



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL CABINET
15 FEBRUARY 2011

Report of the Scrutiny Management
Commission

ITEM 21a

THE DERBY PLAN AND THE COUNCIL PLAN

SUMMARY

1. The Derby Plan, covering the period 2011-26, needs to be in place by 31 March 2011. As part of the Policy Framework, the process of approval requires:

- consideration of the draft Plan by the Scrutiny Management Commission,
- consideration of any recommendations that result by the Council Cabinet and
- ratification by Council.

On 1 February 2011 the Scrutiny Management Commission considered the Derby Plan. The Commission interviewed the Director of the Derby City Partnership and made the recommendation below. The Commission also considered the Council Plan but made no comments.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That Council Cabinet approve and adopt the Derby Plan subject to baseline data being provided for each of the themes and priorities so that in future years progress against the starting position in 2011 can be clearly measured.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Long serving councillors who serve on this Commission recollected that, over the years, plans have been put in place by the City Council setting out goals and aspirations for the future. A frequent flaw has been the absence of baseline information. This has meant progress could not be accurately gauged during the life of the policy and the overall change could not be assessed at the conclusion.
- 3.2 The Chief Executive stated the State of the City report contained a comprehensive evidence base, including on a ward-by-ward basis. This would provide baseline information, allow indicators to be defined, including targets for progress to be set, for example, in twelve or 36 months. He also cautioned that in current and foreseeable circumstances some measures may go backwards.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 The Scrutiny Management Commission have been consulted at various stages about the developing Derby Plan. The former Community Commission had also considered the State of the City report which provides the evidence base for the Plan. At this final stage the Commission held a dialogue with Hazel Lymbery and Heather Greenan to which the Chief Executive also contributed. The Commission also considered the Council Plan but made no comments.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

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| Legal officer | n/a |
| Financial officer | n/a |
| Human Resources officer | n/a |
| Service Director(s) | n/a |
| Other(s) | Chair and Vice Chair of the Neighbourhoods Commission |

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| Background papers: | None |
| List of appendices: | Appendix 1 – Implications |

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| IMPLICATIONS |
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Financial

1. None in this report.

Legal

2. As a Policy Framework document the Derby Plan needs to be approved by Cabinet and then by Council. As part of the process the Council Cabinet needs to report to Council on how it has taken into account the recommendations from the Commission.

Personnel

3. None in this report.

Equalities Impact

4. The State of the City evidence base should enable the actions and targets to be weighted to areas and communities in greatest socio-economic need.

Health and Safety

5. None in this report

Carbon commitment

6. None in this report

Value for money

7. None in this report

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

8. See the Council Plan for 2011/12 to 2013/14