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Date: Thursday, 5 January 2023

To: **Members of the Communities Scrutiny Committee**

Please attend a meeting of the Communities Scrutiny Committee to be held on **Friday, 13 January 2023 at 1.30 pm in the Council Chamber**, District Council Offices, 2013 Mill Lane, Wingerworth, Chesterfield S42 6NG.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Sarah Skeneberg'.

Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer

Members of the Committee

<u>Conservative Group</u>	<u>Labour Group</u>	<u>Independent Group</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Group</u>
Councillor Kevin Tait Councillor Heather Liggett Councillor Lilian Deighton Councillor Philip Wheelhouse	Councillor Joseph Birkin Councillor Tony Lacey Councillor Jeff Lilley	Councillor Maureen Potts	Councillor Pam Windley

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A G E N D A

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interests and/or other interests, not already on their register of interests, in any item on the agenda and withdraw from the meeting at the appropriate time.

3 Minutes of Last Meeting (Pages 4 - 8)

To approve as a correct record and the Chair to sign the Minutes of the Communities Scrutiny Committee held on 11 November 2022.

4 Scrutiny Review - Leisure and Wellbeing Provisions for Older Residents (Pages 9 - 12)

NEDDC: leisure membership statistics

5 Scrutiny Review - Leisure and Wellbeing Provisions for Older Residents

Interviews - • Stephen Birds, Swimming Development Officer
• Michael Price, Healthy Lifestyles Manager

6 CCTV in Taxis

To receive a progress report on the implementation of the CCTV in Taxis Policy – Ken Eastwood, Assistant Director Environmental Health and Lisa Ingram, Legal Team Manager.

7 Previous Scrutiny Review (Pages 13 - 26)

To consider progress against the Action Plan – previous Scrutiny Review into Residential Parking – Damien Johnson, Assistant Director Property, Estates and Assets.

8 Forward Plan of Executive Decisions (Pages 27 - 29)

To consider the attached Forward Plan of Executive Decisions dated 15 December 2022 to 15 January 2023.

Please note, the most up-to- date Forward Plan of Executive Decisions can be accessed via the following link:-

<https://democracy.norfolk.gov.uk/mgListPlans.aspx?RPId=1137&RD=0&bcr=1>

9 Work Programme (Pages 30 - 34)

To consider the Committee's Work Programme.

10 Additional Urgent Items

To consider any other matter which the Chair of the meeting is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency.

11 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Communities Scrutiny Committee is scheduled to take place on Thursday 9 February 2023 at 1.30 pm.



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COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2022

Present:

Councillor Kevin Tait (Chair) (in the Chair)
Councillor Heather Liggett (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Joseph Birkin
Councillor Tony Lacey
Councillor Pam Windley

Councillor Lilian Deighton
Councillor Jeff Lilley
Councillor Philip Wheelhouse

Also Present:

D Johnson	Assistant Director - Property, Estates and Assets
M Finn	Environmental Health Manager
L Ingram	Legal Team Manager - Contentious Team
F Green	Community Safety Manager
D Stanton	Senior Scrutiny Officer
T Scott	Governance and Scrutiny Officer

CSC/ Apologies for Absence

21/2

2-23 An apology for absence was received from Councillor R Hall.

CSC/ Declarations of Interest

22/2

2-23 Members were requested to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interest and/or other interest, not already on their register of interests, in any item on the agenda and withdraw from the meeting at the appropriate time.

There were no interests declared at this meeting.

CSC/ Minutes of Last Meeting

23/2

2-23 RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Communities Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 23 September 2022 were approved and signed as a correct record by the Chair.

CSC/ Safer Streets Fund

24/2

2-23 The Community Safety Manager delivered a presentation on the 'Safer Streets fund' bid and its initiatives. The presentation included:

- Aims of Safer Streets
- Overview of the fourth round of Safer Streets Funding
- Our bid

Members discussed residents being informed of some of the elements of the presentation. The Community Safety Manager urged Members to e-mail the

Community Safety department if they received any local knowledge from residents.

Members referred to the total amount of the bid and enquired if the Council had contributed half of it. They were informed that Bolsover Town Council had provided the majority of the funding.

The Chair requested a breakdown of the amount the Council had contributed towards the fund. The Community Safety Manager stated that this would be investigated.

RESOLVED – That Committee noted the update.

CSC/ CCTV in Taxis

25/2

2-23

The Environmental Health Service Manager and the Legal Team Manager (Contentious Team) gave Members a progress update on the implementation of the CCTV in Taxis Policy. Legal officers were checking the first draft of the contract, which the Committee requested an update about on 23 September 2022.

