



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

CABINET
29 NOVEMBER 2005

Cabinet Member for Corporate Policy

Community Involvement and Consultation

SUMMARY

- 1.1 At its meeting of 27 September 2005, Cabinet considered the Community Regeneration Commission's review of community involvement and consultation.
- 1.2 This report sets out an Action Plan in response to the recommendations from the review.
- 1.3 Subject to any issues raised at the meeting, I support the following recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION

2. To support the proposed actions listed in the Action Plan attached to the Director of Policy's report, which have been developed in response to the Community Regeneration Commission's recommendations following the Community Involvement and Consultation review.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The action plan highlights a number of reviews already underway, which will inform proposals to improve and strengthen consultation in Derby and achieve better value for money for the Council.
- 3.2 The consultation strategy review process will result in proposals for better co-ordination of consultation across partner agencies and the Council to avoid consultation fatigue.
- 3.3 The action plan highlights the need to make a clear distinction between information giving and consultation. These will be defined in the new corporate communication strategy.
- 3.4 Innovative approaches to consultation and participation are being considered as part of the consultation strategy review process, with the aim of helping to focus consultation on the needs of particular neighbourhoods through, for example, neighbourhood forums.