



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

## AREA PANEL 5

4 JULY 2007

Report of the Head of Stronger and Safer Communities Unit

### Transforming Area Panels into Neighbourhood Forums

#### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Area Panel review and to introduce proposals to roll out neighbourhood working across the city. |
- 1.2 Area Panel 5 received a report about the Area Panel review on 31 January 2007 when it was agreed to report back to Area Panel 5 on the outcome of the review and any new arrangements that were proposed.
- 1.3 The Area and Neighbourhood Board, on behalf of Derby City Partnership, has concluded the review and proposes a new framework for neighbourhood working in Derby replacing Area Panels with a framework of Neighbourhood Forums.
- 1.4 A presentation will be made at the meeting on 4 July outlining the following proposals:
  - Area Panels transformed into Neighbourhood Forums
  - Neighbourhood Forums for each ward, led by Councillors and engaging with local residents
  - three levels of neighbourhood management will be developed
  - Neighbourhood Managers co-ordinate and deliver some services relating to the cleaner, stronger and safer communities agendas
  - a neighbourhood profile, neighbourhood plan and performance framework is developed

More details of the presentation are in Appendix 1.

- 1.5 Councillors are currently being invited to local briefing sessions to raise awareness of the proposals, to discuss the impact in their ward and to feedback their views. Presentations are being made at all five Area Panel meetings.
- 1.6 Council Cabinet will consider feedback from Area Panels and Councillor briefings and make a recommendation to Council in July 2007. Subject to approval in July, Council will receive a further report on the way forward in September 2007.

#### PROPOSED ACTION

- 2.1 To note this report.
- 2.2 To comment on the proposals to transform Area Panels into Neighbourhood Forums.

#### For more information contact:

#### Background papers:

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Reports to Area Panel 2 on 12 July 2006 and to Area Panel 5 on 31 January 2007

**Appendix 1****Key Points in Neighbourhood Working Presentation to Area Panels**

<b>1. Context</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key national and local priority</li> <li>• Local Government White Paper</li> <li>• Closer to the people</li> <li>• Place shaping and priority setting</li> <li>• Key outcome stronger communities</li> <li>• Service delivery - local or city wide?</li> </ul>	<b>4. Red Neighbourhoods</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Existing level of neighbourhood management</li> <li>• Some re-alignment of resources to cover ward boundaries</li> <li>• Neighbourhood Forums</li> <li>• Community Engagement</li> <li>• Enhanced safer and cleaner services</li> <li>• Partnership Involvement</li> </ul>
<b>2. Partnerships</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnership strategy and commitment</li> <li>• Community and Voluntary sector</li> <li>• City Council</li> <li>• Police</li> <li>• Derby Homes</li> <li>• Primary Care Trust</li> <li>• Fire and Rescue Service</li> </ul>	<b>5. Amber Neighbourhoods</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Led by Derby Homes in partnership</li> <li>• Neighbourhood Manager</li> <li>• Enhanced safer and cleaner services</li> <li>• Community engagement</li> <li>• Neighbourhood Forums/Community Panels</li> <li>• Partnership Involvement</li> </ul>
	<b>6. Green Neighbourhoods</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neighbourhood Management and Co-ordination</li> <li>• Dedicated Neighbourhood Manager (x 3 wards)</li> <li>• Neighbourhood Forum</li> <li>• Community Engagement</li> <li>• Neighbourhood Plans and Priorities</li> </ul>
<b>3. Neighbourhood Working</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 priority neighbourhoods</li> <li>• Stockbrook, Normanton, Austin, Sinfen and Osmaston/Allenton</li> <li>• Based upon overall levels of deprivation, housing, crime, education and health</li> <li>• Implementation of Neighbourhood Teams</li> <li>• Neighbourhood Plans and Priorities</li> <li>• Community Engagement Plans</li> <li>• Neighbourhood Forums</li> <li>• Tasking and Co-ordination</li> <li>• Enhanced safer and cleaner services</li> <li>• Partnership commitment and Involvement</li> </ul>	<b>7. Community Engagement and Neighbourhood Forums</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposal to move from Area Panels to Neighbourhood Forums</li> <li>• Constitutional process through Cabinet and Full Council</li> <li>• Potential to join partnership community engagement</li> <li>• Open Neighbourhood Forums</li> <li>• Neighbourhood Boards</li> <li>• Promote/Enhance role of elected members</li> <li>• Community Leadership</li> <li>• Setting Priorities</li> <li>• Increased local accountability</li> <li>• Partnership with local people</li> <li>• Local problems-Local Solutions</li> </ul>