The Legal Team Manager (Contentious Team) explained that because of the complexity of the contract, Legal officers had to seek guidance from an external law firm on the first draft, and this was the reason why Legal officers had not yet approved the first draft of the contract.

The Environmental Health Service Manager explained that drivers coming to the Council for their MOT test would have to install CCTV in their vehicles from 28 November 2022. In the lead up to this date, drivers had all been written to informing them of the changes, and training had taken place to try and train all of the people involved. Specialist ICT equipment was also being delivered in the next week.

The Environmental Health Service Manager informed Members that some drivers had concerns about the scheme and could form an association in response.

Members enquired if it was possible for drivers based in the District to acquire their licence somewhere else and still operate in the District. The Environmental Health Service Manager advised that this was possible.

Members discussed the contract and asked what the progress with it was at that moment in time. The Legal Team Manager (Contentious Team) explained that the first draft would still be with the external firm until the end of next week, and added that the contract had grown in complexity because of all of the Data Protection provisions that had to be included.

Members discussed the issues taxi drivers had with the policy and enquired specifically what they were. The Environmental Health Service Manager explained that the primary issue had been the cost to drivers, particularly in the middle of a cost of living crisis. Members suggested allowing drivers to rent cameras, but the Environmental Health Service Manager stated this would not be possible.

Members enquired what legal steps would be taken to make sure all taxis were compliant. The Environmental Health Service Manager explained that taxis would not be given a licence if they did not have CCTV installed.

The Committee discussed the checks the Council would have to make on taxis to ensure they were compliant, and enquired what the cost of these checks would be to the Council. The Environmental Health Service Manager explained that the systems would be checked as part of routine vehicle testing on licence renewals, and this would be straightforward to carry out.

RESOLVED – That Committee noted the update.

CSC/ **Previous Scrutiny Review**

26/2

2-23

The Assistant Director of Property, Estates and Assets presented to Members an action plan which set out progress against the recommendations that emanated from the Committee's previous 2019/20 Residential Parking Review.

Members were advised that the recommendation follow ups in the action plan that were still outstanding were items 3 and 5. Item 3 (That the effectiveness of using Grass Crete at suitable locations within the District to offer further parking opportunities for residents be investigated) was noted in the action plan as completed, but Members were informed that this was outstanding because the location of the trial site was still to be determined.

The Assistant Director of Property, Estates and Assets gave more detail on residential parking being considered by other Committees. Members were informed that Audit Committee had raised concerns about the site selection criteria, and Cabinet/SMT had requested an update on the status of the programme for their meeting on 23 November 2022.

The Chair was concerned that using the description "complete" for Items 1, 2 and 4 in the action plan was misleading, since they were not complete. Members agreed a more appropriate term to put in the action plan would be "not able to implement". The Assistant Director of Property, Estates and Assets stated this would be amended and that he would review the action plan.

Members shared a number of concerns relating to the content of the action plan. They felt that the note for Item 4 ("Officers have investigated the feasibility of setting a minimum of 2 car parking spaces for all new developments and have concluded that it is not practicable.") did not explain the reasons why in enough detail. They also felt that the progress update for Item 5 ("A number of sites have already been used to provide new homes and poor condition garages have been demolished") appeared to be superseding what the Committee asked for in the review, which was to look at all garage sites for alternative parking options.

Members requested that with these concerns in mind, the action plan needed to be discussed in more detail with the specific officers who would be working on each item on the action plan. The Assistant Director of Property, Estates and Assets agreed to meet with the Senior Engineers and Planning officers to gather

further information before returning to the Committee at its next meeting on 13 January 2022.

RESOLVED – That Committee noted the update.

CSC/ Scrutiny Review

27/2

2-23

The Senior Scrutiny Officer presented Members with an update on the ongoing Scrutiny Review of Leisure & Wellbeing Provisions for Older Residents, which included a proposed review timetable and information Members had requested on 23 September 2022 about:

1. Membership prices (for all age groups) and what they get with their memberships
2. A breakdown of how many members are in the age categories of 55-64, 65-74 and 75+
3. A list of all activities offered to older people

The Senior Scrutiny Officer explained that the timetable included interviews with officers for the Committee meeting on 13 January 2023, so Members should raise any questions for them to the Senior Scrutiny Officer as soon as possible to provide enough time for detailed answers.

