

DERBY CITY COUNCIL



OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMISSIONS ANNUAL REPORT 2008 - 09

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1. Foreword



It is with some trepidation I present this report, the seventh Annual Report of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Commissions, covering the period April 2008 to April 2009.

The past year has been a politically complex period for the City Council and this complexity has impacted upon the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Commissions. At the local elections in May 2009 no one political party achieved an outright majority and this ultimately resulted in the present situation of a wholly Liberal Democrat

Council Cabinet and six Overview and Scrutiny Commissions whose Chairs and Vice Chairs are exclusively Labour or Conservative members of the Council.

Although Overview and Scrutiny is essentially non political, the political differences that have come to prominence this year between Cabinet and the Commissions have resulted in a very different working relationship to that which existed in previous years. The differences have in turn created certain tensions which have manifested themselves in a more confrontational form of scrutiny, in an increase in the number of call-ins, and in a tendency towards reduced co-operation between the Council Cabinet and Commissions. Whilst fully understandable this situation is not conducive to good scrutiny and it has inevitably impacted to some extent upon the work of the Commissions.

Nevertheless, I can report despite any difficulties occasioned by the current political arrangements, the Overview and Scrutiny Commissions and co-ordination officers - OSCers - have continued to do good work and members have pursued the aim of improving the outputs of scrutiny and the way in which it is perceived.

As part of the on-going development of the scrutiny function, members have undertaken a review of the Council's scrutiny structure aimed initially at enabling the Commissions to work more closely with the Council's partners and ultimately at undertaking scrutiny of the partners progress towards achieving targets that relate to the Council's Local Area Agreement (LAA) indicators.

Possible structure proposals were considered by members of the scrutiny Commissions and representatives of Derby City Partnership (DCP) in June 2008. The revised structure was agreed by the Scrutiny Management

Commission in September and was approved by full Council in November 2008.

During the past year I introduced a new scrutiny 'Chairs and Vice Chairs Group'. This is an informal group that meets to discuss issues, such as the implications of new legislation, which have, or will have, a bearing on the way in which scrutiny is conducted by the Council. The group has so far met twice and both of the meetings have proved very productive.

An attempt was made during the past year to improve the way in which the Commissions conduct budget scrutiny. For a number of reasons the actions taken did not work as well as I had hoped that they would, but to address the issues that arose it is intended early in the coming year to carry out some detailed scrutiny of the budget process with the aim of seeing whether there are any improvements that can be made. I have asked OSCers for a detailed working paper on a possible 'Finance Sub Commission' that could pay specific attention to issues such as the budget process.

The coming year will see the enactment of new legislation that will impact on the delivery of on the Council's scrutiny function. The legislation includes:

- That made under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act which applies to the Councillor Call for Action (CCfA) which will come into effect on 1 April 2009 and
- The Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009, which exercise powers conferred by the Police and Justice Act 2006. This comes into effect on 30 April 2009 and will provide a 'Councillors Call for Action' on crime and disorder issues.

Details of the way in which this new legislation will impact on the Council's scrutiny function, and guidance on its use, will be prepared for the scrutiny Commissions. It is hoped that there will be opportunities for the Commissions to make full use of the opportunities offered by the powers contained in the new legislation.

I am particularly concerned about the budgetary constraints in which the Council now finds itself and the significant impact on its ability to deliver effective Overview and Scrutiny. This is an issue of which the Commissions will need to remain fully aware.

The outputs that the Council's scrutiny Commissions have achieved in the past year would not have been possible without the work of my fellow scrutiny members and the input to the process of the public and the officers who have contributed to our reviews. Therefore, as in previous years, I should like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to everyone who has in the past year contributed to the work of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Commissions.

2. Introduction

The Overview and Scrutiny function continues to evolve, with Commissions exploring different ideas, techniques and processes that work best for them. Some Commissions have over the last few years been moving towards conducting shorter, more focused service reviews. This is in contrast to the earlier topics reviews which involved many witnesses and meetings to complete. These shorter reviews are typically completed within two to three meetings and often evidence is collected within a single sitting. This approach has hit a cord with some elected members who can arrange their diaries to attend these meetings, as they don't require long term commitments. This has resulted in better member attendance and outcomes for the reviews.

Some Commissions have also carried out retrospective scrutiny reviews which can also add value and achieve positive outcomes. These involve scrutinising decisions that have already been taken by the Council Cabinet such as the review of the Duffield Road Bus Lane by the Planning and Transport Commission. In this instance the Commission supported the original Cabinet decision to establish the bus lane but following the review it made further recommendations to improve the traffic flow.

Looking ahead towards the coming year, the powers provided with by the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health, LG&PIH, Act 2007 will require Commissions to work even more closely with partner authorities and to scrutinise their activities and outcomes, particularly so in relation to their performance against indicators included in the Local Area Agreement. The Scrutiny Management Commission has already agreed structural changes to the Commissions to fulfil this role. The LG&PIH Act 2007 heralded further changes which are being introduced, such as the Councillor Call for Action, the delegation of responsibilities to individual members and consideration of petitions. All will have an impact on the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Commissions.

This seventh annual report for Overview and Scrutiny encompasses work carried by the six Commissions during the 2008/09 municipal year.

Readers will notice a change to the format of the report. With Members' agreement the volume of text has been significantly reduced. This has been achieved by the inclusion of hyperlinks giving direct access to source documents, including report and minutes. A further innovation is the inclusion of a section showing how the Council Cabinet responded to recommendations of the Commissions.

3. Reports of the individual Overview and Scrutiny Commissions

During the 12 months covered by this report, Derby's townscape witnessed transformation



In the same year that a new hospital was completed... work started on Connecting Derby (below)



Right: The River Derwent from the Cathedral just ahead of work commencing on the new footbridge

3.1 Scrutiny Management Commission



Councillor Graves
Chair



Councillor Webb
Vice Chair

The Scrutiny Management Commission, SMC, has an over arching management role so far as the Council's other Overview and Scrutiny Commissions are concerned and is, in addition, responsible for a portfolio that encompasses the two Cabinet portfolios of Corporate Policy and Economic Development and Direct and Internal Services.

The Scrutiny Management Commission is the Council's designated 'Crime and Disorder Committee' and is also responsible for matters that do not fall within the terms of reference of another Overview and Scrutiny Commission.

In the past year the Scrutiny Management Commission has held ten meetings, three more than those scheduled at the Council's Annual Meeting in May 2008. The additional meetings were arranged to accommodate special issues such as pre-budget briefing and the call-in of key decisions, of which four out of a total of six were considered by SMC.

In 2007/08 a Petitions Sub Commission was established by the SMC to consider the city wide petitions that would otherwise have been referred to the full Commission. The Petitions Sub Commission was re-established for the 2008/09 municipal year. It has cross party membership and has met on two occasions to consider and make recommendations on city wide petitions.

Policy Development.

During the 2008/09 municipal year the SMC has undertaken two significant pieces of policy development work. The first of these involved a review of the Council's existing scrutiny structure and the development of proposals for a revised structure that would enable the Overview and Scrutiny Commissions to work more closely with and to scrutinise the performance of the Council's partners. The purpose of the review was to develop a scrutiny structure that would provide the means of scrutinising each partner's performance against the Council's Local Area Agreement (LAA) indicators.

As part of the structure review all the Council's scrutiny members, together with representatives of its partners, were invited to two meetings which were facilitated by a consultant from the Improvement and Development Agency. These meetings provided the basis of a structure which was then further refined before consideration and approval by the Scrutiny Management Commission. The proposed structure was then reported to and adopted by full Council.

The new scrutiny structure retains many features of the previous structure and includes clear links between the Overview and Scrutiny Commissions and the Derby City Partnership (DCP) 'Cities'. The next stage in the process will be to develop these links and to undertake some selected scrutiny of the work of the partner organisations.

The second main area of policy development by the SMC has been a review of the enforcement of the Council's Licensing Policy. This review was carried out at the request of the Licensing General Committee which was itself acting in response to a decision of full Council following a member's motion.

The Licensing Review was conducted over the period December 2008 to January 2009 and involved a working group of the SMC in taking evidence from witnesses who represented the city's 'Responsible Authorities' as well as those from other interested parties. The outcome of the review was a series of recommendations based on the evidence provided to the Commission and aimed at addressing identified deficiencies and strengthening the way in which the Licensing Policy is enforced.



A summer drink... but it was during winter that the SMC conducted a review on the Council's alcohol licensing policy.

The 2009/10 work plan for the SMC has been considered by members who have proposed that in the light of previous year's experience the Commission should undertake a review of budget setting. The aim of the review will be to see what could be done to improve the process and to look at the best ways of presenting the information. The intention is to complete this review in time for its recommendations to be considered at the September Cabinet meeting.

The Scrutiny Management Commission has also asked for a detailed report setting out the terms of reference of a 'Finance Sub Commission' and how such a body might function. The idea for this comes from a presentation made to a recent Chairs and Vice Chairs meeting by an elected member of Northamptonshire County Council. The intention is that the report will be finished in time for SMC to consider it at its first meeting after the Annual Meeting of the Council.

Scrutiny Activities

Details of the work done by the Scrutiny Management Commission during the period 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2009 can be accessed via the following links:

	Date of Meeting	Link to the details of the Commission Meetings
1	4 June 2008	http://dcc-dms01/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1486
2	1 July 2008	http://dcc-dms01/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1506
3	7 August 2008	http://dcc-dms01/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1527
4	1 September 2008	http://dcc-dms01/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1534
5	29 September 2008	http://dcc-dms01/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1563
6	21 October 2008	http://dcc-dms01/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1586
7	18 November 2008	http://dcc-dms01/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1615
8	27 January 2009	http://dcc-dms01/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1688
9	11 February 2009	http://dcc-dms01/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1708

10	3 March 2009	http://dcc-dms01/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1689
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Other work of the Commission

All the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Commissions have a performance monitoring role and this has now been enhanced by the Chairs' membership of the Performance Support Group. This was set up by the Change Management, Performance and Research team and met for the first time in October 2008. The purpose of the Group, which meets quarterly, is to rationalise performance reporting across the Council and Derby City Partnership. Both the Chair and the Vice Chair of SMC are members of the Group and the meetings provide an opportunity to look in detail at the performance against the Council's LAA indicators. Consideration is now being given to the ways in which the Commissions can best contribute to the working of the Group.

