

Time commenced - 6.00 pm
Time finished - 6.45 pm

**COMMUNITY COMMISSION
16 JUNE 2008**

Present: Councillor Nath (in the Chair)
Councillors Banwait, Bayliss, Chera, Leeming, Redfern and
Richards

01/08 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R Khan.

02/08 Late items introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

03/08 Declarations of Interest

Councillors Bayliss and Nath declared personal interests as they sit on the Derby Homes Board.

04/08 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 31 March 2008 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

05/08 Matters Arising

Minute 81/07: Resolved to invite Martin Gadsby, Private Sector Housing Manager to the Commission meeting of 21 July.

06/08 Call-in

There were no items called in.

Resolved to note the protocol for the Call-in process.

07/08 Responses of the Council Cabinet

There were no responses to consider.

Items for Discussion

08/08 Remit and Work Programme

The Commission invited Councillor Troup, Cabinet Member for Housing and Public Protection, to present his plans and priorities for the 2008-09 municipal year in areas within the Commission's remit. The Commission also asked how Councillor Troup would keep them informed.

Councillor Troup detailed the following areas of possible interest:

- Maintenance of the performance of benefits services, and considering ways of improving service levels.
- Progressing the New Build for Derby Homes while securing contractual guarantees for the City Council.
- Consultation and publication of the Housing Strategy, on which he would welcome the comments of the Commission.
- Options Appraisal for Derby Homes, following the completion of a central government review.
- The launch of the Community Legal Advice Centre (CLAC), planned for June 2008.
- Rosehill Housing Market Renewal Project, due to be brought to the Council Cabinet in July 2008.
- Issues regarding Housing PFI.
- Further consideration of the Travellers' Site.

Commission Members expressed particular interest in the following areas:

- Neighbourhood and Social Cohesion, in particular fly-tipping.
- Further consideration of the Travellers' Site.
- Community Legal Services, including the launch of CLAC and the Access to Law monitoring board.
- Community Development and Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy.
- Neighbourhood Working.
- Availability of public toilets, including late evening opening.
- Derby LIVE.
- Options Appraisal for Derby Homes, but not until the Government review was completed.

Members were asked to send their suggestions for Work Programme items to Rob Davison, Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination Officer by July 1 2008. Rob would liaise with Members to prepare project templates for each item. A draft Work Programme would be presented to the Commission meeting on July 21 2008 for approval.

Resolved:

- 1) That Member suggestions for Work Programme items be sent to Rob Davison, Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination Officer, by July 1 2008.**
- 2) That a draft Work Programme be brought to the next Community Commission meeting for approval.**
- 3) To request that Councillor Troup provide a report on the first Access to Law meeting.**
- 4) That Cllr Naitta, Council Cabinet Member for Leisure and Culture be interviewed at the 21 July meeting about his plans and priorities for municipal year 2008-09.**

09/08 Performance Monitoring

The Commission considered a report of the Corporate Director of Corporate and Adult Services. The report provided commentary on performance indicators and also the minutes of a Cabinet Member Performance Surgery on indicator BV183i.

Resolved:

- 1) To ask for a report regarding the time families with children are placed in hostel / B & B accommodation by Derby City Council, both within and outside the city boundaries.**
- 2) To invite officers to discuss whether the most deprived families are given priority status when processing benefit applications.**

10/08 Retrospective Scrutiny

Councillor Bayliss requested that Neighbourhood Working be considered for Retrospective Scrutiny. Rob Davison advised that although Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordination items now came under the remit of the Scrutiny Management Commission it had given permission for this Commission to scrutinise the issues.

11/08 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

The Commission requested that the following item be considered at future meetings:

58/06: Public Art Strategy and Priorities

Resolved to consider this item at either the July or September Commission meeting, with the date to be decided following discussion with Ray Rippingale – Assistant Director, Culture.

12/08 Matters referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet

There were no items.

MINUTES END