The Committee discussed a number of areas they would like the Senior Scrutiny Officer to research before the Review was considered again on 13 January 2023. They requested the following:

1. The age information provided in this meeting's breakdown, but in a graph
2. The total memberships of each of the breakdown's age groups
3. Include the newly opened centre in Killamarsh in all future research
4. The total number of memberships for each facility, and then broken down by age group (and then compared with previous years)

RESOLVED –

(1) That Committee noted the update.

(2) That Committee agreed the project plan and timetable for the Scrutiny Review of Leisure & Wellbeing Provisions for Older Residents.

CSC/ Forward Plan of Executive Decisions

28/2

2-23

RESOLVED – That the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions be noted.

CSC/ Work Programme

29/2

2-23

The Chair requested for the Senior Scrutiny Officer to add the 2019/20 Residential Parking Review to the Work Programme for the meeting on 13 January 2023, based on discussions about the review earlier in the meeting.

RESOLVED – That the work programme be noted.

CSC/ Additional Urgent Items

30/2

2-23 There were no additional urgent items.

CSC/ Date of Next Meeting

31/2

2-23 The next meeting of the Communities Scrutiny Committee would be held on Friday 13 January 2023 at 1:30pm.

Fig 1. Leisure memberships* for the over 55's at each NEDDC owned sports centre (55-64's, 65-74's, 75+).

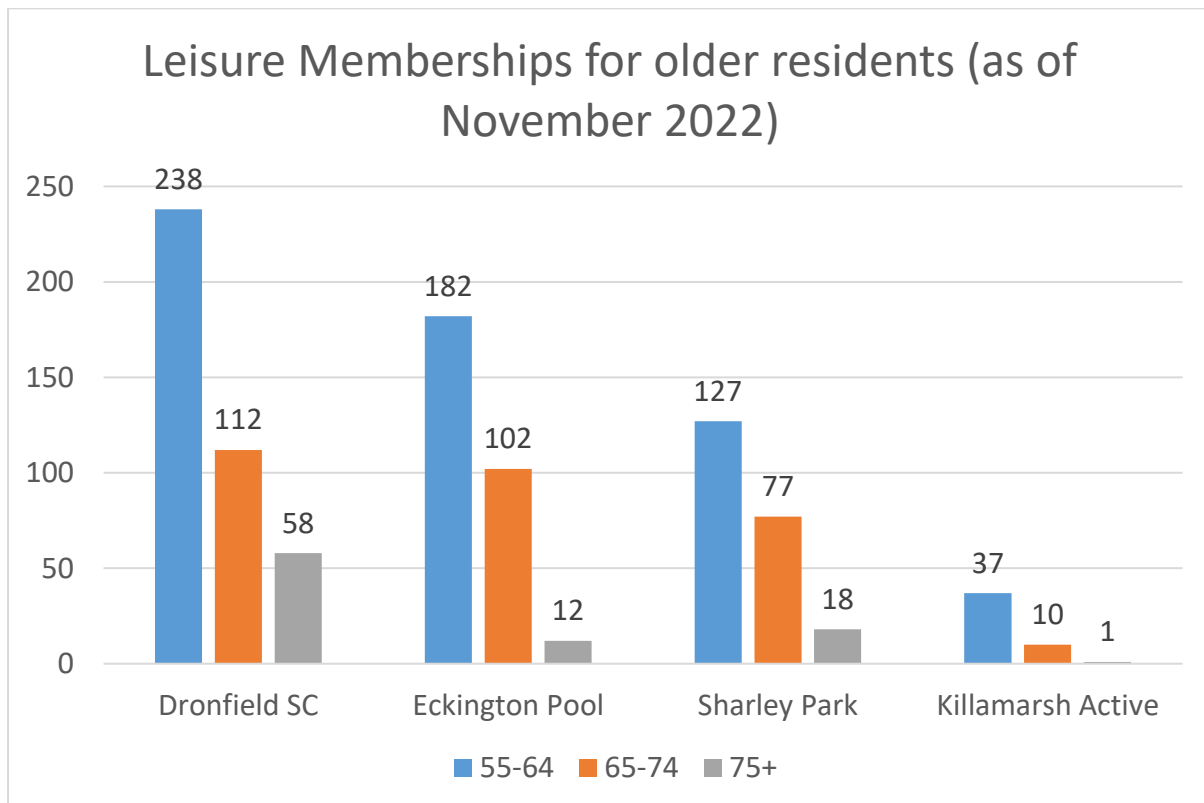


Fig 2a. Total number of memberships at Dronfield SC. Dronfield SC currently has 1714 members (1530 Direct Debit members and 184 supersavers*). 408 are over 55 (24%)

