derbyshire.

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 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 2015/16 and looks forward to how we will deliver on our stated priorities in 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**.