The Council Cabinet's Forward Plan is published monthly and contains, or should contain, details of all the Key and Budget and Policy Framework decisions that Cabinet are intending to make in the next four months. The Commissions have in the past expressed some concern about the number of key decisions made by Cabinet that either did not appear on the Forward Plan or were made in less than four months of appearing on the Plan. To address these concerns the SMC requested a regular analysis of the Forward Plan and at each meeting is now provided with a report showing a breakdown of the time items have remained on the Plan before a decision is made.

3.2 Scrutiny Management Commission Petitions Sub Commission

Part of the Scrutiny Management Commission's portfolio is to consider petitions received by the Council which are about Council-wide matters. Due to the large agendas of the Scrutiny Management Commission meetings, it was not always possible for the commission to consider these petitions in the amount of detail they would like, and within an appropriate timescale. The Scrutiny Management Commission therefore established a sub-commission to consider any council-wide petitions that were received by the Council. This allowed each petition to be considered by a three members of the Scrutiny Management Commission in depth. The lead petitioner is invited to come and present their petitions and hear the comments of members and the actions it is proposed to take in response to the petitions.

Scrutiny Activities

Details of the work done by the Petitions Sub Commission during the period 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2009 can be accessed via the following links:

	Date of Meeting	Link to the details of the Sub Commission Meetings
1	8 April 2008	http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1469
2	22 December 2008	http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1652

3.3 Adult Services and Health Commission



**Councillor Hussain
Chair**



**Councillor Marshall
Vice Chair**

The Adult Services and Health Commission had another busy year and hit the ground running. It held its first meeting of the new municipal year in May 2008 and considered the Council Cabinet proposals for introducing Fairer Charges. These had been brought forward in response to the Commission consistently asking the Cabinet to explore income generation measures and address budgetary pressures experienced by adult social care.

This meeting also enabled the Commission to consider a report from the Adult Learning Service on proposed changes to adult learning course fees. The Adult Learning Service manages the delivery of vocational and non vocational courses in the city and receives grant from the Learning and Skills Council, LSC, for vocational courses. The fees were being increased as a result of changes in the level of grant provided by the LSC. In considering the report, Members felt that the non vocational courses can help elderly members of our community to maintain physical and mental health. It therefore recommended that the Adult Learning Service explore other funding sources, such as from the local Primary Care Trust, to maintain or even enhance existing provision and also to ensure the service doesn't solely have to rely on funding from the LSC.

Scrutiny of Social Care provision

The Commission continued to scrutinise the Council's adult social care services. It regularly asked questions about the occupancy rates at the eight council run residential care homes. In response to a decision by the Council Cabinet to conduct a strategic review of all care homes, Members from the Commission carried out site visits to the homes so that they consider for themselves the maintenance and other issues before giving their informed response to the consultation process.



The Commission visited the Council's care homes: (left) Councillors Baxter and Tuplin at Warwick House

Below: the gleaming kitchen at Bramblebrook House

Health Scrutiny

This Commission also has the statutory health scrutiny powers which enable it to hold the health bodies to account. At the start of each new municipal year senior officers from health and social care bodies are invited to brief members on their key priorities for the forthcoming year. This allows the Commission to consider issues before it formulates its annual work programme. An invitation to this briefing was extended to the Council Cabinet.



The Commission scrutinised an extensive range of items under its health scrutiny responsibilities. These included:

- NHS Resettlement – Mental Health Core Housing Bid Submission
- Our NHS Our Future – Derbyshire Vision
- Mental Health Day Services
- East Midlands Ambulance Service – Patient Transport Service
- Progress on Reducing Health Inequalities
- Change to Service Provider at Littleover Medical Centre and Dale Medical Centre
- Relocation of Out of Hours Dental Health Services
- Commissioning of Specialised services
- World Class Commissioning process
- Maternity Services
- Mainstream Health Services for People with Learning Disabilities

- NHS Provider Services – Direction of Travel
- Progress Report on Mental Health Case and Action Plan Implementation

East Midlands Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Where health bodies have proposals for major change in their services that affect more than one health scrutiny committee, they may use statutory powers and request health scrutiny committees to form a joint committee. The Commission worked with other scrutiny committees in the East Midlands and developed protocols for a Joint Health Scrutiny Committee. Having these protocols in place enables the Joint Committee to respond quickly to any consultations put out by the health bodies for major service reconfiguration proposals that affect the East Midlands region. Following recommendations from the Commission, the Council appointed the Chair and Vice Chair of the Adult Services and Health Commission to the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee. It is anticipated that the Joint Scrutiny Committee will consider proposals for major reconfiguration of the following services in the coming months:

- Acute Stroke
- Major Trauma
- Primary Angioplasty
- Specialised Mental Health & Learning Disability Services
- Specialised Children's Services

Derby Local Involvement Network

All local authorities with social services are required to procure a host and establish a Local Involvement Network, LiNk, for their area. Once fully operational these are expected to play an important role by engaging local residents and help to improve delivery of health and social services. Since winning the contract in April, Derby CVS worked with former Patient and Public Involvement Forum members to establish a Derby LiNk which was formally launched in October 2008. The Commission has been closely monitoring the development of the Derby LiNk. This is one of the most developed networks in the region. Uniquely, the Derby LiNk has established specific roles for its members:

Participant – The participant role is for people who are unable or do not wish to attend meetings but would still like to play a part in the LiNk process. They receive information from meetings and ongoing consultations and let the LiNk know their thoughts and suggestions.

Member – The member role is for those members who want to attend internal meetings and discuss issues but do not wish to attend external meetings that carry out any public facing work.

Researcher – The researcher will, as the name implies, research any information identified from looking closely at an issue. This may involve

carrying out a survey of service users, speaking to service providers or carrying out more traditional research via internet or other sources.

Ambassador – The ambassadors will be the LINK representatives with the voluntary sector. They will normally be a member of an existing voluntary group or cluster and take information to that group from the LINK and likewise bring information back from that group to add to any LINK response to consultation.

Representative – The representative is a similar role to the ambassador but working with the statutory sector.

Site Visits

Three separate site visits were carried out by Commission members during 2008-09. Members visited all eight council-run residential care homes in August, Derby City General Hospital in October and three Extra Care facilities in Cambridge and Suffolk managed by Sanctuary Housing, the preferred bidder for Derby's Extra Care scheme. These visits provided an opportunity for Members to understand issues before they formulated their responses.



Keith Leonard House, Cambridgeshire (left) and Exning Court, Suffolk (below), two of the three Extra Care facilities visited by the Commission.



On the next page, during the same tour Councillor Tuplin chats with a resident at Baird House



Service Reviews

Commissions are allowed to conduct topic reviews and submit up to two reports to the Council Cabinet every year. The Commission conducted two topic reviews during 2008/09.

Mental Health Service Budget overspend

The first topic identified by the Commission was the review of the mental health service budget. This social care service for people with mental health problems is provided through jointly managed multi-disciplinary teams between Derby City Council's Adult Social Services Division and Derbyshire Mental Health Services NHS Trust. These teams offer a range of services including assessment, treatment and support to the service users. This element of the service was forecasting an overspend of more than a £1m from its 2007/08 budget of £3m.

Evidence to this review was provided by senior officers from the Council's Adult Social Services and Derbyshire Mental Health Services Trust in October 2008. However, at the meeting, Members were informed that actions had already been taken as a result of which the forecast overspend had been brought down to £200,000. By the time the review was completed and the final report signed off, the Commission was informed by the Senior Assistant Director that the forecast overspend had been brought down to nil and the service was expected to break even. This is even before the Commission agreed its final recommendations!

The Review of the Handy Person's Scheme

The Handy Person's Scheme provides assistance to older people by carrying out a wide range of minor household repairs and other small jobs which would not be cost effective to employ a tradesperson. These jobs can typically take up to two hours to complete and could include minor works such as hanging curtains, fixing mirrors, clearing and repairing guttering and changing light bulbs etc. Clients are not charged for the handyperson's time but are expected to pay for the cost of any materials that may be required for the work.

This topic was selected by the Commission on learning that the scheme was off target and was delivering 900 jobs against the annual target of 1200. Evidence to this review was provided in writing, as well as orally, at the meeting held in public in February by the Council's Housing Renewal Manager, Operations Manager at Spirita, Handy Person's Van Operative and three service users.

After considering the evidence Members were of the view that all elderly people can become vulnerable at some point in their lives and therefore the scheme should be extended to provide services to everyone over 60 and not restricted only to those receiving qualifying benefits. The Commission made a number of recommendations which they believe should help to improve access and take-up of the service and deliver better value for money.

Scrutiny Activities

Further details of the work carried out by the Adult Services and Health Commission during 2008-09 can be accessed by the following links shown below.

	Date of Meeting	Link to the details of the Commission Meetings
1	28 May 2008	http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1533
2	7 July 2008	http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1512
3	1 September 2008	http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1540
4	17 November 2008	http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1620
5	19 January 2009	http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1680
6	16 March 2009	http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1681

3.4 Climate Change Commission



**Councillor Williams
Chair**



**Councillor Shanker
Vice Chair from
February 2009**

The Climate Change Commission is the Council's newest Overview and Scrutiny Commission.

The Commission's portfolio covers elements of the Council Cabinet portfolios for:

- Direct and Internal Services
- Housing and Public Protection

Making sure that the Council is responding to the problems of climate change has become more important than ever and this is demonstrated by the inclusion of three national indicators relating to climate change in Derby's Local Area Agreement. The Commission has worked closely with its partners over this year to ensure that the whole of the Derby City Partnership is prepared to tackle the problems of climate change. This has included a major piece of review work to assess the readiness of partners to tackle NI 186 – per capita CO₂ reductions in the Local Authority Area. It is hoped that this work can be built on in the forthcoming year to ensure that partners are prepared to help meet these targets. Derby is one of the first authorities to work so closely with its partners to seek to meet these challenging targets.

