



## COMMUNITY COMMISSION 19 June 2006

Report of the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services

### Outstanding Overview and Scrutiny Items

#### RECOMMENDATION

1. That Commission members decide whether to consider items from former Commissions that are relevant to their portfolio.

#### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 This report sets out details of items from the previous Overview and Scrutiny Commissions' workplan that are considered relevant to the new Commission portfolios.
- 2.2 Members are asked to consider the items relevant to their portfolio and decide whether they wish to receive them at a future meeting. The information about responsibilities transferring from the former Community Regeneration Commission is set out in the table over the page.
- 2.3 A copy of the Commission portfolios 2006/07 is attached at Appendix 2 of this report.

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## Outstanding Items from the former Community Regeneration Commission falling within the portfolio of the Community Commission

Item	Notes
Performance Eye	The former Commission had resolved to look again at BVPI indicators BV79bi and BV79bii when comparative data from other Councils was available. BV79bi – percentage of recoverable overpayments (excluding Council Tax Benefit) recovered and BV79bii – percentage of overpayments recovered during the period and HB overpayments identified were both new indicators so the targets set were worked out by the department's track record. Comparative data would become available when returns were made by councils to central government and that would enable Members to gauge Derby's performance [Minute 87/05]
Local housing office closures	The former Commission had resolved: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. to reluctantly accept the proposed closure of the Littleover, Chellaston and Spondon local housing offices</li> <li>2. to receive further information on the outreach work currently undertaken and how that is expanded through the resources released by the closures/reductions in opening hours</li> <li>3. to receive a report detailing contacts made by the users of the closed offices covering personal visits, telephone calls and home visits and request that this information be taken in to consideration when the decision is taken on the other offices being considered for closure</li> <li>4. to request that the Commission receive the report on the possible future closure of the Cowlsey, Chaddesden Park and Osmaston Local Housing Offices as soon as it is available. [Minute 77/05]</li> </ol>
Derby Homes inspection	The Audit Commission were due to re-inspect Derby Homes in February 2006 and continued three star status was dependent on the outcome. The former Commission therefore resolved to receive a report on the inspection outcome. [Minute 72/05]

## Outstanding Items from the former Community Regeneration Commission falling within the portfolio of the Community Commission

Previous topic review 'Report 1362: Community Based Finance Institutions' – Derbyloans	To receive an annual progress report in October each year. [Minute 75/04]
'Report 1362: Community Based Finance Institutions – Derbyloans'	<p>To receive an update – June/July meeting. On 25 October 2005 the former Commission resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. to welcome the update report on developments relating to Council support to Derbyloans and welcome the prospect in the near of future, of a positive recommendation being presented to Cabinet on the matter of making an assessed, prudential loan to Derbyloans.</li> <li>2. to recommend that the Council Cabinet encourage private and public sectors to financially back Derbyloans' development</li> <li>3. to invite a Cabinet representative to provide a further update to the Commission in six months. [Minute 39/05]</li> </ol>
Housing and Council Tax Benefit administration	To receive periodic performance reports [Decision taken on 16 December 2002]
Housing Allocation Policy and Homelessness	On the agenda of this meeting
Draft Allocation Policy	On the agenda of this meeting
Area and Neighbourhood Agenda	Update from Cabinet Member – June/July meeting [Minute 106/06]

<p>Please note: the Council's Buildings of Heritage and Importance has transferred from the Scrutiny Management and Culture &amp; Prosperity Commissions but there are no outstanding items.</p>
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<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial**

1. The cost of any work carried out by the Commission will have to be retained within the Overview and Scrutiny research budget of £24k between all the Commissions.

**Legal**

2. None arising directly from this report.

**Personnel**

3. None arising directly from this report.

**Equalities impact**

4. Effective scrutiny will be to the benefit of all Derby people.

**Corporate Priorities**

5. This report has the potential to link with all the Council's priorities for 2006-09.

### **New Commission Portfolios – 2006/07**

#### **Scrutiny Management**

Corporate Council Policies and Strategies, including Community Strategy  
Corporate Finance and Financial Services, including Taxation  
Corporate Legal and Administrative Services  
Corporate Communications, including Derby Pointer  
Community Consultation  
Derby City Partnership  
Sub Regional Strategic Partnership  
Local Area Agreement  
External Affairs – European, National, Regional and Local  
Mayoral Office/Electoral Issues/Registrars  
Emergency Planning  
Performance Management  
Best Value functions and Best Value Performance Plan  
Corporate Personnel and Equalities  
Economic Development and Tourism, including External Employment Initiatives  
Estates/Property Services including Markets (apart from Historic Buildings)  
Building Design Services and Repair and Maintenance  
Health and Safety  
Energy Conservation  
Members Services/Allowances  
Community Safety Partnership  
E-Government  
Computer Services  
Telecommunications  
Scrutiny Co-ordination

#### **Children and Young People**

Designated Lead Member for Children's Services  
Schools  
Centrally funded Schools Services, including Special Needs  
Access Support, including Ethnic Minority Achievement Grant  
Mandatory and Discretionary Education Awards  
Children and Family Services  
Social Services Support Services  
Health Services Partnerships – Children  
Early Years  
Play Development

#### **Adult Services and Health**

Adult Social Services  
Assessment and Care Planning  
Health Improvement Planning  
Health Services Partnerships - Adults  
Mandatory and Discretionary Awards (Excluding Education Awards)  
Community Centres  
Community Grants  
Supporting People  
Youth Service  
Adult Education  
Health Scrutiny

## **Environment**

Strategic Planning and Transportation  
Planning and Building Control  
Footpaths, Highways and Maintenance, Car Parks  
Roads – Engineering and Design Services  
Car Parking Strategy and Client  
Highways Property Administration  
City Centre Management  
Land Drainage  
Local Agenda 21 Strategy/Environment Co-ordination  
Grounds Maintenance  
Client – Street Cleaning/Waste Collection and Disposal/Public Conveniences  
Recycling  
City Centre and Neighbourhood Horticultural Features  
All Direct Services  
Non-Highway Engineering  
Cemeteries and Crematorium  
Arts and Libraries  
Assembly Rooms/Guildhall  
Museums/Art Gallery  
Festivities  
Outdoor Events  
Parks and Allotments  
Sports including Grants  
Leisure Centres and Coaching  
Environmental Health  
Trading Standards  
Car Parking Enforcement

## **Community**

Area and Neighbourhood Co-ordination, including Area Panels  
Community Development  
Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy  
External Regeneration Funding  
New Deal for Communities  
Equality Grants  
Customer Services  
Housing Strategy and Development  
Private Sector Housing  
Housing Options, including Homelessness  
Supporting People  
Social Cohesion  
Housing and Council Tax Benefits  
Community Legal Services Partnership  
Derby Advice Service  
Housing Management Client  
The Council's Buildings of Heritage and Importance