

Time commenced – 6.00pm
Time finished – 7.35pm

**COMMUNITY COMMISSION
19 JUNE 2006**

Present: Councillor Turner (in the Chair)
Councillors Afzal, Baxter, Chera, R. Khan, Lowe, Samra, Tittley,
Troup, Webb and Winter.

Also Present: Councillors Higginbottom and Jones

01/06 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Samra.

02/06 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

03/06 Declarations of Interest

Councillors Afzal, Troup and Webb declared a personal interest in relation to minute numbers 06/06, 07/07 and 14/06 as they are all Members of the Derby Homes Board.

04/06 Minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2006

The minutes of the meetings held on 21 March 2006 were confirmed as a correct record and received by the Commission.

05/06 Call-in

- a) No items were called-in by the Commission
- b) The Committee received a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services regarding the procedure for Call-in.

Resolved to note the report.

Items for Discussion

06/06 Housing Allocations Policy and Homelessness Topic Review

The Commission received a presentation from the former Chair and Vice-Chair of the Community Regeneration Commission on their Housing Allocations Policy and Homelessness Topic Review.

Resolved to approve the topic review and refer it to the Council Cabinet.

07/06 Outstanding Overview and Scrutiny Items

The Commission received a report from the Director Corporate and Adult Social Services detailing what former Commissions were planning to look at which are now relevant to the Community Commission's Portfolio.

Resolved:

- a) to note the report and;**
- b) to adopt the items detailed in the report into the Commissions Workplan for the forthcoming year.**
- c) to also consider at a future meeting responses to questions put to Derbyshire County Council by the former Community Regeneration Commission regarding Derby Home's Pension position.**

08/06 Standing Agenda Items

The Commission received a report from the Director Corporate and Adult Social Services regarding whether the Commission wished to confirm the Scrutiny Management Commission's recommendations regarding Performance eye and retrospective scrutiny.

Resolved:

- a) To include 'Retrospective Scrutiny' and 'Performance Eye' as standing agenda items for each meeting and;**
- b) as regards Performance Eye i) when a new set of quarterly data becomes available to receive a report highlighting items of interest and ii) in light of the report to decide whether an officer and or Council Cabinet Member should be invited to the following meeting(s) to further discuss the issue(s).**

09/06 Work Planning and Resources 2006/07

The Commission received a report from the Director Corporate and Adult Social Services. The Commission considered items for their work programme for 2006/07.

Resolved

- a) **to agree to undertake a topic review and to make a decision on a topic at the July meeting and;**
- b) **to ask the co-ordination officer seek members' ideas for possible review areas and to work up the suggestions as outline proposals and;**
- c) **to ask Commission Members to express their preferences with the collated responses being reported to the July meeting.**

10/06 Overview and Scrutiny Training

The Commission received a report from the Director Corporate and Adult Social Services.

Resolved to note the report.

11/06 Co-opting Individuals to the Commission

The Commission received a report from the Director Corporate and Adult Social Services.

It was felt that the Topic Review would influence the expertise and experience required in any co-opted individual.

Resolved to defer consideration of who to potentially co-opt onto the Commission until after a Topic Review had been chosen.

Council Cabinet Forward Plan

12/06 Identification of items on the Forward Plan for consideration at future meetings.

The Commission studied the latest version of the Forward Plan.

Resolved:

- a) **To scrutinise whilst it is possible to influence the final decisions:**
 - **83/05, Derby Older Persons Housing Strategy,**
 - **100/05 Housing Renewal Policy,**
 - **70/05 Housing Allocations Policy;**

b) not to scrutinise 22/05, Derby Homes New Business Services to the Private Sector, but instead that the Commission monitor how this works in practice.

13/06 Responses of the Council Cabinet to any reports of the Commission

There were no items.

Matters referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet

14/06 Housing Responsive Repairs and Maintenance Contract.

The Commission received a report from the Council Cabinet.

Resolved to note the report.

MINUTES END