



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL CABINET
21 FEBRUARY 2006

Cabinet Member for Community Services, Regeneration, Equalities and E-Government

ITEM 9

Developing the Area and Neighbourhood Agenda in Derby

SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Council has given a commitment to developing the Area and Neighbourhood agenda, in line with Government policy and ODPM guidance on Neighbourhood management. The overall purpose of area and neighbourhood management is to empower local people in order that they can influence and, where appropriate, design and commission service provision for their local area or neighbourhood.
- 1.2 Appendix 2 to the main report, which is available on CMIS at the following link: <http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/MeetingDocuments.aspx?Meeting=838> , summarises the results of partnership working on how Derby should develop the next stages of area and neighbourhood working with a set of specific proposals around:
 - The implementation of neighbourhood management structures and co-ordinated safety and streetcare teams in Derby's five priority neighbourhoods
 - The establishment of local area planning teams with the five Area Panel areas
 - A review of links between area panels and area and neighbourhood working
 - Developing links between area and neighbourhood working, integrated children's services, New Deal for Communities and city centre management.
- 1.3 This is a rapidly developing agenda and I would be pleased to facilitate member involvement through Overview and Scrutiny and through an all-member briefing.
- 1.4 Subject to any issues arising at the meeting, I support the following recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To approve the proposals contained in the attached paper "Developing the Area and Neighbourhood Agenda in Derby"
- 2.2 To agree to the implementation of Neighbourhood Teams in the 5 priority neighbourhoods of:
 - Osmaston/Allenton
 - Sinfen
 - Normanton
 - Austin Estate
 - Stockbrook

- 2.3 To agree to the further development of proposals for Area Planning Teams within the 5 Area Panels, with a pilot area panel review initiative starting in Area Panels 2 and 3 during 2006/07.
- 2.4 To arrange an all-member briefing on Area and Neighbourhood arrangements and further discussion through Cabinet Member/Overview and Scrutiny liaison.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To develop genuine partnerships with local people in order to identify local issues and produce local solutions for specific services.
- 3.2 To deliver improved, cleaner, safer and greener services as the beginning of an approach to integrate service delivery within neighbourhoods.
- 3.3 To use this as a means of improving communication and engagement with local residents and enable them to have a greater say in the design and delivery of local services.



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Report of the Corporate Director, Regeneration and Community

Developing the Area and Neighbourhood Agenda in Derby

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 The emerging City Council Corporate Plan for 2006/07 includes, as one of four key priorities, a commitment to:

“improve the quality of life in Derby”
 - Reducing crime and anti-social behaviour
 - Reducing inequalities between neighbourhoods
 - Reinvigorating the city centre and river areas
 - Making Derby cleaner and greener
 - Providing greater opportunities for people to participate in decisions about the area they live in “
- 1.2 This in turn reflects commitments in the emerging Community Strategy to build “A City for all Ages” through one of the two key aims:

“to focus on Derby’s deprived neighbourhoods so that opportunities for people living there are the same as for people living in the rest of the City”.
- 1.3 These priorities are completely in line with Government policies on the creation of “Sustainable Communities”.
- 1.4 Derby has made good progress in introducing new initiatives to tackle this agenda including:
 - The introduction of Area Panels
 - Neighbourhood working in Sinfin, Osmaston and Normanton
 - Derwent NDA
 - Community safety initiatives e.g. the Austin Estate project
 - Derby Homes
 - Neighbourhood policing
- 1.5 The alignment of Government, regional partnership and Council policy in this area outlines a joint commitment for the further development of initiatives on area and neighbourhood management. Opportunities present themselves through the joint working arrangements developing through our local Area Agreement and additional funding allocated to Derby through the Stronger, Safer Communities fund to take these next steps.

- 1.6 Over the last 3 or 4 months officers from the Community Safety Partnership, Derbyshire Constabulary, Derby Homes and the City Council have been developing a set of proposals for inclusion within the 2006/07 Local Area Agreement following consultation with partners. Appendix 2, available on CMIS at the following link: <http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/MeetingDocuments.aspx?Meeting=838> , describes these proposals in some detail.
- 1.7 In summary the papers includes the following proposals:
1. That Area and Neighbourhood working should be implemented as a partnership agenda; working to the objectives of the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, Home Office, Dfes Department of Health and other government departments in order to provide maximum benefits to local communities.
 2. The overall aim of Area and Neighbourhood working is to empower local people in order that they can influence, and where appropriate, design and commission service provision in their areas and neighbourhoods.
 3. That we achieve this aim by the delivery of three objectives:
 - Developing genuine partnerships with local people in priority neighbourhoods in order to identify local issues and produce local solutions for specific services
 - The development of area planning structures, in partnership with local people, that gives people a greater choice in service design, the ability to allocate resources and the information to understand and influence service delivery, design and performance
 - The provision of a model of community leadership that supports local communities to be cohesive, responsible and inclusive, and that re-engages our citizens with the institutions of government.
 4. The initial service areas to be developed within the Area and Neighbourhood model will include:
 - street scene services
 - fly tipping removal
 - graffiti removal
 - street clearance
 - drug litter removal
 - community safety
 - crime prevention and reduction
 - prevention and reduction of drug misuse
 - youth crime prevention and reduction
 - prevention and reduction of anti-social behaviour

