

# ITEM 11



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

## SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION 24 OCTOBER 2006

Report of the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services

### Proposed Conference on Energy Conservation

#### RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Commission consider the report.

#### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 At its meeting on 12 September 2006 the Scrutiny Management Commission considered the draft final report on the review of the Council's Use of Energy that had been carried out by the former Environment Commission.
- 2.2 The report highlighted the implications for the Council of the increasing cost and likely future scarcity of energy and made a series of recommendations aimed at addressing the findings of the Environment Commission.
- 2.3 The report concluded that it was essential that Council staff are actively engaged in any process to minimise energy wastage. Consequently one of the recommendations of the report (Recommendation 6) was that the Council should engage in a high profile programme to engage all Council employees in the Carbon management Programme and to emphasise to them the need to conserve energy and minimise energy use.
- 2.4 To address this recommendation it is suggested that the Commission might consider arranging a half day conference to advise members and staff of the issues facing the Council and to seek practicable ideas for conserving energy and minimising its consumption. If members consider that this would be a worthwhile initiative the Co-ordination team could explore the idea more fully. It is thought that a conference could be arranged for February 2007.

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**Background papers:** Appendix 1 – Implications  
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<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial**

1. The costs of a half day conference could be contained within the Commission's research budget.

**Legal**

2. None arising from this report.

**Personnel**

3. None arising from this report.

**Equalities impact**

4. Any action by the Council taken to conserve energy and minimise energy use will be of benefit to all Derby people.

**Corporate Objectives, Values and Priorities**

5. This report has the potential to link with the following Corporate Objectives,
  - Improve the quality of life in Derby's neighbourhoods
  - Deliver excellent services, performance and value for money