



COMMUNITY COMMISSION 16 June 2008

Report of the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services

Remit and Annual Work Programme of the Community Commission

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To consider the role and remit of the Community Commission and identify possible items for its 2008-09 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 2008/09 and give their suggestions to the Co-ordination Officer. These could then collated and presented to the 21 July meeting for adoption of the annual programme.
- 2.4 Some of the suggestions received from the Chair and Vice chair so far include:
- Empty properties in the private sector- a regular monitoring report on the numbers of empty properties, length of time they are vacant and what is being done to bring them back into use
 - Community Legal Advice Service CLAC
 - Fly tipping – the extent of the problem in the city and what measures are being taken to address e.g. number of prosecutions etc.
 - Social Cohesion
 - Front line role of elected members
 - Neighbourhood working – how well are the neighbourhood Forums and Boards working, are they meeting their objectives and delivering what they sought to achieve, identify and share good practice (this is within the portfolio of the Scrutiny Management Commission but delegated to the Community Commission)
 - Review New Deal for Communities

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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 - Implications

Appendix 1

IMPLICATIONS

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 2008-11.