



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION

31 JULY 2006

Report of the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services

Workplan 2006/07

RECOMMENDATION

1. To approve the Commission's workplan for 2006/07.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 At its meeting on 5 June 2006, the Commission resolved to meet before the next scheduled meeting to discuss items for review during the 2006/07 Municipal Year.
- 2.2 A meeting was subsequently held on 18 July at which time members of the Commission put forward suggestions for consideration. The coordination officer was asked to present the suggestions in tabular form for the Commission to choose from. This is attached at Appendix 2 to this report.
- 2.3 There was general consensus among those present that the Commission should start any review that it undertakes in September 2006 in order to be certain of completing it before the end of the 2006/07 Municipal Year.

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Background papers: None
List of appendices: Appendix 1 – Implications
Appendix 2 – Suggestions put forward by the Commission

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. None arising directly from this report. Costs incurred in implementing the Commissions' workplans will have to be contained within the 2006/07 Overview and Scrutiny budget of £24,000 between all five Commissions.

Legal

2. None arising directly from this report.

Personnel

3. None arising directly from this report.

Equalities Impact

4. Effective Overview and Scrutiny will be of benefit to all Derby people.

Corporate Priorities

5. This report has the potential to link with all the Council's priorities for 2006-09.

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Items suggested for consideration during 2006/07 by members of the Commission at its meeting on 18 July 2006

	Subject	Comments
1.	Derby's Night Time Economy	Could be an item for focussed scrutiny over a couple of meetings rather than a full topic review. The Commission could consider what other cities offer in the way of night time entertainment, for example, live music, comedy events, the range of events at the assembly rooms and Playhouse. It could also consider what effect the changes in alcohol licensing have made to the city.
2.	Travel planning	In particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Transport to the city hospital ▪ How the council's travel planning condition as part of its planning approval is enforced/monitored ▪ How effective travel planning can contribute to reducing pollution, public health ▪ How do other local authorities enforce travel plans
3.	Cycle Derby	Receive an update on the progress following the Council's successful bid to Cycle England for funding to be a Cycle Demonstration Town
4.	Pesticide Use	In particular <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ its human and ecological effect ▪ how much we use ▪ what are the alternatives ▪ review the recommendations made in the 1999 best value review
5.	Bio-diversity	In particular the use of open spaces within the context of National guidance on the proximity of residential areas to for example open spaces, schools, retail and leisure facilities What are the 'good' and 'bad' practices in Derby?
6.	National Car Free Day	What is Derby City Council doing for Car Free Day on 22 September 2006?
7.	Allotments	To consider Derby's allotments in light of a national trend in their increased use.

8.	Decriminalisation of Car Parking	This could be considered later in the year once the scheme has had time to establish
9.	Public Art	To consider how Public Art could be developed in the City at a time when there is much development taking place. Public opinion could be canvassed in partnership with the Council's consultation team via focus groups to find out what people want, where they want Public Art and the sort of scale they would like it to be.
10.	Derby City Partnership	To investigate the effectiveness of the Derby City Partnership cities and how they support the Government's strategy for partnership working.