



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

COMMUNITY COMMISSION 10 JUNE 2009

Report of the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services

Remit and Annual Work Programme of the Community Commission

RECOMMENDATION

1. To consider the role and remit of the Community Commission and identify possible items for its 2009-10 annual work programme.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 All commissions are expected to consider and agree their annual work programme at the start of each new municipal year and submit them to the SMC for approval. The work programme should cover services that matter to local people and where the input from the Commission can make a difference but also need to be within the remit of the respective Commission. The remit of the Community Commission covers:

Housing and Public Protection

- Private Sector Housing
- Housing Strategy and Performance and Development
- Housing Management Client (Derby Homes Single Shareholder Vote)
- Housing and Council Tax Benefits
- Housing and Advice
- Housing Options / homelessness
- Environmental Health
- Fly Tipping
- Food Health and Safety
- Trading Standards
- Social Cohesion
- Community Development and Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy
- New Deal for Communities
- Community Legal Services
- Derby Advice

Leisure and Culture

- Leisure Centres and Coaching
- Sport related Grants
- Museums

- Libraries
 - Arts and Outdoor Events
 - Theatres (Assembly Room and Guildhall)
 - Physical Activity Strategy
 - Public Toilets
 - Buildings of Heritage and Importance
- 2.2 The work programme should ideally include strategic policy issues as well as short topical reviews that can be scrutinised relatively quickly. The Commission may also undertake retrospective scrutiny of decisions that have already been taken and consider whether these are having the desired effect.
- 2.3 It is suggested that Members identify themes / issues that they wish to review during 2009/10 and give their suggestions to the Co-ordination Officer. These could then collated and presented to the 20 July meeting for adoption of the annual programme.
- 2.4 Last year this Commission decided to avoid larger topic reviews and instead looked at 8 of the 9 subjects put forward by members. Those issues are shown at Appendix 2. The 9th issue, Neighbourhood Working, is due for report.

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| Background papers: | None |
| List of appendices: | Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 - Work Programme 2008-09 |

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| IMPLICATIONS |
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Financial

1. None arising from this report.

Legal

2. None arising from this report.

Personnel

3. None arising from this report.

Equalities impact

4. Effective scrutiny will benefit all Derby people.

Corporate Priorities

5. This report links with Council's priorities for 2009-10.

Work Programme 2008-09

| Subject | Purpose | Method/inputs |
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| 1. Housing Allocation Policy | Is the policy of allocation through bands achieving the goal of freeing up tenancies so more people can be offered matched with homes suitable for their needs? | An update presentation on 21 July. |
| 2. Derby's use of temporary accommodation | The usage, duration, location and quality of temporary accommodation. | An update presentation on 21 July linked to the Allocations Policy, above. |
| 3. Derby Arts Strategy and Priorities | To consider the proposals. | Draft strategy to scheduled meeting on 16 September. |
| 4. Derby LIVE | To monitor the development of the Derby LIVE initiative | This links to 3. Reports to scheduled meetings. |
| 5. Community Legal Advice Centre – update. | To monitor the development of the CLAC | Report to scheduled meeting on 16 September and then 30 March. |
| 6. Twin bins roll out | To explore whether some neighbourhoods, eg densely terraced areas, would prefer bottle banks and other recycling facilities instead of twin bins. | Report to scheduled meeting on 16 September |
| 7. Public convenience? Evening opening of toilets | The issue: while the night time economy keeps the city centre busy till the early hours, Derby does not provide for 'natural breaks'. | Report to scheduled meeting on 13 January |
| 8. Fly tipping (FR) | Fly tipping – the inter-relationship between charges for large item collection from domestic properties and the incidence of fly tipping and the costs of enforcement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • removal and • the tracing, billing & prosecuting of offenders. | Report to scheduled meeting on 30 March |
| 9. Neighbourhood Working (PB) | To gauge how well Neighbourhood Working is operating for all stakeholders, identifying local variations and the keys to success | A special meeting in spring 2009. This would be preceded by three actions: i) a survey of 51 members and ii) a survey of all Neighbourhood |

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| | | Board members and iii) a sampling of resident opinion. The responses to the surveys and sampling will indicate whether the special meeting can be light touch or in-depth. |
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