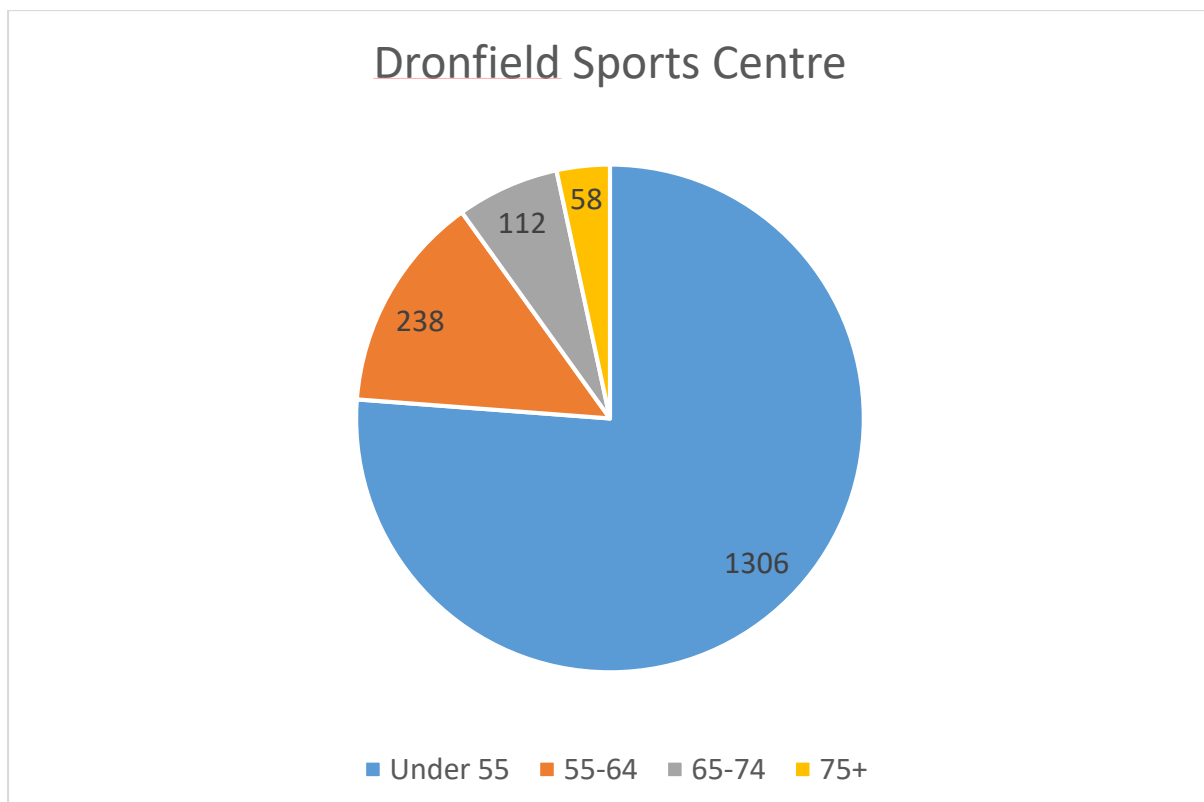


Fig 2b. Total number of memberships at Eckington Pool & Fitness Centre. Eckington Pool & Fitness Centre has 1173 members (1109 direct debit members and 64 supersavers*). 296 are over 55 (25%).

