

REVIEWING THE COUNCIL'S OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITIES 2005-08

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 To consider the draft objectives and priorities that will form the basis for the Council's 2005-08 Corporate Plan.
- 1.2 To comment as appropriate and refer these to Council Cabinet so that they may be taken into account before the draft objectives and priorities are agreed as the basis for preparing the 2005-08 Corporate Plan.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 The draft objectives and priorities are being referred to Scrutiny Management Commission for comment as they form part of the Budget and Policy Framework and help shape the Corporate Plan.
- 2.2 The attached report to Council Cabinet on 7 September 2004 proposes a revised framework of objectives and priorities and provides the rationale for these changes.
- 2.3 The main changes are to make more explicit the links that already exist between the Council's Corporate Plan and the Community Strategy – Derby's 2020 Vision, and to lay down priorities over a three year planning horizon.
- 2.4 It is proposed to replace the Council's existing objectives with the Derby City Partnership's priority areas. These new objectives will be on-going, intended to provide a broad picture of what the Council wants to achieve and be the framework for the Council's performance monitoring arrangements, based on Best Value and local performance indicators.
- 2.5 Appendix 2 of the report to Council Cabinet maps the proposed 15 priorities over a three year period. Those services where we want to bring about significant change and improvement in a given year are labelled improvements – I – and will be the top priority for that year. On this basis, the top priorities for 2005-06 would be:
 - No schools in 'causing concern' category
 - More sustainable Derby through recycling more and better transport
 - Raising educational achievement
 - Modernising social care
 - Cleaner streets and public facilities.

- 2.6 When changes have been implemented, the focus is then on delivery – D – sustaining improvement which will be reported by performance indicators aligned to the relevant objective. Implementing change in other areas will then become the top priority areas for that year, having been in the planning phase – P – in the previous year.
- 2.7 Scrutiny Management Commission will have further opportunity to comment on how well the draft Corporate Plan gives effect to the proposed objectives and priorities when the draft plan is referred to it alongside the budget proposals for 2005-08 in due course. Scrutiny Management Commission – and the other Overview and Scrutiny Commissions – may wish to comment on the appropriateness of the Council's priorities in helping it to tackle key performance issues as part of its continuing role within our performance management framework.

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Background papers: None

List of appendices: Appendix 1 – Implications

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

- 1 The priorities will be a key driver in determining the allocation of resources in the budget process over the three year period.

Legal

2. None directly arising from the report.

Personnel

3. None directly arising from the report.

Equalities impact

4. The proposed priorities will in particular help to advance equality of opportunity through improved educational attainment, better social care and less fear of crime.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

5. The report makes proposals to replace the existing objectives and priorities.