

REPTON AREA MEETING

**AGENDA
AND
REPORTS**

Wednesday, 31st January 2007

**NEWTON SOLNEY VILLAGE HALL,
MAIN STREET,
NEWTON SOLNEY**

7.00 p.m.

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL:

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| Corporate Scrutiny (Special – Budget) | Monday, 29 th January 2007 – 4.30 p.m. |
| Finance and Management (Special – NNDR) | Monday, 29 th January 2007 |
| Environmental and Development Services | Thursday, 1 st February 2007 |
| Housing and Community Services | Thursday, 8 th February 2007 |
| Corporate Scrutiny | Monday, 12 th February 2007 – 4.30 p.m. |
| Development Control | Tuesday, 13 th February 2007 |
| Community Scrutiny | Monday, 19 th February 2007 – 4.00 p.m. |
| Finance and Management | Tuesday, 20 th February 2007 |
| Overview | Monday, 26 th February 2007 – 4.00 p.m. |
| COUNCIL | Thursday, 1 st March 2007 |
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| Development Control | Tuesday, 6 th March 2007 |
| Environmental and Development Services | Thursday, 8 th March 2007 |
| Housing and Community Services | Thursday, 15 th March 2007 |
| Finance and Management | Thursday, 22 nd March 2007 |
| Community Scrutiny | Monday, 26 th March 2007 – 4.00 p.m. |
| Development Control | Tuesday, 27 th March 2007 |
| Corporate Scrutiny | Monday, 2 nd April 2007 – 4.30 p.m. |
| Overview | Monday, 16 th April 2007 – 4.00 p.m. |
| COUNCIL | Thursday, 19 th April 2007 |
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| Etwall Leisure Centre (John Port School, Etwall) | Monday, 23 rd April 2007 – 5.00 p.m. |
| Development Control | Tuesday, 24 th April 2007 |
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| ANNUAL COUNCIL | Thursday, 24 th May 2007 |
| Development Control | Tuesday, 29 th May 2007 |
| CIVIC COUNCIL | Thursday, 31 st May 2007 |

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SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPTON AREA MEETING

(covering Bretby, Hartshorne,
Newton Solney, Repton, Willington
and Woodville)

Meeting to be held at
Newton Solney Village Hall,
on Wednesday, 31st January 2007
at 7.00 p.m.

(Light Refreshments will be available at 6.30 p.m.)

Members:

District Councillors: Councillor Taylor (Chair) and Councillor Bladen (Vice-Chair) and
Councillors Bell, Mrs. Hood, Isham, Jones and Mrs. Wheeler

County Councillors: Councillors Jones and Southerd.

County/ District Councillor: Councillor Ford



BUSINESS

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To note the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th November 2006 (copy herewith).
3. To note any declarations of interest from any items on the Agenda.
4. Chair's Announcements (if any).
5. Report back on issues raised at the last Meeting.
6. South Derbyshire District Council: Responding to your views.
7. Presentation: Promotion of Tourism in South Derbyshire.
8. Public Question time and suggestions for future local discussion items.
9. Date of Next Meeting.

REPTON AREA MEETING

15th November 2006

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Taylor (Chair), Councillor Bladen (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Bell, Mrs. Hood, Jones and Mrs. Wheeler.

I. Reid (Deputy Chief Executive), F. Powell (Democratic Services Officer) and B. Jones (Helpdesk).

Derbyshire County Council Representative

D. Tysoe (County Secretary).

District Council/County Council's Representative

Councillor M. Ford.

Derbyshire Constabulary

Sergeant A. Wright.

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

D. Roberts (Repton Parish Council), D. Adams (Hartshorne Parish Council), R. Statham (Woodville Parish Council) and K. Overton (Willington Parish Council) .

Members of the Public

P.Rainey (Repton Village Society), A. Gifford, J. Orme, N.Cumming, A.D.Gillespie, A.Gillespie, S.M.Smith and Mr and Mrs Key (Swadlincote and District 50+ Forum)

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from District Councillor Venning, County Councillors A. Jones, Southerd, Mr Atkin, Mr. and Mrs. Cownie and Mrs. Stamford.