The Commission has also been pro-active in encouraging schools to think about what they can do to improve their local environment. In March 2009, a schools competition was launched which offered up to £600 prize money each for the primary school and secondary school that can come up with the best ideas for a local project. The prize money has been contributed from the Commission, Derby Cityscape and Derwent Cogeneration Ltd. A special event is planned for May 2009, where the shortlisted projects will be given the opportunity to visit the Council House and present their projects to a specially selected panel of judges.

The Commission has continued to work closely with the Council's Climate Change Board to help it in taking forward the initiatives set out in the Climate Change Programme. The Chair of the Commission attends the Climate Change Board meetings and this has helped to strengthen the relationship between them.

The contribution of Councillor Ingall is acknowledged in promoting the Climate Change agenda within the City Council. He served as Chair during the 2007-08 municipal year and began as Vice Chair in May 2008. The need for political balance meant that he stood down from that office – but not membership of the Commission – in early 2009 when the reins were taken up by Councillor Shanker.

Scrutiny Activities

Details of the work done by the Climate Change Commission during the period 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2009 can be accessed via the following links:

	Date of Meeting	Link to the details of the Commission Meetings
1	23 June 2008	http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1508
2	15 September 2008	http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1550
3	23 October 2008	http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1603
4	11 November 2008	http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1632
5	20 January 2009 (Joint Budget Meeting with the Community Commission)	http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1695
6	10 February 2009	http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1709
7	31 March 2009	http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1687

3.5 Community Commission



**The Chair,
Councillor
Nath (left)
and Vice Chair,
Councillor
Bayliss (right)**



The remit of the Community Commission covers housing, public protection, benefits administration, advice services, social cohesion, leisure and culture. The full list is set out in Appendix Two.

The Commission achieved its agreed work programme through a deliberative process. Members were invited to put forward suggestions and a total of nine were received. The original intention had then been to select two or three for a sizeable review. At the second meeting, in July, on the suggestion of the Chair and Vice Chair it was decided that all the proposals merited attention and that this would be largely achieved by devoting time in the scheduled meetings. By the final meeting in March, eight of the nine had been scrutinised. The table shows the work programme as agreed in July 2008 [with updates in square brackets].

Work Programme 2008 – 09

Subject	Purpose	Method/inputs
1. Housing Allocation Policy	Is the policy of allocation through bands achieving the goal of freeing up tenancies so more people can be offered matched with homes suitable for their needs?	An update presentation on 21 July.
2. Derby's use of temporary accommodation	The usage, duration, location and quality of temporary accommodation.	An update presentation on 21 July linked to the Allocations Policy, above.
3. Derby Arts Strategy and Priorities	To consider the proposals.	Draft strategy to scheduled meeting on 16 September.
4. Derby LIVE	To monitor the development of the Derby LIVE initiative	This links to 3. Reports to scheduled meetings.
5. Community Legal Advice Centre – update.	To monitor the development of the CLAC	Report to scheduled meeting on 16 September and then 30 March.
6. Twin bins roll out	To explore whether some	Report to scheduled meeting

	neighbourhoods, eg densely terraced areas, would prefer bottle banks and other recycling facilities instead of twin bins.	on 16 September
7. Public convenience? Evening opening of toilets	The issue: while the night time economy keeps the city centre busy till the early hours, Derby does not provide for 'natural breaks'.	Report to scheduled meeting on 13 January [Note: dealt with on 30 March]
8. Fly tipping (FR)	Fly tipping – the inter-relationship between charges for large item collection from domestic properties and the incidence of fly tipping and the costs of enforcement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • removal and • the tracing, billing & prosecuting of offenders. 	Report to scheduled meeting on 30 March
9. Neighbourhood Working (PB)	To gauge how well Neighbourhood Working is operating for all stakeholders, identifying local variations and the keys to success	A special meeting in spring 2009 to be preceded by two stakeholder surveys and a sampling of resident opinion. [See below]

This light touch approach enabled more issues to be given an airing and, should the need have arisen, the Commission had reserved the option to then go on to have a fuller review.

The planned exception to the use of scheduled meetings was for the review of Neighbourhood Working. This issue falls within the portfolio of the Scrutiny Management Commission but the latter authorised the Community Commission to conduct the review. In July it was decided to hold a special meeting in spring 2009. This would be preceded by three actions:

- a survey of the 51 Council members
- a survey of all Neighbourhood Board members and
- a sampling of resident opinion.

The responses to the surveys and sampling would indicate whether the special meeting needed to be light touch or in-depth. Subsequently the Community Commission decided instead to link into research undertaken by a team from De Montfort University, commissioned by the Community Safety Partnership. The results will be available after this Annual Report has been published, however an early comment was that the 'research team has been impressed by the commitment to neighbourhood working in Derby and considers it to be an exciting and imaginative attempt to 'go local'.

In addition to the five scheduled meetings, the Commission met on two further occasions to consider call-ins of two Key Decisions; in October on the

proposed closure of public conveniences and in February on the long term tendering of the municipal golf courses.



Above: Allestree Park and Hall is the fine setting of one Derby's two municipal golf courses – considered during a 'Call-in' in early 2009...

.... but it was deepest winter when Councillors Nath and Lowe made their site visits (pictured below at Sinfin Golf Course)



Scrutiny Activities

Details of the scrutiny work done by the Community Commission during the period 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2009 can be accessed via the following links:

	Date of Meeting	Link to the details of the Commission meetings
1	16 June 2008	http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1501
2	21 July 2008	http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1523
3	16 September 2008	http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1559
4	17 October 2008	http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1587
5	20 January 2009	http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1695
6	03 February 2009	http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1702
7	30 March 2009	http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1690

3.6 Children and Young People Commission



**Councillor Bolton
Chair**



**Councillor Latham
Vice Chair**

The Children and Young People, CYP, Commission is responsible for scrutinising all those matters that fall within the portfolio of the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People. Although this is a more clearly defined role than that of some of the other Overview and Scrutiny Commissions, the responsibilities of the CYP Commission are complex and wide ranging and relate to a very important group of the Council's 'customers'.

During the past year the Children and Young People Commission has held six business meetings, which is one more than those scheduled at the Council's Annual Meeting in May 2008. The additional meeting was needed to accommodate work to address issues which had arisen during a gap between scheduled meetings.

Policy Development

During the municipal year 2008/09 the CYP Commission has carried out a range of policy development work aimed at resolving problems, improving ways of working and raising the awareness of Council Cabinet members and officers who have responsibility for Children and Young People in Derby.

One of the most significant things that the Children and Young People Commission has done during the past year is to involve young people's representatives in its work and to seek their views on important issues such as the budget and home to school transport.

As part of this process, a group of young people of ages ranging from 12-17 years and from widely differing backgrounds have attended several of the Commission's meetings and have taken part in the discussions about a whole range of issues including the Children and Young People department's budget proposals and the proposed withdrawal of discretionary school transport. The Commission has been somewhat surprised but highly gratified at the interest and understanding of the subject shown by the young people at these

meetings and by the quality of their comments. The involvement of young people at this level in scrutiny has added a new dimension to the process and has provided members and officers with valuable and at times very direct comments about their proposals. The Commission hopes to build upon and develop its contacts with the young people and hopes to involve them further in its work.



The direct involvement young people at Commission meetings has added a new dimension to Derby's scrutiny processes

The work that has been done so far with the young people could not have been achieved without the wholehearted assistance of officers from the Consultation Support team of the Corporate and Adult Services Department and the Children and Young People Department's Partnerships and Performance team and the Commission wishes to record its thanks to them and to the young people's representatives.

In addition to its work with young people the Commission has also met with the head teachers of the Dale Community Primary School's Extended School Cluster and has discussed with them their views on extended school working. The meeting gave the head teachers the opportunity to tell members not only about the very positive aspects of extended schools but also about some, relatively minor, problems that they had experienced. The Commission passed on the concerns of the head teachers to the Director for Children and Young People and has provided details of his response to the head teachers.



Dale Primary School where the Commission met local head teachers

In December 2008 the CYP Commission held a review meeting to address the concerns that had been expressed by teaching staff at the Sinfin Community School about what they thought was likely to be the effect on their jobs of the proposed closure of the school and its re-opening as an academy. At the review meeting Members considered evidence from representatives of the teaching staff and their trades union and from the sponsor, Derby College and the Director for Children and Young People.

As a result of the review the Commission were able to make a number of recommendations to Council Cabinet which if implemented would have largely resolved the concerns of the teaching staff. These however proved unnecessary as Cabinet resolved to abandon the academy proposal for the school.

The sad case of 'Baby P' has prompted the Commission to ask the Director for Children and Young People to provide a report on the state of child care in Derby. This report was delivered to the Commission meeting on 10 March 2009.

The murder by shooting of Kadeem Blackwood in November 2008 has prompted the CYP Commission to arrange a meeting to consider the actions being taken by the police and other agencies to address the apparent emergence of a 'gangs culture' in Derby. The meeting is planned for early April 2009 and the Commission has invited young people's representatives to

give their views on the current situation and on what is being done by the police and other agencies. It is intended to report the outcomes of this review to the Council Cabinet meeting on 21 April.

Scrutiny Activities

Details of the scrutiny work done by the Children and Young People Commission during the period 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2009 can be accessed via the following links:

	Date of Meeting	Link to the details of the Commission meetings
1	10 June 2008	http://dcc-dms01/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1491
2	30 July 2008	http://dcc-dms01/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1525
3	9 September 2008	http://dcc-dms01/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1541
4	11 November 2008	http://dcc-dms01/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1610
5	20 January 2009	http://dcc-dms01/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1684
6	10 March 2009	http://dcc-dms01/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1685

3.7 Corporate Parenting Sub Commission

Corporate Parenting is a Sub Commission of the Children and Young People Commission with three elected members, one from each political party. A major role for the Corporate Parenting Sub Commission is to consider the extent to which the Council is meeting its statutory responsibilities in relation to the health, education and care for children looked after and how it is working to corporately to make leisure, employment and housing opportunities available for young people in care. It carries out this role by holding regular meetings to consider reports, receiving presentations from a range of individuals, including children, and through Member visits.