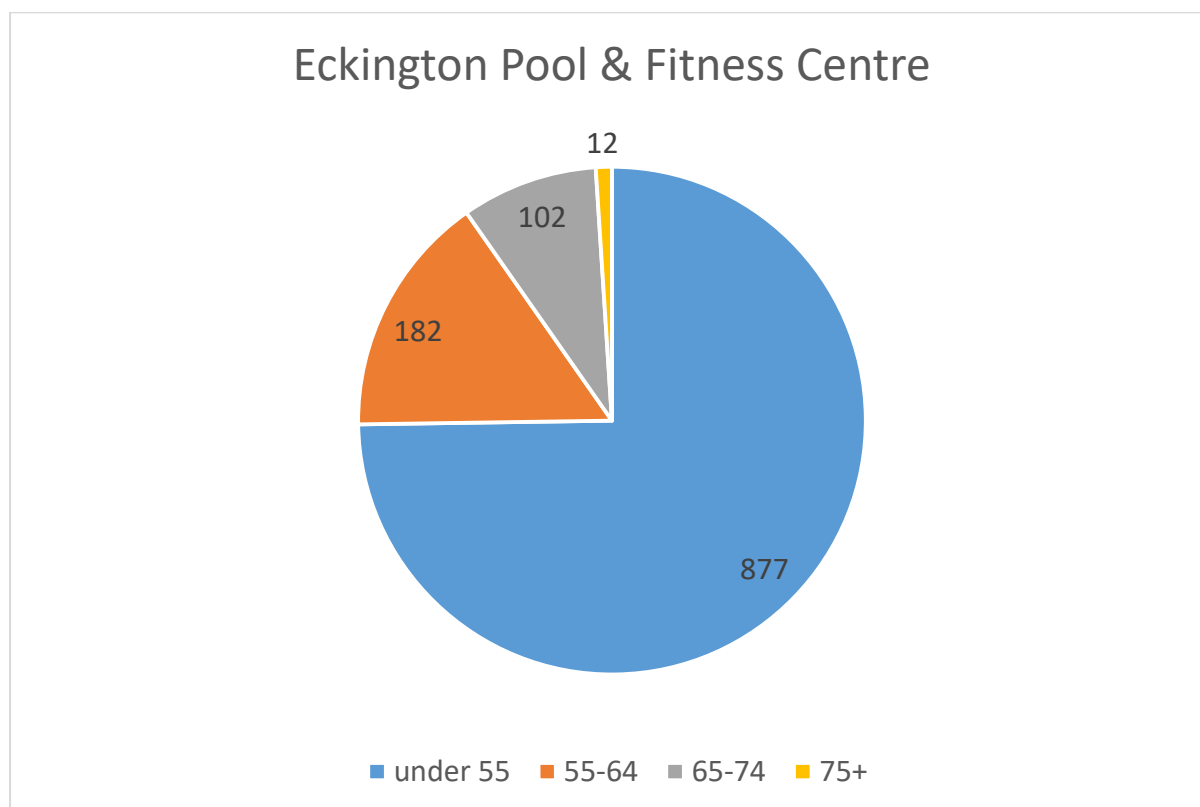


Fig 2c. Total number of memberships at Sharley Park. Sharley Park Leisure Centre has 905 members (810 direct debit members and 95 supersavers*). 222 are over 55 (25%).