RA/10. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Area Meeting held on 21st August 2006 were received and noted.

RA/11. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

The Chair advised the Meeting that declaration of interests had been included on all Area Meeting Agendas to remind County, District and Parish Councillors of the need to declare interests on any items on Area Meeting Agendas or discussed at Area Meetings.

There were no declarations of interest at this meeting.

RA/12. **CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Lottery Funding: Rosliston Forestry Centre

The Chair advised the Meeting that a telephone poll was taking place on BBC television in respect of applications for Lottery funding and that Rosliston Forestry Centre was applying to obtain funding for a large open area to provide various entertainment facilities. The Chair urged everyone present to support the Rosliston Forestry Centre application by telephoning the BBC contact number.

RA/13. **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

The Committee considered a report on issues raised at the last Area Meeting on 21st August 2006:

Item 1 – Traffic Calming: Newton Solney/Repton

At the last Area Meeting, Derbyshire County Council and the Police were requested to investigate jointly the concerns of Parish Council representatives relating to excessive speeds of traffic travelling through Newton Solney and Repton. The Police and the County Council were requested to attend meetings at Newton Solney and Repton Parish Council to discuss possible traffic calming measures.

The Police had provided a response to this request at the Safer Neighbourhood meeting on 10th October 2006 and both Parish Councils had been requested to write to Derbyshire County Council Highways Department to pursue the matter.

Mr. Roberts of Repton Parish Council advised the Meeting that the Parish Council had requested an additional speed platform in Repton and that this matter as well as the reinstatement of the rumble strips at either end of Repton be considered by Derbyshire County Council to enable the necessary budget provision to be provided.

Councillor Ford asked that he be advised of the results of any speed checks undertaken recently in Hatton.

It was agreed:-

- (1) That Derbyshire County Council consult the Repton Parish Council on the provision of a speed-platform in Repton and that this request and the reinstatement of the rumble strips in Repton be included as part of the County Council's budget provision to enable the works to be undertaken as soon as possible.**
- (2) That the Police be requested to forward to Councillor Ford the results of the recent speed checks taken by the Police in Hatton.**

Item 2 – Unclassified Findern/Willington Road

Derbyshire County Council was requested to investigate the unclassified section on the Findern/Willington Road between just west of the A50 flyover at Findern as far as the Derby/Crewe railway crossing at Willington to establish whether a pedestrian footpath could be provided.

Derbyshire County Council was undertaking the following action:

- Investigating the possibility of providing a short length of footway on Willington Road, as would be an extension to the footway that already existed on the south side of Findern (to the south of the A50) which would extend in a south-westerly direction to link with a Potlocks path. Investigations were continuing into the possible provision of a footpath.
- Regarding the issue of warning signs on Findern Lane, a site inspection had revealed that suitable signs were in place (no footway for 550 yards) on Findern Lane for both directions on the south side of the level crossing. However, to the north of the level crossing on Willington Road, there were no similar signs present despite a lack of footpath. The County Council's Traffic Section was considering rationalising the existing signage along the road in this area so that it better reflected the existing situation.

Mr. Orme, who had raised this matter at the last Area Meeting expressed his thanks to both Derbyshire County Council and the Area Meeting for the action taken

It was agreed that the action taken by Derbyshire County Council in respect of the unclassified Findern/Willington Road, Willington be noted.

Item 3 – Bulls Head Public House, Repton

Following the concerns expressed at the last Meeting, the condition of the recycling facilities at the Bulls Head Public House, Repton and the land adjacent to the site had been investigated. The District Council's Waste Manager had visited the site in September 2006 and advised that both the car park and the recycling centre had been tidied and were now in a satisfactory condition.

It was agreed that the information provided in respect of the condition of the recycling centre and the car park at the Bulls Head Public House, Repton be noted.

