



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

SRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION 7 DECEMBER 2004

Report of the Director of Corporate Services

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENT AND ORGANISATION OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY IN DERBY TOPIC REVIEW

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To note the progress on the first phase of the topic review.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 A group of Members from this Commission met on 18 November to consider the written responses from Chief Officers to the recommendations on the topic reviews. Members spent a considerable amount of time looking at the responses before deciding to proceed, initially at least, by looking at responses to two topic reviews in more details.
- 2.2 The two topic reviews selected for closer examination are the Adaptations Topic Review and the Service Access Review. Both of the reviews started in 2002 and the final reports were presented to the Council Cabinet during 2003. The Adaptations review was conducted by the Social Care and Health Commission and made 22 recommendations whilst the Service Access Review was carried out under the auspices of the SMC and presented to the Council Cabinet in July 2003.
- 2.3 There are distinct differences between the two topic reviews, which will enable broader issues to be examined. The Adaptations review focused on the operational aspects of the service and made recommendations to improve the service for service users. The Service Access Review looked at strategic issues for the Council and was also the subject of a Best Value Review.
- 2.4 The process agreed for this phase of the review involves inviting the Chairs and the relevant OSCERs, involved in conducting the topic reviews, to give evidence to the Commission on the progress made on the recommendations. This will enable the SMC to consider the Chairs' perspective to be considered on 'What's Happened Since'. It was suggested that the evidence from the chairs would be considered over two separate evening meetings.

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Background papers: None
List of appendices: Appendix 1 - Implications

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| IMPLICATIONS |
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Financial

1.1 None

Legal

2.1 None

Personnel

3.1 None

Equalities Impact

4.1 None

Corporate Objectives and Priorities for Change

5.1 The report supports the Corporate Objectives of **cost effective services** that respond to the customers needs

5.2 The report contributes to the Corporate Priority to respond to people's need appropriately