

Remit and Annual Work Programme of the Neighbourhoods Commission

RECOMMENDATION

1. To consider the role and remit of the Neighbourhoods Commission and identify possible items for its 2010-11 annual work programme.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 The portfolio of the newly constituted Neighbourhoods Commission mirrors the functions for which the Strategic Director – Neighbourhoods is responsible. It covers issues previously within the remit of four commissions, as under:

From the SMC:

- Community participation and empowerment (including Neighbourhood Board and Forums)
- Street cleaning and lighting
- Fleet management
- Health and Safety

From the Planning and Transportation Commission:

- Strategic planning and transport
- Buildings of heritage and importance
- Land drainage
- Spatial Strategy
- Local Development Framework
- Highways and footpath maintenance including Derby Roads contract
- Traffic management
- Car parking

From the Community Commission:

- Public toilets
- Parks and grounds maintenance
- Cemeteries and crematorium
- Environmental Health, food health and safety and Trading

- Standards
- Fly tipping
- Leisure centres and coaching
- Sport-related grants
- Museums
- Libraries
- Arts and outdoor events
- Derby Live programme
- Theatres
- Physical Activity Strategy including B Active

From the Climate Change Commission

- Waste management and recycling

plus Community Cohesion, which was not identified in 2009-10.

2.2 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 ideally include:

- Public facing services that matter to local people and/or
- Internal, back office services that affect the performance and reputation of the Council

and where the input from the Commission can make a difference. The work programme should comprise a mix of strategic policy issues as well as short 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.

Relevant Scrutiny activity during municipal year 2009-10

2.3 For the information of Members, significant items scrutinised in the Work Programme 2009-10 of predecessor commissions that now fall within the portfolio of the Neighbourhoods Commission are attached as Appendix 2.

2.4 Relevant Suggestions from the June 2010 cycle of meetings

The June round of the commissions gave initial consideration to the annual work programme and it was agreed that if the proposed reconfiguration went ahead, as happened on 7 July, the issues would be referred as suggestions to successor bodies.

- A. From the Community Commission [minute 11/10 refers]

1. Causes of prostitution
2. Social Cohesion
3. The Sports Strategy

and to carry over from the previous work programme

4. Public Toilets and
5. Derby Live.

- B. From the Planning and Transportation Commission [minute 10/10 refers]

1. The Local Development Framework, with particular reference to Derby's housing needs. It was noted that housing itself came under the remit of the Community Commission* but that there could be room for overlap by examination of the LDF. [*Role now allocated to the Adults, Health and Housing Commission]

2. Connecting Derby, with particular reference to the potential need for a bus service to the Royal Derby Hospital.

3. Kedleston Road bus lane - members resolved to 'consider the effectiveness of the Kedleston Road bus lane, dependent upon decisions following the current trial'.

4. To consider the Draft Residential Intensification Supplementary Planning Document during the consultation period.

- C. From the Climate Change Commission

Brown Bin Waste – An investigation into the potential benefits from moving from an aerobic to an anaerobic break down of the waste collected in brown bins.

- 2.5 If Members consider that it would be premature to agree a full work programme through to April 2011, it would be desirable to agree one significant review that can be conducted in the autumn period. That would enable the co-ordination officer to begin conducting initial research, identify appropriate stakeholders and witnesses and make meeting arrangements.

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Background papers:	Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Commissions http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=15593
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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 can potentially benefit all Derby people.

Corporate Priorities

5. This report potentially links with the Council's priorities for 2010-11.

Appendix 2

Relevant Scrutiny activity during municipal year 2009-10

For the information of Members, significant items scrutinised in the Work Programme 2009-10 of predecessor commissions that now fall within the portfolio of the Neighbourhoods Commission have included:

By the Scrutiny Management Commission:

- Performance Monitoring
- Strengthening Local Democracy Consultation Paper
- Capital and Revenue Budget Proposals 2010/11 – 2012/13
- Street Pride

By the Community Commission

- Parks and Open Spaces Strategy: Approval of final draft
- An Evaluation of Neighbourhood Working in Derby
- Community Centres
- Mobile library
- Markeaton Crematorium Proposed Capital Expenditure
- Public Conveniences – Evening Opening of Toilets
- Fly Tipping
- Proposed Capital Programmes for Environmental Services and Regeneration & Community 2010/11-12/13
- Review of Council Leisure Facilities
- Derby LIVE
- Annual Arts Grant
- Derby Museums

By the Planning and Transportation Commission

- Discretionary Home to School Transport
- Duffield Road Bus Lane
- City Centre Car Parks Planning and Enforcement
- Review of Capital Budgets 2010/11-2012/13
- LAA Stretch Targets
- Kedleston Road Bus Lane
- Cycle Derby Work Programme
- Vision for 2026
- Section 106 Monies – Expenditure Decision Making Process
- Review of Heritage Assets and Management of the Historic Environment
- Derby's 3rd Local Transport Plan
- Connecting Derby
- Street Lighting PFI
- City Gate and Related Planning Applications
- Car Parking Issues

- Local Transport Plan Vision Document
- Street Lighting Efficiencies

By the Climate Change Commission

- Street Lighting
- Waste Treatment Plant
- Capital and Revenue Budgets 2010/11- 2012/13
- Refuse Collection Rounds Review
- Waste Collection Services
- Environmental Considerations for Council House Refurbishment