

ITEM 12



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION 5 DECEMBER 2006

Report of the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services

Proposed format of the 2007 Energy Conservation Conference

RECOMMENDATION

1. Members are asked to consider and comment upon the proposals set out in Appendix 2 of this report.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 At its meeting on 24 October 2006 the Scrutiny Management Commission agreed to a proposal to hold a half day conference to advise staff and members of the issues facing the Council and to seek practicable ideas for conserving energy and minimising its consumption
- 2.2 The format of the conference was discussed at a preliminary planning meeting that was held between the Energy Manager, staff of the Environmental Sustainability Section, and members of the Co-ordination Team on 16 November 2006 and their suggested format for the conference is outlined in Appendix 2 of this report.
- 2.3 Members are asked for their comments on the suggested format of the conference.

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Background papers: Appendix 1 – Implications
List of appendices: Appendix 2 – Suggested format of the 2007 Energy Conservation Conference

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. The costs of the conference will be met from the Overview and Scrutiny research budget.

Legal

2. None arising from this report.

Personnel

3. The conference will be organised by officers of Property Services, the Environmental Sustainability Section and the Co-ordination Team

Equalities impact

4. Initiatives for reducing the Council's use of energy will ultimately be of benefit to all Derby people.

Corporate Objectives, Values and Priorities

5. This report has the potential to link with all the Council's Corporate Objectives.

Energy Conservation Conference 2007

- The Conference will be held in early March 2007. This is so that information, that is being collected for the Council's 7Cs project which will not be available until 28 February, can be made available to the Conference
- The suggested venue is the Darwin Suite of the Assembly Rooms.
- It is proposed that the conference is held as an afternoon event starting at 12.30 and finishing at 4.00 pm
- The proposed objective of the conference is to inform staff and members of the Council's position, make them aware of the links between energy consumption, climate change and energy costs, and seek practicable suggestions as to the way in which the Council might reduce its energy consumption and hence its carbon emissions and energy costs
- It is suggested that Chief Officers should be asked to nominate delegates from their Directorates. The delegates should be a balanced mixture of those employees who would normally be keen to attend such an event and those who would not normally go anywhere near it.
- It is thought that the conference should include the following key elements:
 - A keynote address by the Leader of the Council
 - A series of short factual and graphic presentations by outside speakers who are recognised 'experts' in the field
 - A visual demonstration of the level of energy use by the Council and the cost associated with that use.
 - A workshop session, facilitated by members, at which delegates can expound their ideas and explore the options for energy conservation by the Council
 - A summary session at which the members will feedback the suggestions put forward by their workshop groups and where a shortlist of possible initiatives can be agreed for further investigation or development.
- The full support of Chief Officers and members is considered essential to the success of the conference.
- Staff will subsequently need to be kept informed of the progress made by the Council in reducing its energy use.

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