Item 4 – Resurfacing Works, Monsom Lane, Repton

Following a request at the last Meeting that the resurfacing works at Monsom Lane, Repton, particularly the reinstatement of the road markings and clearing-up works be completed, the matter was investigated by Derbyshire County Council's contractors and the lane was added to the routine sweeping list to be completed by 29th August 2006.

It was agreed that the information in respect of the re-surfacing works at Monsom Lane, Repton and the works undertaken by Derbyshire County Council's contractors be noted.

Item 5 – Repton Road to Willington

Following the concern of residents at the last Meeting regarding the quality of road surface dressing on the Repton Road to Willington, it was confirmed that Derbyshire County Council had inspected the road and there was a small area showing loss of road chippings. Unfortunately, due to the time of year and other area's programmes, no remedial work would be carried out until next year. The site would, however be monitored over the winter.

A resident expressed concern that the footpath on the Bridge over Repton Road had no pavement and asked that the matter be investigated so that there was an appropriate differentiation between the roadway and the pavement.

It was agreed:-

- (1) That the content of the report on the quality of the surface dressing on the Repton Road to Willington be noted.**
- (2) That Derbyshire County Council be requested to investigate the condition of the footpath on the bridge over Repton Road, Willington(the main bridge over the River Trent) with a view to a pavement being provided as a clear delineation between the highway and the footway.**

Item 6 – Alcohol Free Zones

Following the request at the last Meeting, the introduction of alcohol free zones in parks and open spaces in South Derbyshire had been investigated by the Safer South Derbyshire Partnership. An investigation on the possibility of the introduction of an alcohol free zone in Castle Gresley was being undertaken.

It was confirmed that this information had been forwarded to Woodville Parish Council.

It was agreed that the information provided in respect of the introduction of alcohol free zones in parks and open spaces in South Derbyshire be noted.

Item 7 – Toyota Roundabout, Willington

Following a request at the last Area Meeting, the Highway Agency was requested to provide information on when the road works in the area of the Toyota roundabout, Willington would be completed and when an assessment as to their effectiveness would take place.

The Highways Agency had advised that its post completion scheme process would undertake two fatal injury accident reviews at one and three years as part of the post completion safety audit process. It was likely that these would be completed in the summers of 2008 and 2010. The finding of these reviews, particularly that in the summer of 2010 would determine whether a more detailed investigation was necessary.

A number of residents expressed concern that lorries having left the A38 were travelling into Willington and that drivers did not seem aware of the route to leave the village. Concern was also expressed that damage had been caused to the Railway Bridge over the Repton Road/ Willington Road, Willington by lorries hitting it.

It was agreed that the following action be requested:-

- That appropriate traffic signage/ road markings be requested from both the Highways Agency and Derbyshire County Council to indicate the routes in and out of Willington and that NYK Associates be requested to display notices/ provide information to**

their drivers to help prevent any mistaken and unnecessary journeys through Willington.

RA/14. **IDEAS INTO ACTION**

The Area Meeting considered a report on Ideas into Action. Following the Council's consultation on its Corporate Plan, an Ideas into Action campaign, requesting ideas had been undertaken. 64 ideas had been received, which included:-

- specific complaints about issues such as untidy land
- requests for improved services to the whole District such as collecting plastics for recycling
- ideas for local initiatives that required funding other or support to launch the idea
- suggestions where the Council had little influence, such as dismantling electricity pylons and laying the cables underground.

All the ideas received had been acknowledged by letter and would receive a detailed response when the appropriate course of action to be undertaken had been decided.

Ideas for improving services across the District or developing local initiatives which had budgetary implications would be considered in the Council's budget cycle later this year. Where there was no cost this would be investigated and if the idea could be implemented, it would. Where the Council was not responsible for provision of a service, the suggestion would be forwarded to the relevant body or partner.