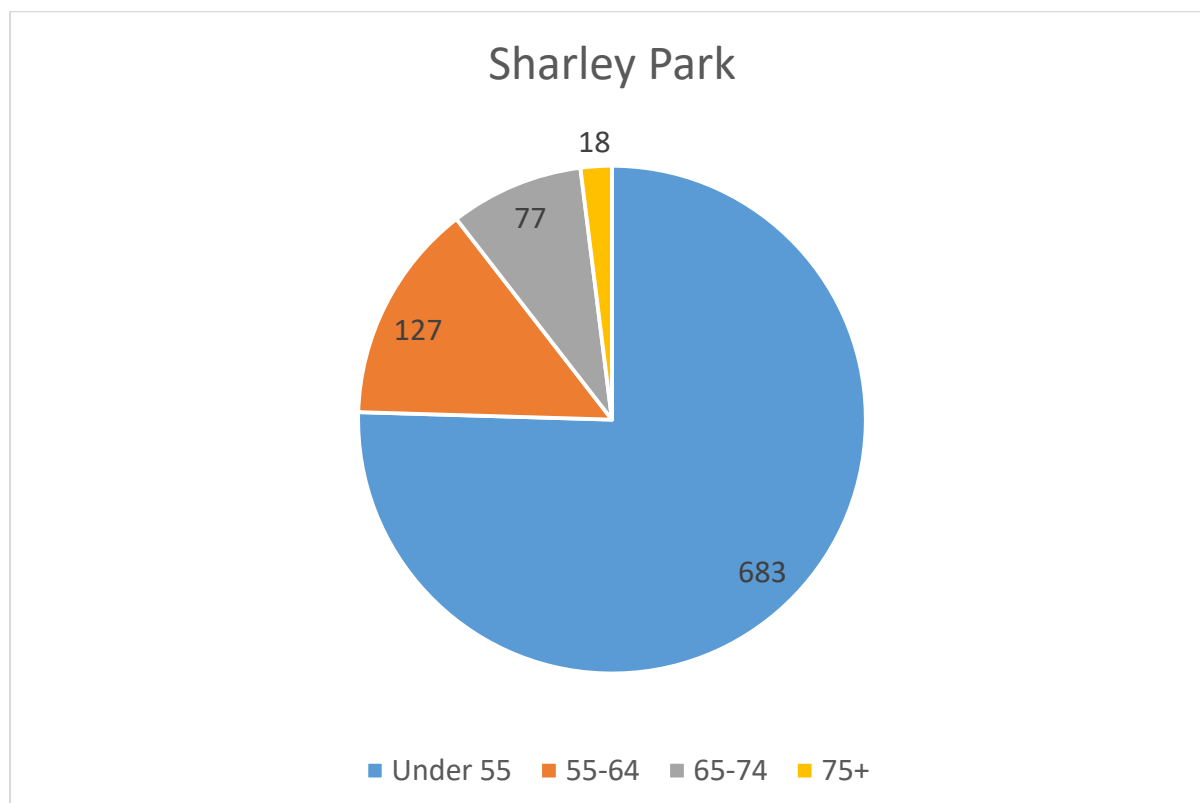


Fig 2d. Total memberships at Killamarsh Active. Killamarsh Active currently has 385 members (372 direct debit members and 13 supersavers*). 48 are over 55 (12%).

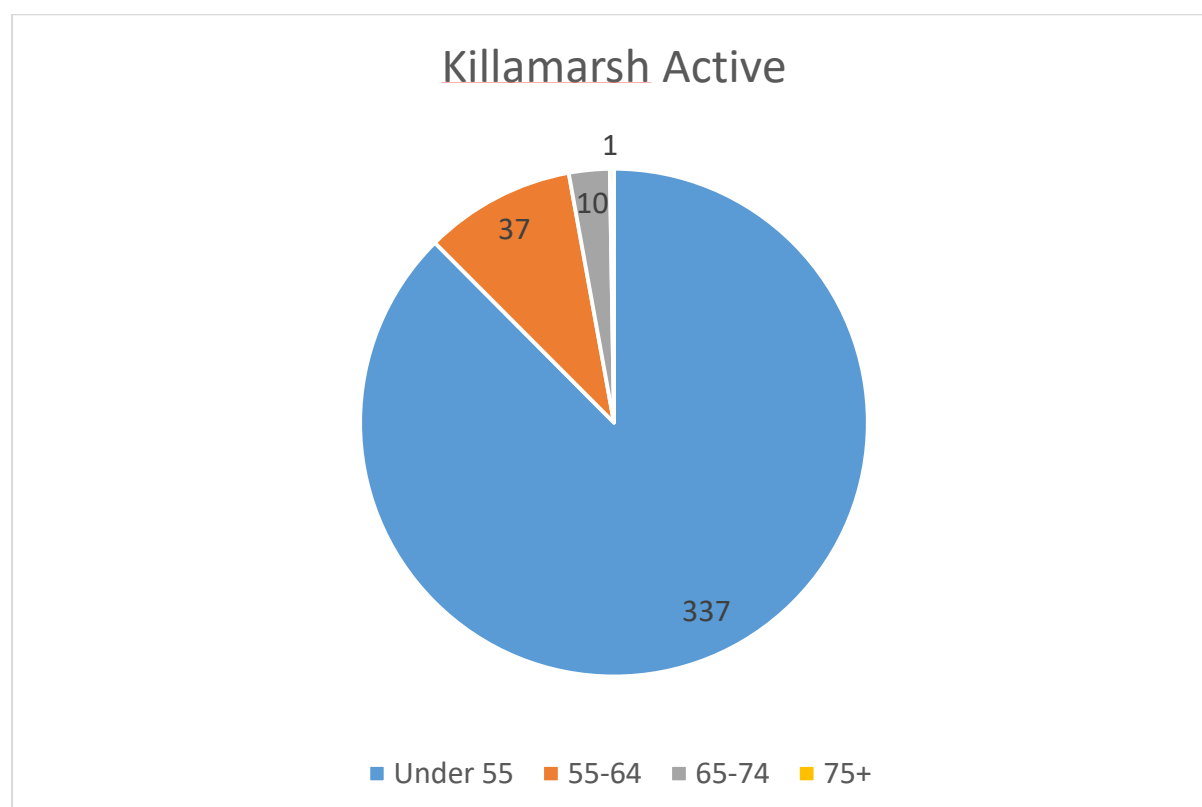
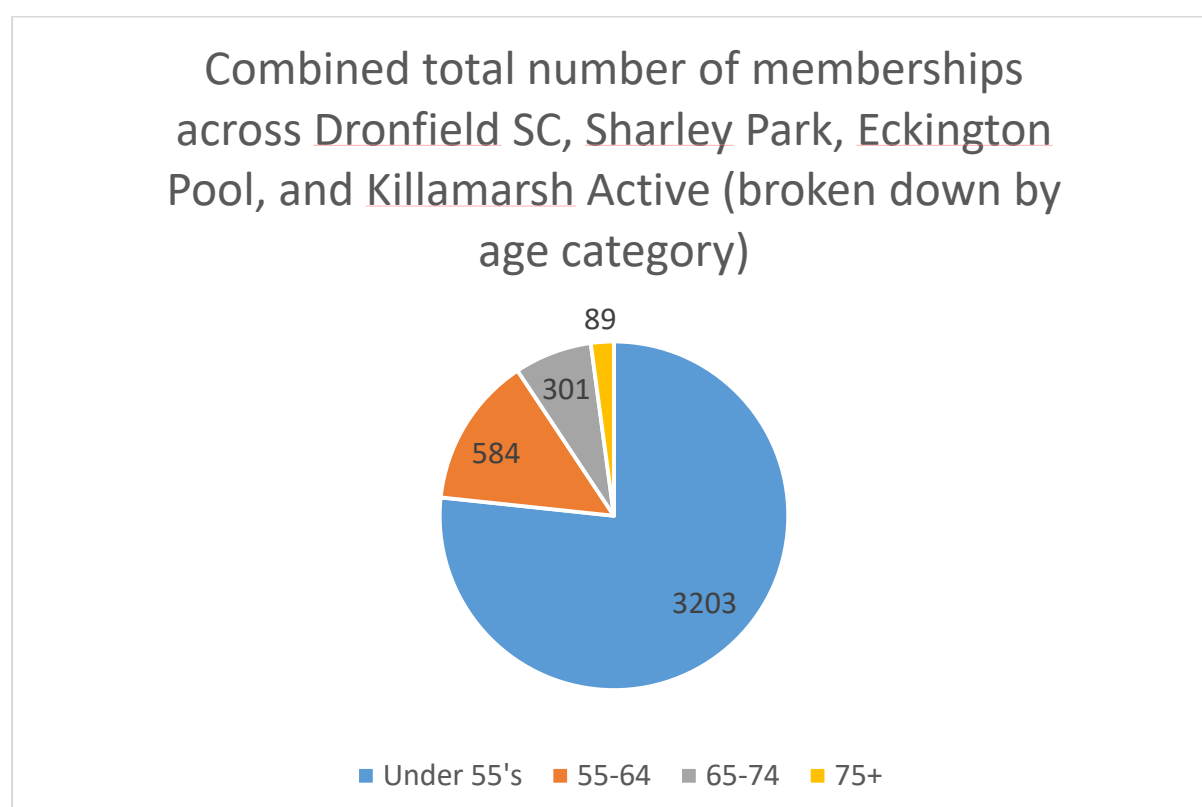


