



PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION 28 JULY 2008

Report of the Corporate Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services

Remit and Annual Work Programme of the Planning and Transportation Commission

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To consider a) the role and remit of the Planning and Transportation Commission b) holding an awareness raising Awayday for Commission members and c) possible items for its 2008-09 annual work programme.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 All commissions are expected to consider and agree their annual work programme near the start of each new municipal year and submit them to the SMC for approval. The work programme should cover services that matter to local people and where the input from the Commission can make a difference but also need to be within the remit of the respective Commission. The remit of the Planning and Transportation Commission covers:

- 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

- 2.2 The work programme should ideally comprise a mix of strategic policy issues as well as short topical reviews that can be scrutinised relatively quickly. The Commission may also undertake retrospective scrutiny of decisions that have already been taken and consider whether these are having the desired effect.
- 2.3 Five suggestions for the Work Programme 2008-10 have been made by the Chair, these are:

- A. Street lighting – roles and accountabilities
- B. Neighbourhood Forums wishes and Highways and Transportation responses
- C. Free bus pass issues: i) validity times ii) cross area compatibility/anomalies
- D. Highways and footways spending – budget pressures
- E. Public satisfaction with the planning function.

2.4 Cllr Poulter believes there could be merit in having an Awayday with appropriate staff from Regen & Community to raise awareness and to then enable the Commission to make clearer choices about the work programme. Three members of the Commission are first time councillors and some other members are new to this subject matter. If the proposal is agreed at this meeting an Awayday could be arranged for early September. Because so many of the portfolio items (as listed above) link to the live issues and priorities for the 17 Neighbourhood Boards, it is suggested that the Awayday also be open to representatives of the Neighbourhood Boards and the Neighbourhood managers. To capture this, the Chair suggests the working title could be 'Priorities versus Expectations'.

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Appendix 1

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 2008-11.