

ITEM 15

Overview and Scrutiny Commissions - Work Programmes

SMC are requested to confirm the following work programme items:

- **Adult Health and Housing Commission**

Subject: 'Review of options for the future management and maintenance of Council's housing stock'.

Description:

The management of the City Council housing stock was transferred to Derby Homes, an Arms Length Management Organisation in 2002. A decision is required shortly on the future management of the stock. Options are:

- Renewal of the Derby Homes Contract
- Return to the Council
- Stock transfer
- Tenant Management Organisation

The Commission's review will consider factors including:

- Cost
- Quality
- Efficiency
- Tenant engagement
- Member engagement / democratic accountability

- **Resources Commission**

Subject: 'Succession Strategy for Derwent New Deal for Communities Programme'.

Description:

All NDC programmes, including Derby's, are scheduled to close on 31 March 2011. In preparation for the end of the NDC programme on 31 March 2011, a revised delivery and recovery plan was submitted by the Board to Government Office East Midlands and CLG in April 2010. The plan gave details on how the remaining, unreleased, funding of £3.75m could be spent and identified three priorities for the remaining funding:

1. Upgrading the community gym at the Gateway Centre
2. Repair and restructure of the Revive Healthy Living Centre
3. Purchase and refurbishment of affordable residential properties to rent.

The Resources Commission review will consider and assess options for a succession strategy beyond April 2011 and seek to influence local and national decision making to achieve the release of the remaining funds. The

commission intends to make recommendations to the Council Cabinet and the Derwent NDC Board on leaving a positive legacy for the local community.

Children and Young People Commission

Subject: 'What is being done by Derby City Council and its partners to help Children Looked After with Mental Health Issues and can these services be improved?'

Description

Aims of the review

1. To establish what is being done currently to support Children Looked After with mental health problems across the City
2. To establish whether the provision is adequate or whether measures can be taken to improve services.

The objectives of the review

1. To establish the current levels of service provision and by whom.
2. To establish whether the current provision meets the needs of Children Looked After
3. To review National and Council Policies, plus funding and operational issues, that impact upon services
4. To establish what could be done to improve mental health services for Children Looked After.
5. To produce detailed recommendations to Council Cabinet and/or partners on whether services could be improved and how this could be achieved.

Proposed methodology: The Commission will use evidence gathered from witnesses as the basis for the evidence gathering for the review along with good practice identified in other local authorities, supported by commercial and academic research.

*The Commission commissioned a scoping report which will be considered on 2 November. The outcome will be orally reported to SMC