



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

COMMUNITY COMMISSION 18 June 2007

Report of the Director of Corporate and Adult Services

Neighbourhood Working

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To receive a presentation and comment on the principles and processes of neighbourhood working that is expected replace area panels with neighbourhood forums.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Area and Neighbourhood Board, which consists of senior officers and members of the Council as well as senior officers from key partner organisations, has agreed to roll-out the neighbourhood working city wide and replace the area panels with neighbourhood forums. The Board proposes to establish one forum for each of the 17 wards coterminous with the ward boundaries.
- 2.2 A number of briefing sessions with elected members to explain the new structure have been held during April. These are being followed with more detailed discussions with ward members to enable them to have a better understanding of the proposed neighbourhood working.
- 2.3 Discussions are also being held with Democratic Services on constitutional changes that will be required for the new process. Although details are still being worked out, it is intended that the forums will be led by local ward councillors and supported by officers from the City Council or partnership agencies including Derby Homes.
- 2.4 The neighbourhood working is intended to be rolled out in October 2007 and in order to meet this deadline presentations are being given to Area Panel meetings during June. These will be followed up by a report to the Council Cabinet on 3 July and to the Full Council meeting on 18 July to seek approval in principle. A further report will be taken to 12 September meeting of the Council seeking approval of constitutional and financial implications and the adoption of the new process.

- 2.5 The change from Area Panels to the Neighbourhood Forums is significant and is therefore brought to the attention of this Commission to allow members the opportunity to consider the changes and give their comments.
- 2.6 The attached presentation slides give broad details of the discussions being held with ward councillors.

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Background papers:	None.
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IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. None arising from this report.

Legal

2. None arising from this report.

Personnel

3. None arising from this report.

Equalities impact

4. Effective scrutiny will benefit all Derby people.

Corporate Priorities

5. This report links with Council's priorities for 2007-10 to:
 - make us proud of our neighbourhoods
 - create a 21st Century city centre

Appendix 2

Reporting Timetable

The following milestones need to be achieved to enable the rollout of Neighbourhood Working from October 2007.

Date	Meeting	Action
1 June	COG agenda deadline	
6 June	COG meeting	Consider proposals
6 June to 4 July	Area Panels 1 to 5	Presentation - to note and comment on proposals
8 June	PCG agenda deadline	
12 June	PCG meeting	Consider proposals
14 June	Cabinet pre-agenda agenda deadline	
18 June	Community Overview and Scrutiny Commission	Presentation
20 June	Cabinet pre-agenda meeting	
22 June	Cabinet agenda deadline	
3 July	Cabinet meeting	Recommend to Council
9 July	Council agenda deadline	
18 July	Council meeting	Approve decision in principle
23 July	Community Overview and Scrutiny Commission	To be confirmed
22 August	Cabinet pre-agenda deadline	
31 August	Council agenda deadline	
4 September	Cabinet meeting	Approve detail of constitutional and financial implications
12 September	Council meeting	Approve detail of constitutional and financial implications