An analysis had been undertaken of the ideas received. The most popular suggestions included:-

- Litter/cleanliness
- graffiti
- better recycling facilities collection
- untidy sites
- more trees, flowers and spring bulbs
- highway maintenance and improvement
- support for Neighbourhood Watch
- better facilities for children and young people

Councillor Ford felt that it was now time for the District Council to review the financial contribution made by Willington Parish Council to the upkeep of the public toilets in Willington.

It was agreed:-

- (1) That the content of the report "Ideas into Action" be noted.**
- (2) That the comments of Councillor Ford in respect of a review by the District Council of the financial contribution made by Willington Parish Council towards the upkeep of the public toilets in Willington be noted.**

RA/15. **COMMUNITY SCRUTINY NEEDS YOU**

The Area Meeting considered a report on the work of the District Council's Community Scrutiny Committee which invited contributions from the public to participate in the Committee's projects. The Council had appointed two scrutiny committees and an Overview Committee. The purpose of the scrutiny committees was to improve the Council's performance by monitoring, questioning and making recommendations on the way services were provided and decisions taken. A short guide to the membership, dates of meetings and work of the three scrutiny committees was circulated.

It was confirmed that the Community Scrutiny Committee's remit focused on community and environmental issues, culture, leisure, arts, housing, economic development and land use.

The Community Scrutiny Committee had completed the following four projects:-

- Housing repairs and maintenance services
- Homelessness services
- Waste management services
- Planning application services

The above four scrutiny reviews would contribute to the Council's delivery of better, more efficient and effective services to residents and would ensure continued best value for money. During the period to May 2007, the Community Scrutiny Committee would be investigating the following projects:-

- The future of post offices
- How health services will be delivered by the new Derbyshire County Primary Care Trust
- Street Scene review
- Cleaner neighbourhoods

It was agreed that the content of the report "Community Scrutiny Needs You" be noted.

RA/16. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE LOCAL DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Promotion of Tourism in South Derbyshire

A resident advised the Meeting that he was a trustee of the Heage Windmill Trust and felt that it was important to promote tourism in South Derbyshire. The Chair advised that the District Council had a significant involvement and was vocal in the promotion of a tourist strategy for South Derbyshire which was pursued actively with its partners.

The Deputy Chief Executive advised that both public and private sector funding was available through the Destination Management Partnership for the promotion of tourism in the District and the District Council had representation on this group. The Meeting was advised that action was being taken to ensure that the National Forest and South Derbyshire received finance to support the promotion of tourism in South Derbyshire.

Concern was expressed by a resident that it was important to ensure that key sites in South Derbyshire such as the Elvaston Castle and garden site did not deteriorate and were available as tourist promotion sites for the District. The Deputy Chief Executive confirmed that the District Council and its partners were actively promoting tourism and the associated employment and wealth creation in South Derbyshire.

It was agreed:-

- (1) That an article promoting tourism in South Derbyshire be prepared for inclusion in the next edition of the District Council Newspaper and that tourist information and promotion leaflets, particularly those relating to local walks be made available at the next cycle of Area Meetings.**
- (2) That a presentation on promoting tourism in South Derbyshire be given at the next Repton Area Meeting.**

Planning Applications- E-mail Copies

Concern was expressed by a number of parish council representatives and members of the public regarding the electronic transmission of minor planning applications by email to parish councils. The view was expressed that this could create problems for a number of parish councils.

It was agreed that e-mailing of minor planning applications by the District Council to Parish Councils and the process followed be investigated by the Deputy Chief Executive and a report on this matter be submitted to the next Repton Area Meeting.

Regional Spatial Strategy

Mr. Orme advised the meeting of proposals that were set out in the Regional Spatial Strategy document. Mr. Orme referred to two maps relating to the movement of people to their work outside the District and employment in the District.

Mr. Orme felt that the District was largely dormitory, with people leaving to work throughout Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire. He advised that the Regional Spatial document set out possible proposals for the creation of 25,000 new houses in the area. He expressed concern that as such development could create massive traffic problems in Willington, it was important that Derbyshire County Council looked at a complete system to provide a good infrastructure network to support any additional houses. He added that Willington already had very serious traffic problems and that the proposals in the Regional Strategy would only make matters worse.