The Sub Commission met on three occasions during 2008/09 and routinely considered a statistical information report which covered a wide range of data on looked after children. It also considered a number of reports focusing on services for looked after children such as the Annual Adoption Agency report, Annual Fostering report and maintenance work on children's homes report.

The Sub Commission recommended restarting Member visits to children's homes which had not been carried out since February 2008. These visits play an important role and are recognised to achieve positive outcomes by:

- giving assurance to children and staff that Members take their corporate parenting responsibilities seriously and are genuinely interested in their welfare
- increasing awareness of issues relating to looked after children amongst Members
- providing opportunities for Members to consider for themselves issues relating to children's homes and make suggestions on how these may be improved.

The process for Member visits was amended to allow one home to receive a visit every month and all homes to be visited twice during the year. This process has allowed more Members to attend and enabled them to go in pairs or threes. Three homes were visited by the end of March 2009 and comments were fed back to the Children and Young People's Department for action.

Scrutiny Activities

Details of the scrutiny work done by the Corporate Parenting Sub Commission during the period 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2009 can be accessed via the following links:

	Date of Meeting	Link to the details of the Sub Commission meetings
1	22 September 2008	http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=12468

2	9 December 2008	http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1644
3	24 March 2009	http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1696

3.8 Planning and Transportation Commission



**The Chair,
Councillor Poulter
(left) and
Vice Chair,
Councillor Repton
(right)**



The first meeting of the reconstituted Commission was on 28 July. With two of the eight members having just been elected to the Council in May and others for whom Planning and Transportation was a new subject, it was decided to hold an awareness-raising Away day as a prelude to finalising a work programme. With 2010 being the fallow year (without council elections) this was seen as a beneficial investment of time as there was the possibility of stable Commission membership for two years.



**Left: Two topical issues
in one picture: a school
bus on Duffield Road**

An invitation was also extended to community representatives on the Neighbourhood Boards. The Away day took place on 18 September at Kedleston Road and covered:

- Neighbourhood Working *and* Highways and Transportation issues;
- Public satisfaction with the planning and building control function.

It was attended by Commission members, several other city councillors and over 30 Neighbourhood Board representatives. At the conclusion of the main event, the Commission Members met and briefly reflected on the information received in the presentations, the issues raised by Neighbourhood Board residents' representatives, the feedback from the breakout sessions and the separate councillor discussion group.

There was a consensus in favour of conducting a review of the interface between the Neighbourhood Working and Highways and Transportation. Mr Guest, the chief officer, supported this because the number of requests compared to the limited budgets meant the current system was proving frustrating for all involved. Further, regarding the planning issues, Mr Guest felt his officers could respond seeking to take account of the points raised, though cautioning that this was governed by the law and resources available. The Away day outcome was reported to the September scheduled meeting which then ratified the work programme.

Subsequently it was decided that the Commission could link into separately commissioned research on the Highways/Neighbourhood interface. Funded by the Community Safety Partnership, the project proposal was helpfully reworked to take account of the Commission's needs. The initial report will be available shortly after this annual report goes to press.

During September 2008 a further issue arose. The Council Cabinet agreed to make permanent the experimental bus lane on Duffield Road. Three councillors triggered a request that the decision should be scrutinised. The Commission agreed to hold a special meeting for this purpose. This was not a 'call-in' but brought the benefit of not being subject to the tight timescales that apply to call-ins. Consequently the lead in time allowed the views of all interested parties to be gathered ahead of the meeting. The responses received were all published unedited on the Council website. The meeting itself took place on 24 November and the agenda allocated time fairly to the different viewpoints. The outcome was to agree a report to the Council Cabinet with six recommendations focussing on road safety improvements. The report and the Council Cabinet's response can be found via <http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=13076>. The Cabinet Member also agreed to a site visit on the question of the Broadway bus stop.

The Commission twice interviewed the key players in the delivery of the Street Lighting PFI. This allowed lessons to be learnt from the teething problems experienced in Spondon, resulting in better forewarning and improved liaison as the five year programme is rolled out in subsequent localities. The

Commission also twice interviewed the Assistant Director about the post 2007 Highways Maintenance Term Contract, now badged as Derbyroads, because of continuing concerns about the efficacy of the new arrangements.



Above: a St Benedict's school bus on busy Duffield Road

Left: one of the public meetings in 2006 to explain the proposals

During January 2009 the Commission made four recommendations regarding the revenue budget proposals. These are accessible via <http://dcc-dms01/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=12953> at pages 72 to 75. In brief, the Cabinet agreed to three of the four recommendations. The remaining one was a proposal to end discretionary home to school transport. In January the Commission said it had major concerns about the consequences of the proposed removal of discretionary home to school transport and would not be agreeable to the proposal:

- without a full impact assessment being provided and
- unless proper consultation is undertaken with those potentially affected.

However, the proposals – with a modified savings profile – were approved by Cabinet and by Council. In March the Commission reaffirmed its January position and made further specific recommendations to the Council Cabinet. A public consultation on the proposals is currently under way, the scope of which is wider than originally envisaged and will, importantly, lead to an assessment of *whether* the policy should proceed.

Scrutiny Activities

Details of the scrutiny work done by the Planning and Transportation Commission during the period 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2009 can be accessed via the following links:

	Date of Meeting	Link to the details of the Commission meetings
1	28 July 2008	http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1522
2	22 September 2008	http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1562
3	4 November 2008	http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1613
4	24 November 2008	http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1622
5	19 January 2009	http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1682
6	10 March 2009	http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1724
7	16 March 2009	http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1683

4. Public involvement in Scrutiny

	Commission	How the Public have been involved in Scrutiny by the Commissions
1	Scrutiny Management Commission (SMC)	No direct involvement with the public during the past year.
2	Petitions Sub Commission	Petitioners have been invited to the Sub Commission meetings to present their petitions and hear the comments of Members and the actions it is proposed to take in response to the petitions
3	Adult Services and Health Commission	The Commission received evidence from service users during the review of the Handy Person's Scheme. During their site visits, Members also talked to patients at the City General Hospital and residents at the Council's care homes about their experiences.
4	Climate Change Commission	There has been no direct involvement with the public during the past year.
5	Community Commission	<p>There has been no direct involvement with the public during the past year. However, three work programme issues – twin bins roll out, evening opening of toilets and fly tipping – were nominated in response to constituents' concerns raised with Commission members.</p> <p>It was partly because of the lack of public consultation over the Key Decisions on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the golf contract and • the closures of the public conveniences <p>that the Commission upheld the call-ins of both.</p> <p>Further, the Commission deferred making any recommendation regarding the Derby Homes rent and service charge increases until the outcome of the consultation with tenants was known.</p>
6	Children and Young People Commission (CYP)	<p>As part of their review of extended schools the CYP Commission Chair and Vice Chair met with head teachers of an Extended School cluster.</p> <p>Young people's representatives have attended the Commission meetings at which the Children and Young People Department's budget proposals have been considered. The views of the Young people's representatives have also been sought on a range of the issues considered by</p>

		the Commission. Young People's representatives have also given evidence to the CYP Commission's review of 'Gang Culture'.
7	Corporate Parenting Sub Commission	The Sub Commission restarted councillor visits to residential children's homes. During these visits, Members not only look at the physical condition of the homes but also talk to the children and produce reports on their findings for the Sub Commission.
8	Planning and Transportation Commission	<p>30+ residents' representatives from 13 (of 17) Neighbourhood Boards took part in an awareness-raising Awayday covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood Working <i>and</i> Highways and transportation issues and • Public satisfaction with the planning and building control function <p>which helped shape the Commission's work programme</p> <p>Residents' and road users' views were sought about Duffield Road Bus Lane. Duffield Road Action Group, DRAG, put forward the case against making the present bus lane permanent.</p> <p>Public involvement has been fostered by the Commission over the current consultation regarding the proposed removal of discretionary home to school transport. Similarly, the external consultancy on the Highways and Transport/Neighbourhood Working interface was revised to ensure community representatives' views are captured in phase 1.</p>

5. Work with Partners

	Commission	How have the Commissions worked with partners during the past year.
1	Scrutiny Management Commission (SMC)	The SMC worked closely with representatives of the Derby City Partnership and the Council's partners on its scrutiny structure review.
2	Adult Services and Health Commission	<p>In its capacity as health scrutiny committee, the Adult Services and Health Commission has worked closely with all the local NHS Trusts to scrutinise a range of health services.</p> <p>Examples were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a presentation from Derby PCT on 'Our NHS, Our Future'. • a presentation from the East Midlands Ambulance Service on Patient Transport Service including issues regarding transport for Accident and Emergency • consideration of a draft PCT document for re-tendering of Mental Health Day Services. • a presentation from the Director of Public Health on Reducing Health Inequalities including progress on issues identified by the Commission in 2004 and the next steps • a presentation from Derby CVS on Derby Local Involvement Network (LINK), required by the 2007 Act • the annual Health Scrutiny Member Briefing on 16 June 2008 by the chief executives of local NHS bodies • a briefing paper from Derby City PCT on the changes at the Littleover Medical Centre and Dale Medical Centre due to GP retirements. • a briefing from Derby City PCT on the relocation of the out-of-hours dental health service • a presentation from the Director of the East Midlands Specialised Commissioning Services Group, established in April 2007 to ensure that East Midlands residents received the highest quality specialised services possible within available resources • a presentation from the Acting Director for Service Development and Market Management at Derby City PCT. World Class Commissioning was launched in December

