



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

**COUNCIL CABINET**  
**13 JANUARY 2004**

Report of the Director of Policy

## Derby City Partnership – Partnership Agreement

### RECOMMENDATION

1. To approve the Derby City Partnership – DCP – Partnership Agreement.

### REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

2. To make a visible commitment to working together with other DCP members to achieve the economic, social and environmental well-being.

### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 Our Local Strategic Partnership – LSP – Accreditation Action Plan requires us to put a Partnership Agreement in place which covers certain statements on good practice and commitment to each other by all partners.
- 3.2 In addition to a Partnership Agreement, government is also looking for LSPs to develop some form of protocol with the local Community Network and for organisations to commit to compacts with the voluntary sector.
- 3.3 It appears that to set up a range of different agreements is both a duplication of effort and, in many cases, also of content. After agreement from the Neighbourhood Renewal Unit and the Home Office, DCP has drawn up a Partnership Agreement for partners in Derby that will hopefully fulfil the requirements of an LSP agreement, Community Network protocol and compact. The Partnership Agreement has been approved by the DCP Board.
- 3.4 The Agreement is set out in Appendix 2 and covers:
  - the purpose and structure of DCP
  - communication, participation and quality
  - accountability and decision-making
  - commitment to each other and to the community.

### OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4. None, as part of our LSP requires us to put a Partnership Agreement in place.

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**Background papers:** None

**List of appendices:** Appendix 1 – Implications  
Appendix 2 – Derby City Partnership Partnership Agreement



## IMPLICATIONS

### Financial

1. None.

### Legal

2. The Agreement is not legally binding but is a voluntary and good-will commitment by DCP members.

### Personnel

3. None.

### Corporate themes and priorities

- 4.1 The proposal comes under the Corporate Plan theme of **a fairer society**.
- 4.2 The proposal furthers the priority of **improving life chances for disadvantaged people and communities**. Specifically, it focuses on outcome 2.15 in the Corporate Plan.