The Chair advised the meeting that the Regional Spatial Strategy document had been considered at a meeting earlier today. The Council's formal response would be considered at a Special Meeting of the Council in December 2006.

The Deputy Chief Executive advised that he considered that the proposals within the Regional Spatial Strategy for the East Midlands would proceed over the next 25 years and could involve a development of approximately 16,000 houses. This growth would involve significant issues in respect of

infrastructure management. He advised that a Special Meeting of the South Derbyshire Local Strategic Partnership would be held on 7th December 2006 to consider the Regional Spatial Strategy. The public were welcome to attend that Meeting to ask questions and gain further information on the matter.

It was agreed that the information provided and the concerns expressed by members of the public in respect of the Regional Spatial Strategy be noted.

Repton Area Meeting – Geographical Area Covered

Mr. Orme advised the Meeting that he was concerned that the geographical make-up of the Repton Area Meeting excluded Willington from Findern and queried why Findern could not be included in the location covered by this Area Meeting.

The Chair acknowledged Mr. Orme's concerns and advised that a decision had been taken to continue with the former County Council Electoral Division boundaries.

It was agreed that the comments in respect of the geographical make-up of the Repton Area Meeting be noted.

Flood Plain Methodology

Mr. Gifford asked whether it would be possible for the Environment Agency to give a presentation to a future Area Meeting on the changing methodology used for the assessment of flooding risk in the South Derbyshire area. The Deputy Chief Executive advised that he would try to arrange a meeting separate to the Area Meeting process and request that the Environment Agency give a presentation on developments relating to its flood plain methodology.

It was agreed that the Deputy Chief Executive be requested to arrange a meeting separate to the Area Meeting process to which the Environment Agency would give a presentation on developments relating to its flood plain methodology used for the assessment of flooding risk in the South Derbyshire area.

S. TAYLOR

CHAIR

The Meeting terminated at 8.25 p.m.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPTON AREA MEETING

(Covering Bretby, Hartshorne, Newton Solney,
Repton, Willington and Woodville)

REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING

At the Repton Area Meeting held on 15th November 2006 at Woodville Infant School, a number of issues were raised. These issues are listed below, together with progress made to date:-

| ISSUES | PROGRESS | ACTIONED BY |
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| <p>1. At the last Area Meeting it was agreed that Derbyshire County Council be requested to consult with Repton Parish Council on the provision of a speed-platform and the reinstatement of the rumble strips in Repton so that these can be included in the County Council's budget provision and the works undertaken as soon as possible.</p> | <p>Derbyshire County Council is examining the profiles of the existing plateau features on Main Street, Repton with a view to adjusting them to be more effective, it is also looking to see if it can usefully resite any or provide additional ones. The County Council hopes to be in a position to make an informed decision on this matter in the next few weeks. Finance for any changes/additions has yet to be confirmed.</p> <p>The County Council is happy to discuss the rumble strips with Repton Parish representatives, please contact 01629 580000 extension 7689.</p> | <p>Derbyshire County Council - Highways</p> |
| <p>2. At the last Area Meeting it was agreed that Derbyshire County Council be requested to investigate the condition of the footpath on the bridge over Repton Road, Willington (the main bridge over the River Trent) with a view to a pavement being provided as a clear delineation between the highway and the footway.</p> | <p>Derbyshire County Council have confirmed that this matter has been considered previously, it cannot raise the kerb and thus footway level as the bridge parapet is too low. The parapet can't be raised as it is a listed structure. The road/kerb edge has been highlighted with lining; and recently a 40 mph speed limit has been introduced, replacing the previous 60 mph speed limit.</p> | <p>Derbyshire County Council - Highways</p> |