		<p>2007 to drive up the commissioning capability of local NHS bodies with a clear focus on delivering improved health outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a presentation from the PCT on the Maternity Consultation. The Maternity Services Strategy had been developed jointly between Derbyshire County and Derby City PCTs • a presentation from Derbyshire Mental Health Services Trust on Healthcare and Adults with Learning Disabilities. People with learning difficulties have worse health than the general population and an independent inquiry had been set up by the Secretary of State to focus on the action needed • a presentation from Prem Singh, Chief Executive of Derby City PCT on the Future of NHS Derby City Provider Services, including progress to date and the way forward. <p>The Commission has worked closely with Spirita to scrutinise the Handy Person's Scheme which supports older people with minor works in their homes.</p> <p>Members agreed a protocol for a joint health scrutiny committee for the East Midlands region, to include two ASH representatives, to respond to consultation on substantial service changes affecting the region.</p> <p>Members also went on three site visits to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential Care Homes in August • Derby City General Hospital in September and • Extra Care development in Cambridge and Suffolk managed by Sanctuary Housing
3	Climate Change Commission	One of the national indicators in the Local Area Agreement, NI 186, is concerned with how well the city and its partners are tackling carbon emissions. The Commission has begun looking at how best to work with the Council's partners to help us all achieve this target.
4	Community Commission	The Commission has aligned the conduct of its review of Neighbourhood Working with work being undertaken by the Community Safety Partnership. Derby Homes contributed to the

		scrutiny of enforcement regarding gardens in disrepair plus made available the outcomes of its own tenant consultation over the rent increases.
5	Children and Young People Commission (CYP)	None in the past year.
6	Corporate Parenting Sub Commission	None in the past year
7	Planning and Transportation Commission	<p>The scrutiny of the Duffield Road Bus Lane included – as well as residents – Trent Barton, Arriva and the Derbyshire/Nottinghamshire Chamber of Commerce. Balfour Beatty and Central Networks attended meetings in September and March to discuss the roll out of the Street Lighting PFI.</p> <p>The Commission has aligned the conduct of its review on the Highways and Transport/Neighbourhood Working Interface with that of the Community Safety Partnership.</p>

6. Changes to the Structure of Overview and Scrutiny

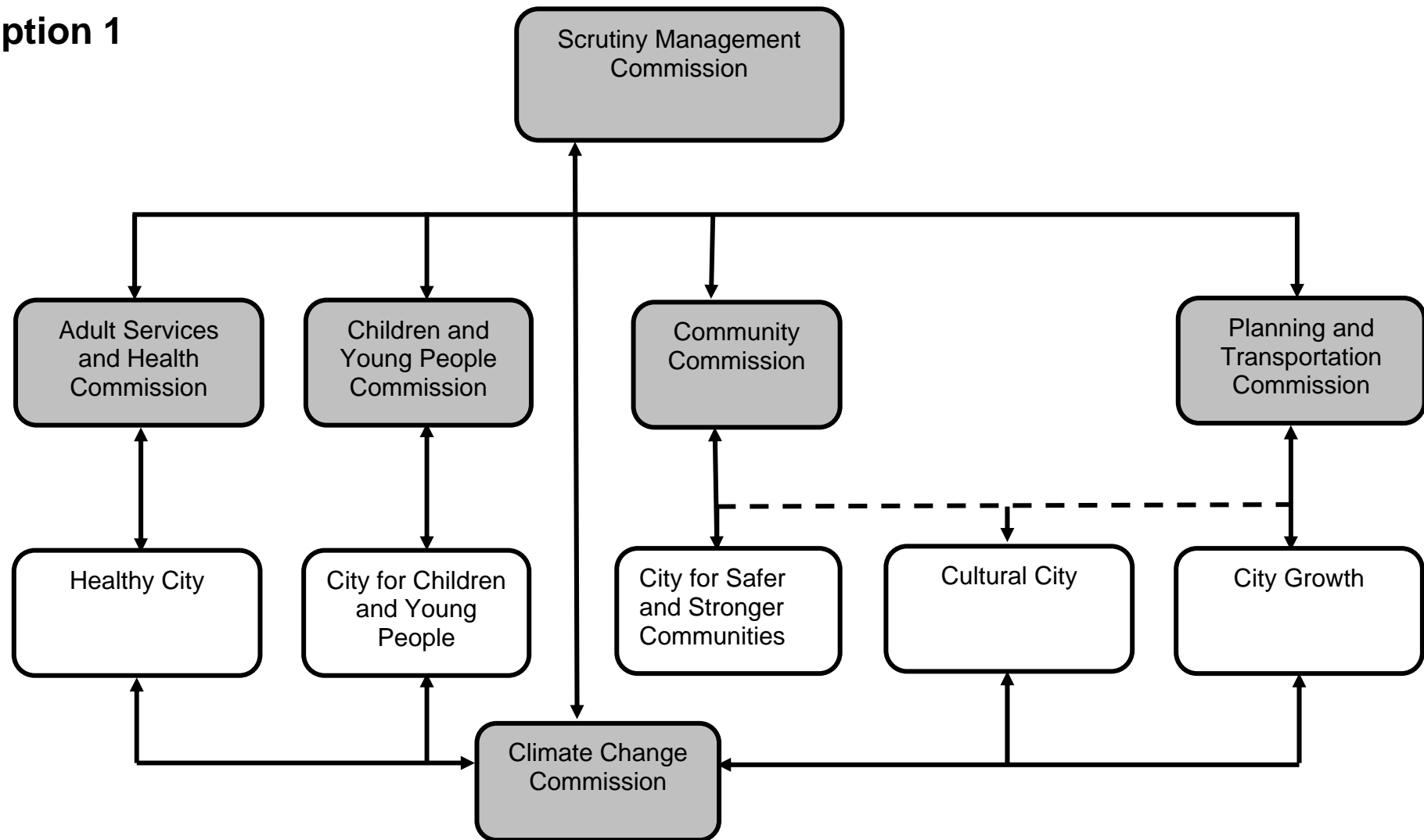
In May 2006 the Council had resolved to accept the principle that the Overview and Scrutiny structure should align to Council Cabinet portfolios and should change as necessary to reflect any changes to the structure of the Council Cabinet. Therefore, when in May 2008 a new administration was formed, which saw a reduction in Council Cabinet membership from ten to seven, there was a need to revise the scrutiny structure. This was achieved by changes to the portfolios of the existing Commissions which all continued under their existing titles. The Climate Change Commission, created in May 2007, was also retained.

This preference for incremental change was also seen in how the scrutiny arrangements were adapted to better respond to the new Local Area Agreement. The 2007/08 Annual Report of the scrutiny function had already flagged the need to consider restructuring in order to address the new duties and responsibilities contained in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, including the scrutiny of partner agencies.

A workshop facilitated by the IDeA was held on 24 June 2008 and attended by around 30 members, officers and representatives of partner organisations. There was a clear suggestion, which was widely supported, for closer linkage between the six Overview and Scrutiny Commissions and the five DCP Cities and four possible options for doing this were proposed. These options (view at <http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=12267>) were discussed by the SMC on 29 September and the resultant recommendation to adopt Option 1 was ratified by Council in November.

The other matter of note was in connection with petitions. The SMC is responsible for dealing with city wide petitions, covering two or more wards. However, the delay caused in waiting for a scheduled SMC meeting had been frustrating for petitioners wanting their case heard, whilst the volume of petitions (and responses to them) had resulted in very long Commission meetings. In January 2008 the creation of a Petitions Sub Commission of the SMC had first been put forward as a pragmatic response to the problems and this was retained for 2008-09.

Option 1



7. Budget Scrutiny

Every year Overview and Scrutiny Commissions scrutinise areas of the Council's budget that fall within their respective portfolios. The process for budget setting and subsequent scrutiny by Commissions has come under some criticism from Members in recent years as they feel they are given insufficient time or detail to enable them to make meaningful contributions.

In anticipation of a difficult budget setting this year, all Commissions were given pre-budget briefings led by Council Cabinet Members during the October/November round of meetings. These briefings highlighted emerging pressures and forecasts in service budgets for the forthcoming year and Commissions were asked to suggest possible savings that could be made from their respective portfolios. However, the Commissions felt they had insufficient information to make recommendations and requested the Cabinet to provide options for service changes to enable them to give their comments.

The January round of Commission meetings followed a similar pattern to previous years with Commissions given details of budget pressures and savings for each service department with a relatively short time frame to make their comments.

This process is considered by some Members to be unsatisfactory leading some of them to make comments in this year's O&S Member Satisfaction Survey. One member stated that:

“The budget process is very difficult to understand. More information/ support would be good for members to understand the contents of the budget and changes from previous year.”

Further, one of the Community Commission's own budget recommendations was that: 'the concept of pre budget scrutiny introduced in 2008, should be repeated in future budget cycles and held at the earliest point when sufficient information is available for scrutiny commissions to make informed observations' and this recommendation was agreed by the Council Cabinet.

It is therefore desirable to look at the whole budget setting process and consider how Overview and Scrutiny can play its part effectively in scrutinising the budget. Any new process should take into account that many members will be unfamiliar with the process and terminology as this takes place once a year. It is therefore suggested that:

- the process is started earlier to give Members more time to consider the proposals
- a greater level of detail is provided on the budget rather than is currently provided
- a consistent format for the budget should be used every year. Any changes should be clearly explained as otherwise it may lead to confusion, resulting in additional stress for both members and officers

- plain everyday language should be used to explain technical terms which could be understood by an average member of the public.

The Scrutiny Management Commission has also stated that one of its first tasks in the new municipal year will be to review of how budgets are set, what could be done to improve the process and consider the best way of presenting the information. The intention is for the SMC to complete this review in time for its recommendations to be considered at the September Cabinet meeting.

