



## **Draft Corporate Plan 2006-09**

### **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 On 17 January 2006 the Cabinet approved the structure and working draft of the 2006-09 Corporate Plan as a basis for further development. This report provides an update on the drafting process and highlights comments made by Scrutiny Management Commission for consideration.
- 1.1 The latest draft of the 2006-09 Corporate Plan can be found on the Council Meeting Information System at <http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/MeetingDocuments.aspx?Meeting=838> . The vision, priorities and key outcomes for 2006-09 are shown in **Appendix 2**.
- 1.3 The final draft will be submitted to Council on 1 March for approval. Hard copies of this draft will be sent to Members one week before.
- 1.4 Subject to any issues raised at the meeting, I support the following recommendations.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 To note the contents of the draft plan and to consider comments of the Scrutiny Management Commission.
- 2.2 To recommend Council adopt the plan on 1 March 2006.
- 2.3 To recommend that Council delegate authority to make amendments to reflect up-to-date information, final actions and intended outcomes to the Chief Executive and Director of Resources, and to finalise the plan in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 The Corporate Plan will provide the framework to put the Council's vision and priorities into effect and informs the Council's business planning and performance management framework for 2006-09 and beyond. The plan will form part of the Council's Budget and Policy Framework and should be agreed alongside the 2006-07 Budget by Council on 1 March 2006.
- 3.2 The delegated authority sought will enable the Council to publish a comprehensive and up-to-date plan by the end of March 2006.



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### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

#### 1 Priorities for 2006-09

- 1.1 Cabinet confirmed the refreshed vision, objectives and priorities at its meeting on 17 January 2006 and referred the draft corporate plan to Scrutiny Management Commission. The objectives and priorities have also been subject to wider consultation alongside the budget proposals.
- 1.2 Originally the 13 priorities for 2006-09 were grouped under four objectives...
  - Improve the quality of life in Derby's neighbourhoods.
  - Encourage lifelong learning and achievement as a catalyst for economic growth.
  - Promote healthier communities.
  - Deliver excellent services, performance and value for money.
- 1.3 However, it was felt that these objectives should in effect be priorities themselves, supported by 13 key outcomes, as shown in **Appendix 2**. It is therefore proposed to adopt this revised terminology.
- 1.4 Scrutiny Management Commission commented on the lack of reference to the local economy within the priorities and recommended the inclusion of a fifth priority based around economic development. It is therefore proposed to strengthen wording in the final document relating to economic development to reflect the significant role of the Council's partnership with Derby Cityscape and others in delivering this key change agenda.

#### 2 The Corporate Plan 2006-09

- 2.1 The latest draft of the 2006-09 Corporate Plan can be found on the Council Meeting Information System at <http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/MeetingDocuments.aspx?Meeting=838> .
- 2.2 The plan describes the Council's vision and priorities for Derby. It outlines our achievements but gives most prominence to our future plans, in particular the actions we will take to deliver the Council's priorities and key outcomes, with reference to performance measures, targets and to other plans where more detail can be found.

- 2.2 Prominence is given to the area and neighbourhood working agenda; the plan now includes a new section to describe the Council's plans to develop area and neighbourhood teams in conjunction with key partners. The Council's ongoing work to regenerate the city's economy will also be emphasised – promoting the Cityscape vision and spearheading the economic, social and environmental development of the city centre. The plan also shows how we will be re-shaping services to improve the outcomes we achieve alongside partners through our Local Area Agreement and second generation Local Public Service Agreement – LPSA2.
- 2.4 The plan identifies the outcomes we want to achieve in realising our priorities. It also highlights the actions we will take and the resources we will deploy to do this. Specific targets to measure our success will be set in the Best Value Performance Plan, which provides our corporate performance management framework. The Best Value Performance Plan will be approved and published by 30 June 2006.
- 2.5 In the working draft plan presented to Cabinet on 17 January, actions underpinning priorities were split into 'Do' and 'Plan' sections – Do being year 1 and Plan being years 2 and 3. Whilst consistent with last year's plan, this overcomplicated the document so we have removed the distinction. Actions and measures still cover a three-year time span.
- 2.6 Officers are continuing to develop the plan. The review of the 2005-08 Corporate Plan is being produced on the basis of the third quarter 2005-06 performance monitoring report. The section on financial management will be added when the 2006-07 budget process is nearer to completion.
- 2.7 The format of the plan will be similar to last year however the appearance is being re-designed in conjunction with the Best Value and Council Tax summary leaflet to ensure a consistent identity. The plan will be printed internally.

### 3 Next steps

- 3.1 The final draft will be submitted to Council on 1 March for approval. Hard copies of this draft will be sent to Members one week before. Final amendments will be authorised by the Chief Executive and Director of Resources, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, prior to publishing at the end of March.
- 3.2 The plan will then be distributed to team level within the Council and to key local partners and government agencies. It will be available in paper copy or via the intranet.

<p><b>For more information contact:</b></p> <p><b>Background papers:</b></p> <p><b>List of appendices:</b></p>	<p>Heather Greenan on 01332 256259 <a href="mailto:heather.greenan@derby.gov.uk">heather.greenan@derby.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Working Draft of Corporate Plan on CMIS – Ref</p> <p><a href="http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/MeetingDocuments.aspx?Meeting=838">http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/MeetingDocuments.aspx?Meeting=838</a></p> <p>Appendix 1 – Implications</p> <p>Appendix 2 – Our priorities and key outcomes for 2006-09</p>
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<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial**

1. Design and printing costs for the corporate plan will be met from existing budget provision.

**Legal**

2. There is no legal requirement to produce a corporate plan, although it is good practice to do so.

**Personnel**

3. None directly arising from the report.

**Equalities impact**

4. The plan shows how the Council will take forward its vision to make Derby a city for all ages.

**Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

5. The draft corporate plan report includes a revised statement of vision and priorities that will replace the Council's existing priorities.

### Our priorities and key outcomes for 2006-09

Through our services and in partnership with others, we will work to:

- ◆ improve the quality of life in Derby's neighbourhoods, by:
  - reducing crime and anti-social behaviour
  - reducing inequalities between neighbourhoods
  - reinvigorating the city centre and river areas
  - making Derby cleaner and greener
  - providing greater opportunities for people to participate in decisions about the area they live in.
  
- ◆ encourage lifelong learning and achievement as a catalyst for economic growth, by:
  - providing early and effective support for under performing schools to reduce the number of 'causing concern' schools
  - improving educational attainment at Key Stage and GCSE levels
  - raising skill levels to improve the chances of securing employment.
  
- ◆ build healthy and independent communities, by:
  - improving the health of our communities
  - improving the standard of social care for vulnerable adults and older people
  - delivering joined up services for children and young people that meet the needs of the local community.
  
- ◆ deliver excellent services, performance and value for money, by:
  - reducing inefficiency by improving business processes and ability to perform
  - minimising Council Tax levels and increasing value for money.