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| <p>3. At the last Area Meeting it was agreed that appropriate traffic signage/road markings be requested from both the Highways Agency and Derbyshire County Council to indicate the routes in and out of Willington and that NYK Associates be requested to display notices/provide information to their drivers to help prevent any mistaken and unnecessary journeys through Willington.</p> | <p>Derbyshire County Council has advised there are bridge height limit signs on Etwall Road on the approach to the centre of Willington from Toyota to clarify to drivers of high HGV's the height restrictions of the bridges and the routes available back to the A38/A50. If the Area Meeting wishes to clarify where and how more signs could usefully be located to have an improved impact, these will be considered by the County Council.</p> <p>The District Council has written to NYK Logistics requesting that they ensure that all their drivers are made aware of the local road layout so as to avoid mistaken and inappropriate journeys through the centre of Willington. NYK Logistics were thanked for the assistance they had provided in the past to the local community.</p> | <p>Derbyshire County Council – Highways</p> <p>South Derbyshire District Council- Democratic Services</p> |
| <p>4. At the last Area Meeting it was agreed that a presentation on promoting tourism in South Derbyshire be given at the next Repton Area Meeting.</p> | <p>A presentation on this matter will be given at item 7 of the agenda.</p> | <p>South Derbyshire District Council- regeneration and Policy Division</p> |
| <p>5. At the last Area Meeting it was agreed that emailing of minor planning applications by the District Council to Parish Councils and the process followed be investigated by the Deputy Chief Executive and the information reported back to the next Area Meeting.</p> | <p>The District Council's Planning Service is investigating ways in which it can progress towards meeting the Government's e-planning targets, one of which is sending out planning consultations electronically. The first stage was a questionnaire sent to all Parish Councils to ascertain their comments. The responses are currently being analysed. The next stage has not yet been determined, but could include a further questionnaire to establish what the Council could do to assist Parish Council's or the implementation of a pilot scheme. The project is likely to feature as an item on a future Parish Liaison agenda.</p> | <p>South Derbyshire District Council- Planning Services</p> |
| <p>6. At the last Area Meeting it was agreed that the Deputy Chief Executive be requested to arrange a meeting separate to the Area Meeting process to which the Environment Agency would give a presentation on developments relating to its flood plain methodology used for the assessment of flooding risk in the South Derbyshire area.</p> | <p>The Environment Agency has agreed to give a presentation on how it uses its Flood Plain methodology for the assessment of flooding risk in South Derbyshire. The presentation will be given on Tuesday, 24th April 2007 prior to the start of the District Council's Flood Liaison Meeting. Members of the public will be able to attend the presentation.</p> | <p>South Derbyshire District Council/ The Environment Agency</p> |

South Derbyshire District Council Responding to your views

Report to Area Meetings January 2007

What we set out to do?

In the last 12 months we have consulted local people about what they wanted us to do to improve our services and South Derbyshire as a place to live. Last January we asked you to prioritise some of the ideas being considered for our Corporate Plan for 2006. In October we asked you for your ideas in our initiative called "Ideas into Action".

We reported back earlier this year about our new Corporate Plan and to the last Area Meetings about the ideas you had submitted. This report gives you feedback about what we did about what you said to us.

What you told us – and what we did about it

Corporate Plan 2006/09

We have 6 themes in our corporate plan and we put forward a number of suggestions for actions within each theme. We acted on the ones that you prioritised at these meetings and incorporated proposals within our 3 year plan that runs to April 2009. We have listed in Appendix A the 4 highest priority actions, based on the area meeting consultation, together with the actions taken so far and an indication what we will do next, if the proposal is not yet completed.