8. Call-ins of Council Cabinet Key Decisions 2008/09

1					Commission hearing Call-in: Scrutiny Management Commission Subject of Call-in: Provision of Bereavement Services Minute Number 50/08 Cabinet Meeting 29 July 2008 Date of Call-in: 7 August 2008. (Note: There were actually two call-ins of this decision which were heard simultaneously)				
		Reasons given for the Call-in		Decision of Commission to support the following of the Reasons given for the Call-in		Response of Council Cabinet to recommendations of the Commission			
Call-in A									
		b Due consultation and the taking of professional advice from officers		b Due consultation and the taking of professional advice from officers		To accept the recommendations of the Scrutiny Management Commission			
		c Respect for human rights		c Respect for human rights					
		e Clarity of aims and desired outcomes		e Clarity of aims and desired outcomes					
Call-in B								http://dcc-dms01/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=11884	
		a Proportionality							
		b Due consultation and the taking of professional advice from officers		b Due consultation and the taking of professional advice from officers					
		c Respect for human rights		c Respect for human rights					
		d A presumption in favour of openness		d A presumption in favour of openness					
		e Clarity of aims and desired outcomes		e Clarity of aims and desired outcomes					
		f A record of what options were considered and giving reasons for the decision		f A record of what options were considered and giving reasons for the decision					

To accept the recommendations of the Scrutiny Management Commission

<http://dcc-dms01/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=11884>

2	Commission hearing Call-in: Community Commission Subject of Call-in: Environmental Services – Budget Implementation (Closure of Public Conveniences) Minute Number 92/08 Cabinet Meeting 30 September 2008. Date of Call-in: 17 October 2008				
	Reasons given for the Call-in		Decision of Commission to support the following of the Reasons given for the Call-in		Response of Council Cabinet to recommendations of the Commission
	b	Due consultation and the taking of professional advice from officers	b	Due consultation and the taking of professional advice from officers	To reaffirm the previous decision http://dcc-dms01/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=12210
	c	Respect for human rights	c	Respect for human rights	
	d	A presumption in favour of openness	d	A presumption in favour of openness	
	e	Clarity of aims and desired outcomes			
		And/or that relevant issues do not appear to have been taken into consideration			
3	Subject of Call-in: Vacancy Control Minute number 189/08 – Cabinet meeting on 13 January 2009 Date of Call-in: 27 January 2009				
	Reasons given for the Call-in		Decision of Commission to support the following of the Reasons given for the Call-in		Response of Council Cabinet to recommendations of the Commission
	a	Proportionality			To accept the recommendation of the Scrutiny Management Commission to unfreeze vacancies and look at other options for controlling staffing budgets. http://dcc-
	b	Due consultation and the taking of professional advice from officers			
	e	Clarity of aims and desired outcomes	e	Clarity of aims and desired outcomes	
		And/or that relevant issues do not appear to have been taken into			

		consideration			dms01/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=12210
4	Commission hearing the Call-in: Scrutiny Management Commission Subject of Call-in: Accommodation Strategy Minute number 190/08 – Cabinet meeting on 13 January 2009 Date of Call-in: 27 January 2009				
	Reasons given for the Call-in		Decision of Commission to support the following of the Reasons given for the Call-in		Response of Council Cabinet to recommendations of the Commission
	a	Proportionality	Scrutiny Management Commission considered that there had been no breach of the principles of decision making		To note the report http://dcc-dms01/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=12942
	b	Due consultation and the taking of professional advice from officers			
	e	Clarity of aims and desired outcomes			
		And/or that relevant issues do not appear to have been taken into consideration			
5	Commission hearing the Call-in: Scrutiny Management Commission Subject of Call-in: Modernisation of the Cashiers Service Minute Number 187/08 – Cabinet meeting on 13 January 2009 Date of Call-in: 27 January 2009				
	Reasons given for the Call-in		Decision of Commission to support the following of the Reasons given for the Call-in		Response of Council Cabinet to recommendations of the Commission
	a	Proportionality	a	Proportionality	To reaffirm the previous decision but to extend the final date for closing the cashiers' service in the Council House to 30 April 2009. http://dcc-
	b	Due consultation and the taking of professional advice from officers			
	e	Clarity of aims and desired outcomes			
		And/or that relevant issues do not appear to have been taken into			

		consideration			dms01/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=12942
6	Commission hearing the Call-in: Community Commission Subject of Call-in: Municipal Golf Contract Minute Number 181/08 – Cabinet meeting on 13 January 2009 Date of Call-in: 27 January 2009				
	Reasons given for the Call-in		Decision of Commission to support the following of the Reasons given for the Call-in		Response of Council Cabinet to recommendations of the Commission
	a	Proportionality			<p>To reaffirm the original decision to advertise the opportunity for golf course operators to submit competitive tenders under OJEU rules for the operation of the Sinfin and Allestree golf courses. The selected tenderer would be offered a minimum 25 year lease and would be required to undertake an agreed investment programme and maintain public access to golf facilities.</p> <p>http://dcc-dms01/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=12942</p>
	d	A presumption in favour of openness	d	A presumption in favour of openness	
		And/or that relevant issues do not appear to have been taken into consideration		And/or that relevant issues do not appear to have been taken into consideration	

9. Council Cabinet Responses to Overview and Scrutiny Commission Recommendations

Scrutiny Management Commission (SMC)		
	Subject	Date of Cabinet meeting and Minute Number Cabinet Response Link to minute
1	Review of Bereavement Services	2 September 2008 – Minute Number 68/08 Cabinet response To accept the recommendations of the SMC http://dcc-dms01/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=11884
2	Call-in of the Provision of Bereavement Services	2 September 2008 – Minute Number 69/08 Cabinet response To accept the recommendations of the SMC http://dcc-dms01/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=11884
3	Report on the Revenue Budget Strategy 2009/10 – 2011/12 – Pre Budget Briefing	25 November 2008 – Minute Number 143/08 Cabinet Response To approve the Commission's recommendation to incorporate the provision for continued funding for Neighbourhood Boards into the 2009/10 budget proposals. http://dcc-dms01/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=12451
4	Recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Commissions on the Draft Revenue and Capital Budgets 2009/10 – 2011/12	17 February 2009 – Minute Number 208/08 Cabinet response To consider the recommendations with the reports on General Fund Revenue and Council Tax 2009/10 and Capital Budget 2009/10 – 2011/12.

	[Note this includes recommendations from <u>all</u> the commissions]	http://dcc-dms01/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=12942 For the responses to all recommendations see also pages 66 to 75 via http://dcc-dms01/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=12953
5	Call-in of 'Modernisation of Cashiers Service'	17 February 2009 – Minute Number 209/08 Cabinet response To re affirm the previous decision but to extend the final date for closing the cashiers' service in the Council House to 30 April 2009. http://dcc-dms01/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=12942
6	Call-in of 'Accommodation Strategy'	17 February 2009 – Minute Number 210/08 Cabinet response To note the report http://dcc-dms01/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=12942
7	Call-in of 'Vacancy Control'	17 February 2009 – Minute Number 211/08 Cabinet response To accept the recommendation of the Scrutiny Management Commission to unfreeze vacancies and look at other options for controlling staffing budgets. http://dcc-dms01/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=12942
Adult Services and Health Commission		
	Subject	Date of Cabinet meeting and Minute Number Cabinet Response Link to minute
1	Adult Social Care Income Generation	3 June 2008 – Minute Number 06/08 Cabinet response To note the recommendations

		http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1485
2	NHS Resettlement	3 June 2008 – Minute Number 06/08 Cabinet response To note the recommendations http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1485
3	Adult Learning Course Fees	3 June 2008 – Minute Number 06/08 Cabinet response To note the recommendations http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1485
4	Commissioning Strategy Review of Residential Care	8 July 2008 – Minute Number 32/08 No Cabinet response was given http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=11551
5	Review of Mental Health Services Budget Overspend	17 February 2009 – Minute Number 215/08 Cabinet response To adopt the Commission's recommendations on the review of Mental Health Services Budget Overspend http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=12942
Climate Change Commission		
	Subject	Date of Cabinet meeting and Minute Number Cabinet Response Link to minute
1	Responses to reviews presented to the Climate Change Board by the Climate	8 July 2008 – Minute number 28/08 Cabinet response

	Change Commission	To note the report http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=11551
2	Carbon Saving Suggestion	8 July 2008 – Minute number 29/08 Cabinet response: 1. To review the use of all water coolers in all Council offices in order to reduce the Council's carbon emissions 2. To consult staff within that review. http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=11551
3	Derby's Response to Climate Change – A Situation Report for Summer/Autumn 2008	17 February 2009 – Minute Number 207/08 Cabinet response: 1. To receive the report and refer it to the Climate Change Board. 2. To request a response to Council Cabinet and the Climate Change Commission. http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=12942
Community Commission		
	Subject	Date of Cabinet meeting and Minute Number Cabinet Response Link to minute
1	Private Sector Empty Homes Strategy 2008-11 http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=11690	29 July 2008 – Minute 48/08 Cabinet response: The first recommendation was accepted. No response was given on the second recommendation. http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=11709
2	Derby Accredited Property Scheme	29 July 2008 – Minute 49/08 Cabinet response:

		<p>Cabinet approved and adopted the recommendations in the main report, as requested.</p> <p>http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=11709</p>
3	Derby's Public Arts Strategy and Priorities	<p>30 September 2008 – Minute Number 90/08</p> <p>Cabinet response:</p> <p>To accommodate the recommendations of the Community Commission in the strategy except b) which would [instead] be included in the Action Plan.</p> <p>http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=12080</p>
4	Call-in of Environmental Services Budget Implementation - Public Toilets	<p>28 October 2008 – Minute Number 120/08</p> <p>Cabinet response:</p> <p>To reaffirm the previous decision.</p> <p>http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=12210</p>
5	Call-in of the Golf Contract	<p>17 February 2009 – Minute Number 212/08</p> <p>Cabinet response:</p> <p>To reaffirm the original decision.</p> <p>http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=12942</p>
6	Feasibility Study – Sport Recreation and Leisure Facilities – Appointment of Consultants	<p>17 February 2009 – Minute Number 213/08</p> <p>Cabinet response:</p> <p>To approve and adopt the recommendations as set out in the report of the Corporate Director of Environmental Services, as requested</p> <p>http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=12942</p>