- neighbourhood policing
 - deployment of neighbourhood policing teams
 - traffic management
 - enforcement procedures, for example, fixed fine penalties
 - children and young people's services
 - locality based teams
5. That area planning teams are established with each of the five Area Panel areas. Their initial tasks for 2006-07 are
 - finalising an Area Profile and Needs Assessment
 - finalising a neighbourhood map
 - implementing a problem solving framework for issues raised at Area Panels
 - implementing a community engagement policy for their area
 - reviewing current service delivery and considering options for improvement in the service areas defined above
 - recommending proposals for expenditure of Area Panel Grants to Area Panels
 6. That a pilot review of Area Panels will be undertaken in Area Panel 2 and 3 to ensure full integration of Panels and Area and Neighbourhood working.
 7. That Neighbourhood Teams are established in the five priority neighbourhoods of:
 - Osmaston/Allenton
 - Sinfen
 - Normanton
 - Austin Estate
 - Stockbrook
 8. Each neighbourhood will have dedicated resources for enforcement, particularly in regard to low level crime and anti-social behaviour.
 9. Each neighbourhood team will consist of:
 - Neighbourhood Co-ordination
 - Neighbourhood N.E.A.T. team
 - Crime Prevention Services
 - Two additional Police Community Support Officers
 - Community Engagement Officer
 - Community Safety Officer
 - Police Neighbourhood Team
 - Other agency staff

10. The team will operate within a tasking and co-ordination framework developing a 12 month Neighbourhood Plan, but also weekly tasking and co-ordination meetings.
 11. Local elected members will convene and chair residents' forums in each priority neighbourhood. These forums will be serviced by the Neighbourhood Team and actions from the forum will be incorporated into weekly tasking and co-ordination.
 12. That the future governance of Area and Neighbourhood working should be the subject of consideration within the current review of Derby City Partnership organisational and governance structures.
 13. That a clear performance framework to measure the success of Area and Neighbourhood working is implemented.
- 1.8 The paper gives some detail on implementing the approach. The immediate urgency is to develop the neighbourhood teams in the five priority areas of Osmaston/Allenton, Sinfin, Normanton, Austin Estate and Stockbrook and we aim to begin this as soon as possible after April 1st, when Stronger, Safer Communities Funding becomes available.
 - 1.9 The developing of a more strategic approach to area based working through the Area Panels and development of Area Partnerships will take a little longer but we aim to be able to pilot new arrangements in Area Panels 2 and 3 (which cover the 5 Priority neighbourhoods) by Autumn 2006.
 - 1.10 This is a rapidly developing agenda which will need regular review. We would wish to involve the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Commissions, and all members of the Council in that process, and we will be arranging a briefing for Council members as soon as practical.
 - 2.0 This is a rapidly developing agenda which will change as it progresses and the elected members role is central to successful Area and Neighbourhood working. I would propose to organise a briefing for all members of the Council and would be pleased to facilitate involvement of Overview and Scrutiny in the process as considered appropriate.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

2. The proposals build on current arrangements and on knowledge and experience of area and neighbourhood working in Derby and elsewhere. An extensive range of options for community engagement and Neighbourhood working exists around the country. The proposals are strongly influenced by a belief that we need to introduce immediate improvements which make neighbourhoods cleaner and safer to demonstrate the commitment of public agencies to those issues raised on a daily basis, as a means of developing a more constructive dialogue with local people on the planning co-ordination and improvement of a wider range of public services.

<p>For more information contact:</p> <p>Background papers:</p> <p>List of appendices:</p>	<p>Jonathan Guest 01332 255036 e-mail Jonathan.Guest@derby.gov.uk</p> <p>None</p> <p>Appendix 1 – Implications</p> <p>Appendix 2 – Developing the Area and Neighbourhood Agenda in Derby</p> <p>http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/MeetingDocuments.aspx?Meeting=838</p>
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IMPLICATIONS

Financial

- 1.1 The Neighbourhood programme is developing almost daily as the key partners are finalising their budgets and clarifying their contributions. At present the core funding streams around which the proposal is anchored are as follows:

Revenue	
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Existing council budgets	315
Neighbourhood Renewal Fund	
- existing core allocation	204
- proposed new allocation	400
- new Neighbourhood element	413
Estate Pride – Derby Homes NEAT	230
PCT	62
Fairshares/Urban/SRB	64
Total revenue	1,680
Capital	
NRF – Safer Communities Capital	970
Total Core funding	2,650

- 1.2 These funding sources are passing through their appropriate approval processes and therefore completeness. It is proposed to bring back a complete budget picture, together with the budget management arrangement to a future Council Cabinet meeting.
- 1.3 Further partner investments are also planned including contributions for Derbyshire Police, Derbyshire Fire Authority and Derby Homes.
- 1.4 The core budget is aimed at delivering the new management and co-ordination arrangements for areas and neighbourhoods, community engagement support, neighbourhood wardens, NEAT teams and community safety officers. The capital expenditure relates to the procurement of vehicles, plant bins and the installation of security and crime reduction measures. It is now proposed to move forward in recruiting to the necessary posts to ensure the programme gets off to a timely start.

Legal

- 2.1 None immediately arising from the proposals.

Personnel

- 3.1 The proposals involve the co-ordination of a number of partnerships public services. Consultation has taken place to secure their agreement. Within the City Council the management of Area and Neighbourhood initiatives has until recently been undertaken by the Chief Executive's Policy Director. The Council's current restructuring includes proposals for the transfer of the Area and Neighbourhood Unit to the Community Safety Partnerships. Detailed proposals are currently undergoing consultation but, with the impending departure of the Assistant Director of Community Policy, this initiative is being led by the Director of the Community Safety Partnership under the direction of the Corporate Director for Regeneration and Community, the Community Safety Partnership Board, chaired by the Council's Chief Executive, and the Area and Neighbourhood Programme Board, chaired by Councillor Bayliss, Cabinet Member for Community Services, Regeneration and E-Government.

Equalities impact

- 4.1 The proposals are designed to "narrow the gap" on a range of indicators between the "best" and "worst" neighbourhoods in Derby.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 5.1 "Improve the quality of life in Derby's neighbourhoods".