Ideas into Action

At the last meeting we told you that the top issues people put forward were

- Litter / Cleanliness
- Graffiti
- Better recycling facilities / collections
- Untidy Sites
- More trees, flowers and spring bulbs
- Highway maintenance and improvements
- Support for Neighbourhood Watch
- Better facilities for children and young people

These have gone to the top of the list for any new money that will be available in the new budget that runs from April 2007, but we may not be able to fund everything that we all want to do. However, we have implemented some ideas immediately so we can make a difference straight away. These ideas include

- We now take action to clear litter from private land where public access makes it prominent and noticeable this is in addition to the usual highways and council land where we have a duty to control litter. We will work with private landowners to make sure they do not avoid their legal responsibilities but this will make sure that problem areas remain tidy whilst we sort out the legal position.
- We currently only deal with graffiti on council owned land and buildings. This year we have started to remove prominent graffiti where it is visible to the public.
- We are launching a grant scheme for Parish Councils to plant spring bulbs or other planting to improve the look of public areas. A similar scheme will operate in the unparished urban core.
- We are working with Derbyshire County Council, who are responsible for Civic Amenity Sites, to seek improvements to access, particularly in the north of the district where access is limited. As an interim measure we are introducing a Saturday Refuse Freighter collection from a number of villages and details of locations and dates will be available shortly.
- We will provide financial support for Rosliston, who will represent South Derbyshire in the national Britain in Bloom competition in 2007. We will also contribute to an urban landscape scheme promoted by Groundwork and the Parish Council in Melbourne.

Finally – Thank you

Residents of South Derbyshire are always very positive and helpful in our consultation exercises and this helps us deliver what you want to see. Thanks for all your views and ideas in this exercise and all the other consultation work we do.

We hope this note demonstrates that we do listen to what you say and take action on what our local communities are telling us.

Ian Reid
Deputy Chief Executive
January 2007

Appendix A

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| <p>Theme 1: You at the Centre</p> | |
| <p>1st Provide more litter bins and improve weed control and road sweeping</p> | <p>We have provided 20 additional litter bins, improved our approach to street sweeping and litter picking, doubled the frequency of mechanical road sweeping and increased the frequency of weed spraying on footpaths. Our performance is now comparable with the best in the country.</p> |
| <p>2nd Extend composting and green box recycling scheme across the whole of the district</p> | <p>We have extended composting collections to 3000 properties and this new scheme collects kitchen waste as well as garden waste. The green box scheme has been extended across the district and now covers over 98% of properties.</p> |
| <p>3rd Deliver a programme of community based environmental projects through Groundwork Trust</p> | <p>Groundwork launched. Consultation on use of Council garage sites to improve the appearance of the area. A DVD making it easier to apply for disabled facilities grants, and a consultation on the future appearance of Swadlincote.</p> |
| <p>4th Deliver an annual programme of communication and consultation</p> | <p>4 issues of The South Derbyshire District News published per year. Our website has been reviewed externally by the Society of Information Technology Management who gave very positive feedback on content and functionality. Members of the public have tested our website and improvements made following their comments. An information screen has been introduced in our reception area to communicate information. We have improved our approach to consultation and this is exemplified by the Ideas into Action initiative, which was publicised in the newspaper.</p> |
| <p>Theme 2: Safe and Healthy Communities</p> | |
| <p>1st Deliver the Safer Neighbourhoods Project</p> | <p>6 Safer Neighbourhood meetings established across the district.</p> |