Children and Young People Commission		
	Subject	Date of Cabinet meeting and Minute Number Cabinet Response Link to minute
1	Recommendations arising from the Children and Young People Commission's Review of Reducing Teenage Conceptions in Derby	8 July 2008 - Minute Number 26/08 Cabinet response: 1. To accept in full recommendations numbers 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 2. To accept recommendations numbers 2, 3 and 11 in principle or in part, subject to points raised in the report. 3. To not accept recommendations numbers 7 and 10 for the reasons stated in the report. http://dcc-dms01/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=11551
2	Outcome of Review Meeting to explore the reported concerns of Sinfin School Employees about the impact of the proposed Academy on their Terms and Conditions of Employment	13 January 2009 – Minute Number 179/08 Cabinet response To note the report http://dcc-dms01/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=12933
3	Discretionary Home to School Transport http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=13122	17 March 2009 – Minute Number 246/08 Cabinet response: To note the reports and consider them in conjunction with the results of the consultation http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=13189

Planning and Transportation Commission		
	Subject	Date of Cabinet meeting and Minute Number Cabinet Response Link to minute
1	Highways and Footways Maintenance Review	2 Sept 2008 - Minute Number 70/08 Cabinet response: 1. To receive the report 2. To accept the recommendations and report back in due course. http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=11884
2	Duffield Road Bus Lane http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=12484	16 December 2008 – Minute Number 163/08 Cabinet response: To request the Director of Regeneration and Community to consider the recommendations of the Planning and Transportation Commission and report back to a future meeting. http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=12538
3	Discretionary Home to School Transport http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=13258	17 March 2009 – Minute Number 246/08 Cabinet response: To note the reports and consider them in conjunction with the results of the consultation http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=13189
4	Duffield Road Bus Lane – Full Response	17 March 2009 – Minute Number 247/08 Cabinet response: To endorse the proposed response subject to a site visit by the Cabinet Member and Chair of the Planning and Transportation Commission to the Bus Stop near the roundabout on Duffield Road. http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=13189

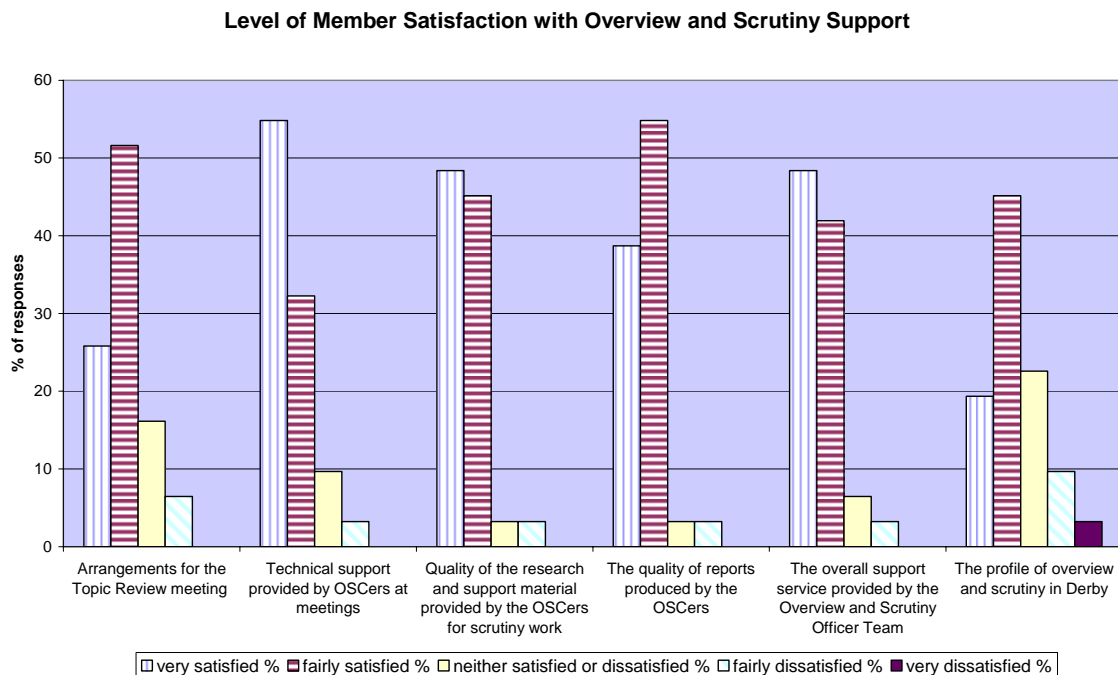
10. Member Satisfaction Survey

The Member Satisfaction Survey is an important tool for the Overview and Scrutiny team to identify which elements of the scrutiny process work well and which could be improved. The survey is sent to all elected and co-opted members asking them for their views on the scrutiny process and the quality of support provided to them by the Overview and Scrutiny Team. Any responses to the survey enable the team to identify areas of scrutiny that are working well as well as those that need adjusting.

There was a very good level of response rate to this year's survey, not only with the quantity of forms returned compared with previous years but also with the quality of the commentary that is included within the survey. This has helped us to identify areas that continue to work well but more importantly parts of the scrutiny process that could be improved. The main reason for the high rate this year was due to the survey being included as an agenda item for each Commission's meeting during their March round of meetings. This process offered Members the greater opportunity to consider and complete the forms.

Analysing of this year's responses

Of the 59 forms sent out electronically to the elected and co-opted members 32 were returned, giving a response rate of just over 54%. This is significantly higher than last year when a response rate of 37% was received.

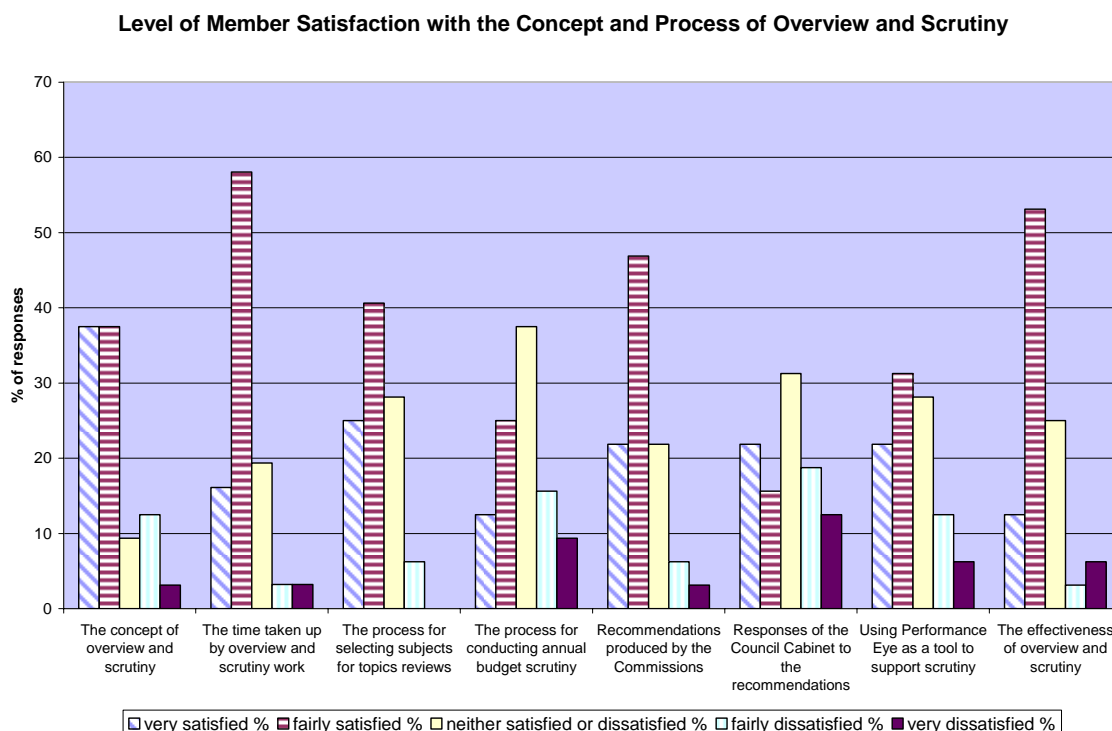


The analysis shows that Members are generally satisfied with the quality of officer support for Overview and Scrutiny. 93% of the respondents stated that they were very or fairly satisfied with the quality of research and support material and 94% with the quality of reports produced by the OSCers. 87% were very or fairly satisfied with technical support provided at meetings and only 77% with the arrangements for Topic Review meetings this year. The vast majority of the respondents, 90% were very or fairly satisfied the overall support service provided by OSCers.

A majority of the Members 64% stated that they were very or fairly satisfied with the profile of Overview and Scrutiny in Derby. This is a similar proportion of the respondents to last year when the response was 62%. However the percentage of members who are fairly or very dissatisfied has gone up to 13% from 5% last year.

Responses to the concept and process of O&S again had greater variances with significantly more fairly or very dissatisfied this year. The highest level of member dissatisfaction again relates to the response of the Council Cabinet to the recommendations with 32% fairly or very dissatisfied followed closely by 25% for the process for conducting annual budget scrutiny. 19% of the respondents are very or fairly satisfied with using Performance Eye as a tool to support scrutiny.

One Commission member was fairly dissatisfied with all elements of the scrutiny process.



