
REPORT TO:	COMMUNITY SCRUTINY	AGENDA ITEM: 13.
DATE OF MEETING:	9 th September 2002	CATEGORY: DELEGATED
REPORT FROM:	DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE	OPEN
MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT:	Peter Woolrich Ext 5726	DOC: Community Strategy.doc
SUBJECT:	SOUTH DERBYSHIRE COMMUNITY STRATEGY	REF: myfiles/committees/communityscrutiny/communitystrategy.doc
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE: G

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To inform the Committee of progress in the development of the South Derbyshire Community Strategy.

2.0 Content

2.1 The Local Government Act 2000 gives Councils new powers to promote or improve the economic, social or environmental well being of their area. This is linked to a duty to prepare a community strategy with a Local Strategic Partnership and to fully involve the local community in the process.

2.2 A Community Strategy must allow communities to articulate their aspirations and priorities whilst co-ordinating the actions of the Council, and of local public, private, voluntary and community organisations in order to shape their future programmes and activities. It must also contribute to the achievement of sustainable development both locally and more widely with local goals relating to regional, national and global aims.

2.3 The Government considers that the most effective way of ensuring the commitment of other organisations will be for local authorities to work with other bodies through a Local strategic Partnership.

Progress to Date

2.4 Following the District Auditor's report to Members in January 2002, two seminars have been held for Senior Staff and Members in January and March, both facilitated by Dr Steve Rogers from INLOGOV, covering aspects of developing Community Strategies and Local Strategic Partnerships.

- 2.5 Arrangements have now been made for the next stage. The first meeting between the Council and key stakeholders in the public, private and voluntary sectors who are likely to form the core of the LSP is to be held at the Bretby Conference Centre on 2nd October. A List of Key Stakeholders is attached as Annex A for information.
- 2.6 It is hoped that agreement can be reached at this meeting for proposals for the establishment and operation of the LSP, a provisional timetable for the production of the strategy and agreement to a process of involving all other potential interested players.
- 2.7 On the same day arrangements have been made to involve most of the Council's Divisional and Unit Managers and other key officers who may have an interest either directly or indirectly through service delivery to be involved in the process and to be briefed by Dr Rogers.

3.0 **Financial Implications**

- 3.1 None arising from this report