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| <p>2nd Appoint Safer Neighbourhood Wardens to patrol anti social behaviour hotspots and enforce "Cleaner Neighbourhoods" legislation</p> | <p>Wardens are now patrolling a hit list of anti social hot spots suggested by the Police, the public and Councillors. Much positive feedback from the community on their beneficial impact.</p> |
| <p>3rd Continue to implement The Youth Facilities Plan</p> | <p>Plan rolled out with a range of new and improved facilities including multi use games areas at Midway, Castle Gresley and imminently Hatton.</p> |
| <p>4th Promote awareness of anti social behaviour hotline</p> | <p>Hotline launched and promoted. 78 calls received and responded to.</p> |
| <p>Theme 3: Prosperity for All</p> | |
| <p>1st Consult older people about the services they need from the council</p> | <p>Consultation framework under development with SDCVS. Specific consultation with Age Concern has identified a number of actions that we will undertake.</p> |
| <p>2nd Promote the use of Acceptable Behaviour Contracts to tackle truancy issues</p> | <p>11 Acceptable Behaviour Contracts in place (0 of which relate to truancy issues)</p> |
| <p>3rd Reduce the time taken to provide home adaptations and promote ways of enabling people to stay in their own home</p> | <p>Time taken to approve major adaptation grants reduced with 100% of grants new grant referrals received this year being completed within the 42 weeks Government Target.</p> |
| <p>4th Significantly reduce the number of households living in fuel poverty</p> | <p>434 households assisted with insulation and heating measures. 1507 tonnes CO2 saved as a result of activity.</p> |
| <p>Theme 4: High Quality Services</p> | |
| <p>1st Set clear standards in consultation with service users</p> | <p>First phase of Service Standards project is complete with publication of standards for environmental services and customer service. Other areas will generate equivalent documents. Achievement of Governmental Services (supported by Customer Services).</p> |
| <p>2nd Develop a framework for assessing the needs of specific service users</p> | <p>This will follow on from the Service Standards Project.</p> |

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| <p>3rd Set targets for service reliability and responsiveness in consultation with service users and monitor performance</p> <p>4th Establish a rolling programme of customer satisfaction surveys</p> | <p>Customer Service standards have been adopted and are used in Customer Services. These standards are available on our website will be rolled out to other service areas. Part of the Service Standards Project.</p> <p>The Best Value User Satisfaction Surveys, the results of which are now starting to come forward, form the basis of this year's project.</p> |
| <p>Theme 5: Rural South Derbyshire</p> | |
| <p>1st Ensure rural environmental issues are adequately covered in the Sustainability Appraisals and policies of Local Development Framework documents</p> | <p>Policy Framework in development.</p> |
| <p>2nd Establish Service Level Agreements with Parish Councils (linked to funding arrangements) in order to promote innovation in the delivery of local service priorities</p> | <p>Initial scoping work undertaken by consultants for the Council and updates given to Parish Council Forum. Parish Council funding to continue on current basis until consultation and discussions with parishes is completed.</p> |
| <p>3rd Establish a means of extending the Rural Transport Partnership (with partners) beyond 2006 in order to improve public transport in rural areas</p> | <p>County Accessibility Partnership to be established to take forward recommendations contained in report commissioned by Derbyshire County Council and East Midlands Development Agency.</p> |
| <p>4th Develop a better understanding of how our performance in delivering services varies across the district</p> | <p>The Pilot Project for examining selected Best Value Performance Indicator data at a ward level is about to commence.</p> |
| <p>Theme 6: Strong in the Region</p> | |
| <p>1st Resisting Changes in the delivery of services which could have an adverse impact on local people and communities and report outcomes back to local people</p> | <p>The Council has resisted changes to the bus route to Melbourne and Nottingham East Midlands Airport. Scrutiny currently undertaking consultation and meetings with the MP and Sub-postmasters about possible closure of rural post offices. The Council has responded to proposals in the Draft Regional Plan has also supported the SDLSP to formulate a response.</p> |

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| <p>2nd Lobby on issues of concern and report outcomes back to local people</p> | <p>Council lobbied against reorganisation of Derbyshire Police. Regional Spatial Strategy discussed at Committee & SDLSP.</p> |
| <p>3rd Ensure that the Council is represented at meetings of the East Midlands Regional Assembly (EMRA) and East Midlands Development Agency (EMDA)</p> | <p>The Leader of the Council is a representative on the EMRA and the Chief Executive works closely with EMDA on all inward investment opportunities. Both attend and represent the Council at all important meetings.</p> |
| <p>4th Provide details of the work we are doing to represent the interest of South Derbyshire in newsletters and on our web site</p> | <p>Details reported to all homes and businesses in The South Derbyshire District News / website. In addition we use the local media, Press Releases and radio networks communicate the work of the Council to local people.</p> |

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