Member Commentary

A section of the survey is set aside for Member commentary as this provides important background to what Members think about the service and how it could be improved. A number of Members suggested better communication between scrutiny and Cabinet to improve the process. A couple of members also commented on the annual budget scrutiny process and felt this could be done better. A full list of member commentaries is given below unedited:

1. To consider the creation of a budget scrutiny commission to ease each commission's budget scrutiny and also to start the process off as early as possible - **O&S Member**
2. The budget process is very difficult to understand. More information/ support would be good for members to understand the contents of the budget and changes from previous year. **O&S Member**
3. More dialogue with Cabinet Members is essential. The remit of O&S is becoming wider with more public services open to scrutiny which dilutes the effectiveness of the process. Time constraints of members are also a serious issue - **O&S Member**
4. I do think we should have more dialogue with the Cabinet - **O&S Member**
5. Better involvement by the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Members - **O&S Member**
6. The Cabinet need to open themselves up for scrutiny something they have failed to do or in my judgement understand. Also Performance surgeries they were important before but seemly not so now. Why? I think this is a very serious weakness and omission. - **O&S Member**
7. More dialogue with Cabinet members and senior officers prior to key decisions being made in a consultative capacity – **O&S Member**
8. I think more interaction between the Commissions and the Cabinet would improve the process. - **Cabinet Member**
9. Many reports are in "Council Speak" which is difficult for new boys like me to understand. Plainer English please - **O&S Member**
10. The council cabinet seem to ignore any recommendations/ Call- In so you wonder what is the point? **O&S Member**
11. I am dissatisfied with nos 6, 7, 8, 11 and 12 as it seems the process of topic and call-in reviews is a waste of time, as recommendations can just be ignored by the Cabinet. So, all the good work can be to no avail. These commissions need to have more teeth where the cabinet can be outvoted to implement any recommendations. - **O&S Member**

12. More resources and a huge amount more respect from the Cabinet-
O&S Member
13. I'm not sure O/S is used effectively by all members or they fully understand the impact it could have on the provision of services in the city. Training, practice & training!! - **O&S Member**
14. Finding ways to make the public more aware of the role of Overview and Scrutiny and involving them more in our work- **O&S Member**
15. We don't seem to have got to grips with performance eye this year-
O&S Member
16. Greater powers - **O&S Member**
17. Do all the meeting documents have to be in paper version? Would prefer email to save on paper – **Co-opted member**
18. Overall plenty of information provided with the meetings + relatively good from the Co-ordination team at all times – **Co-opted member**
19. The Commission I sit on (Climate Change Commission) does not seem to have made much progress towards achieving Climate Change Goals in the last two years, so that either the structure is incorrect to enable change to take place or there is insufficient "teeth" to the committee to influence council policy/staffing etc. to affect the overall goal. – **Co-opted member**

Conclusion

Responses to this year's survey show that Members are still satisfied with the quality of officer support for the Overview and Scrutiny process. The survey also reveals two main areas of concern to Members, mirroring last year's responses. Firstly a significant number of scrutiny members, 32% of the total respondents, are very or fairly dissatisfied with the response of the Council Cabinet to Commissions' recommendations. Members have suggested that there needs to be better dialogue between Commissions and the Cabinet.

A slightly smaller but still a significant proportion 25% are also dissatisfied with the process for conducting annual budget scrutiny. This is not wholly surprising since Commissions were given budget papers shortly before their scheduled meetings and therefore had relatively little time to look at them and formulate any meaningful responses.

Recommendations

There are two main issues concerning members. Firstly, Members are critical of the responses by the Cabinet to their recommendations. Some Members, including one Cabinet member, have suggested better dialogue between scrutiny and the Cabinet. It is therefore recommended that scrutiny members,

particularly the Chairs and Vice Chairs meet with the Cabinet at least twice a year outside of formal scheduled meetings to discuss relevant issues. It is also recommended that the Cabinet members regularly hold performance surgeries. These also provide opportunity for Commission Chairs to discuss relevant issues with the Cabinet.

The second major issue concerning members is the process for conducting annual budget scrutiny. The Scrutiny Management Commission has already agreed to look at this in the new municipal year. More detailed recommendations are provided in Section 7 on Budget Scrutiny.

Commission Membership 2008-09

As appointed at the Annual Meeting, May 2008 [with revisions shown in square brackets]

1. Scrutiny Management Commission (Con 2, Lab 3, Lib Dem 3)

Chair - Councillor Graves

Vice Chair – Webb

Councillors Batey, Bolton, Hird, Hussain, F Khan, Poulter

2. Children and Young People Commission (Con 2, Lab 3, Lib Dem 3)

Chair – Councillor Bolton

Vice Chair – Councillor, Latham

Councillors Ginns, Higginbottom, F Khan, R Khan, Rawson, Williams

Statutory Added Members – with voting rights for education matters:

- Ms Alison Brown - Church of England diocese
- Mr John Honey - Roman Catholic diocese
- Ms Nasreen Iqbal - Parent governor
- Dr Keerthi Devendra [then Mr Maurice Lawrence from Jan 2009] - Parent governor
- Mr Kirit Mistry - representative of other faiths/denominations

2a Corporate Parenting Sub Commission (Con 1, Lab 1, Lib Dem 1)

Councillors Bolton, Ginns, Latham

3. Adult Services and Health Commission (Con 2, Lab 3, Lib Dem 2)

Chair – Councillor Hussain

Vice Chair – Councillor Marshall

Councillors Baxter, Richards [then Keane from Sept 2008], Nath, Tuplin, Turner, Winter

4. Planning and Transportation Commission (Con 2, Lab 3, Lib Dem 3)

Chair – Councillor Poulter

Vice Chair – Councillor Repton

Councillors Banwait, Batey, Dhindsa, Harwood, Holmes, Lowe

5. Community Commission (Con 2, Ind 1, Lab 3, Lib Dem 3)

Chair - Councillor Nath

Vice Chair - Councillor Bayliss

Councillors Banwait, Chera, R Khan, Leeming, Lowe, Redfern, Richards

6. Climate Change Commission (Con 2, Ind 1, Lab 3, Lib Dem 3)

Chair – Councillor Williams

Vice Chair – Councillor Ingall [then Shanker from Feb 2009]

Councillors Chera, Graves, Grimadell, Hird, Mitchell [then Keane from Sept 2008], Shanker, Tuplin.

Overview and Scrutiny Commission Portfolios 2008/09

Overview and Scrutiny Commission	Terms of Reference
Scrutiny Management Commission	<p>1. From the following Council Cabinet Members' Areas of Responsibility:</p> <p>Corporate Policy and Economic Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overall corporate strategic co-ordination - Corporate Policies and Strategies (including the Budget, Community Strategy / LAA / Corporate Plan) - Performance Management - Derby City Partnership - Derby Cityscape - Community Safety Partnership, including Anti-Social Behaviour - Area Co-ordination (Neighbourhood Boards and Forums) - Communications and Consultation - Emergency Planning and Business Continuity - Sub-regional Strategic Partnership - External Affairs (European, National, Regional and Local) - Economic Development and Tourism - City Centre Management - External Regeneration funding <p>Direct and Internal Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Corporate Human Resources, Training and Development and Equalities

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Corporate Health and Safety - Accommodation Strategy - Employee payments / tax - Street works - Facilities Management and Property Services - Building Design Services and Repair and Maintenance - Parks and Grounds Maintenance - Cemeteries and Crematorium - Fleet Management - Catering - External Employment initiatives - Asset Management - Member Services - Customer Services - Information and Communications Technology and EGovernment - Procurement - Corporate Legal and Democratic Services (including Mayoral Office / Elections / Registrars / Scrutiny) - Audit and Risk Management - Financial Services including taxation - Accountancy <p>2. To act as the Crime and Disorder Committee</p> <p>3. Any matters that do not fall within the terms of reference of another overview and scrutiny commission</p>
Adult Services and Health Commission	<p>1. From the following Council Cabinet Member's Area of Responsibility:</p>

	<p>Adult Services and Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Older Peoples Social Services - Supporting People - Adult Education / Learning - Health Services Partnerships – Adults - Joint Commissioning (Adult Health) - Health Improvement Planning - Assessment and Care Planning (Adult) - Disability and Sensory Services (Adult) - Learning Disability and Mental Health Services (Adult) <p>2. All health scrutiny</p>
<p>Children and Young People Commission</p>	<p>1. From the following Council Cabinet Member's Area of Responsibility:</p> <p>Children and Young People</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Primary / Secondary Learning - School Improvement - School Organisation and Capital Programme - Development and Co-ordination - Social development and inclusion - Performance and Commissioning - School Planning and Building Schools for the future - Local Education Partnership - Youth Service / Connexions - Locality Services - Reception and Hospital Services

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Education Welfare - Family support - Early Years Childcare, Children's Centres and Extended Schools - Integrated Disabled Children's Service - Fostering and Adoption - Residential and Leaving Care - Specialist teaching and Psychology Services - Assessment and Care Planning - Admissions and Awards
Corporate Parenting Sub Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To review reports on Councillor visits to children's residential establishments. - To review reports on Regulation 22 visits carried out monthly by external managers of children's residential units. - To consider reports on the extent to which the Council is meeting its statutory responsibilities in relation to the health, education and care from children looked after and how it is working corporately to make leisure, employment and housing opportunities available for young people under its care. - To consider progress on the overall Quality Protects Management Action Plan. - To consider progress on meeting targets in Fostering and Adoption. - To receive regular progress reports towards reducing overall number of children in the care of the Council. - To consider issues that are limiting the Council's ability to act effectively as good parents and make recommendations to the Council Cabinet on improvements. - To consider an annual report on the Council's performance as a Corporate Parent. - To receive pro-forma reports on all relevant key indicators.
Planning and Transportation Commission	<p>1. From the following Council Cabinet Member's Area of Responsibility:</p>

	<p>Planning and Transportation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strategic Planning and Transport - Highways and footpath maintenance - Roads - Engineering and Design Services - Traffic Management - Development Control - Building Control - Car Parking Strategy and Enforcement - Land Drainage - Spatial Strategy - Local Development Framework
Community Commission	<p>1. From the following Council Cabinet Member's Area of Responsibility:</p> <p>Housing and Public Protection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Deal for Communities - Community Legal Services - Derby Advice <p>Leisure and Culture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leisure Centres and Coaching - Sport related Grants - Museums - Libraries - Arts and Outdoor Events - Theatres (Assembly Rooms and Guildhall) - Physical Activity Strategy - Public Toilets - Buildings of Heritage and Importance
Climate Change Commission	<p>1. From the following Council Cabinet Member's Area of Responsibility:</p> <p>Housing and Public Protection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Climate Change - Environmental Co-ordination and Natural Environment <p>Direct and Internal Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Waste Management and Recycling

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