Fig 3. Total memberships* across the four NEDDC owned leisure centres. There are 4,177 members in total. 974 of the membership are over 55 (23%).



*Direct Debit & Supersaver Memberships are the only memberships which are recorded. Leisure discount schemes are not recorded as the Supersaver is used as the figure to measure those numbers.

Direct Debit Memberships Types:

- Flex 1- one activity from gym/swim/classes = £23 a month DD
- Flex 2- two activities from gym/swim/classes= £26.50 a month DD
- Unlimited- All 3 gym/swim/classes and discount on court bookings- £30 a month DD
- Corporate- Same as unlimited. Company is registered with us so get a discount- £25 a month DD (minimum of 5 employees)

Leisure Discount Scheme - Comprises the 2 following schemes:

<u>Leisure Pass Scheme</u>	<u>Concessionary Pass Scheme</u>
<p>One off annual payment of £4.50 which then gives reduced prices for activities in the centre- Pay & Play @ £2.90</p> <p>Qualify for this membership by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receiving Council Tax Benefit, Housing Benefit, or Universal Credit with the Housing element • Any dependants (under 18 years of age) • Health Referral <p>Are entitled to the <u>Supersaver membership</u> (unlimited gym, swim and some Exercise by Referral classes @ £20/month (cash payment)</p>	<p>One off annual payment of £4.50 which then gives reduced prices for activities in the centre- Pay & Play @ £3.70</p> <p>Qualify for this membership by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receiving state pension • Health Referral • Student • Armed Forces Concession <p>Are entitled to the <u>Supersaver membership</u> (unlimited gym, swim and some Exercise by Referral classes @ £20/month (cash payment)</p>

** The system used is a live reporting system which gives a snapshot of the membership at the current time. You cannot enter dates into this report to get the splits from previous years as the memberships on offer are ever evolving and figures not recorded in the past.

**NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

RESIDENTIAL PARKING

MAY 2020

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Chair's Foreword

I am pleased to present this report on behalf of the Communities Scrutiny Committee. These are the findings, conclusions and recommendations from its review into Residential Parking.

This was a full review taking in all the areas effecting parking within the district.

During the review period the Committee held a number of interviews at which it heard from a range of Officers and stakeholders. It also consulted four Parish/Town Councils in Clay Cross, Dronfield, Eckington and Killamarsh on their experiences of issues raised by their residents on this topic. Representatives were also invited from the Councils to present their submissions direct to the Committee.

The Committee heard from all stakeholders how much parking impacts on the residents of North East Derbyshire from planning applications, bin collections, emergency response vehicles and the use of leisure facilities.

The report contains a number of recommendations which we feel will make parking within the District better for all residents.

I would like to thank all the members of the Scrutiny Committee for their hard work throughout the year which has made the review an enjoyable process. I would also like to extend a special thanks to the Scrutiny Manager Sue Veerman for her hard work and input which has made the review possible.

Review Panel

The review panel comprised the following members:

Councillor K Tait	-	(Conservative) – Review Panel Chair
Councillor J Birkin	-	(Labour)
Councillor L Deighton	-	(Conservative)
Councillor M Foster	-	(Conservative)
Councillor O Gomez Reaney	-	(Conservative)
Councillor R Hall	-	(Conservative)
Councillor D Hancock	-	(Liberal Democrat)
Councillor J Lilley	-	(Labour)

1. Recommendations

That:

- 1.1 The Council consider the introduction of a facility on its own website for residents to report bad parking within the Councils area.
- 1.2 The Council investigate the feasibility of providing an increased Civil Enforcement budget for use directly by the Council or if this was not possible to Derbyshire County Council to undertake additional enforcement on our behalf.
- 1.3 That the effectiveness of using Grasscrete at suitable locations within the District to offer further parking opportunities for residents be investigated
- 1.4 That the Council investigate the feasibility of setting a minimum standard of two car parking spaces per property for both Council and private developments.
- 1.5 That as part of the review into garages and garage sites consideration be given as to whether they can provide additional residents parking.

2. Introduction

- 2.1 At its meeting on 7 June 2019 the Communities Scrutiny Committee agreed to undertake a review of Residential Parking.
- 2.2 The Committee felt that it was timely to review this area following a motion at Council on 20 May 2019.

3. Scope of Review

- 3.1 The review aimed to:
 - Consider the provision of residential parking within the District
 - Gain an understanding of what the resident parking issues are within the District
 - Identify any actions the Council could consider to resolve these resident parking issues

4. Method of Review

- 4.1 The review panel met on six occasions to consider the scope of the review, key issues they wanted to discuss and key people they wished to interview.
- 4.2 Evidence was gathered in a variety of ways including documentation, external submissions and interviews.

5. Evidence and Research

A number of documents and evidence were provided to the review panel for consideration. Details are provided below:

- Presentation by Victoria Vernon and Tracy Buckland – Senior Engineers
- Presentation by Niall Clark – Director of Property and Development – Rykneld Homes
- Residential Parking Strategy
- NEDDC Parking Space Creation 2009 to 2019
- NEDDC Parking space Loss/Gain 2009/2019
- Hard Standing Application Process
- Specification for the Construction on Driveways and Hard standings on Council Owned Property
- Application Form To Construct a Hard standing and Dropped Kerb
- Derbyshire County Council Guidance – Vehicular Access
- Garage Site Costing and Bay Pricing Examples
- Garage plots per area – September 2019
- Report to Asset Management Group on Estate Green Open Space – Vehicular Erosion Mitigation
- Asset Management Group Minutes Summary
- Submission by Clay Cross Parish Council
- Submission by Dronfield Town Council
- Submission by Eckington Parish Council
- Submission by Killamarsh Parish Council
- Submission by Councillor – Eckington Parish Council
- Council Minute - Motion – 20th May, 2019
- Agreement Relating to The Civil Enforcement of Parking In the Administrative County of Derbyshire

6. Key Findings

6.1 Observations

- 6.1.1 The review panel heard evidence that issues with residential parking are a District wide issue and different solutions are required in different areas. There is a lack of off and on street parking space within the District. Many properties were built before mass car ownership and without a drive or parking provision. Estate roads can be narrow and on street parking creates access issues. The cost of providing drives or hard standings for tenants can be a problem. There are also difficulties sometimes on estates for refuse vehicle who have to over run on verges if access is difficult due to parked cars. Additionally people also park on verges and open spaces which can cause problems with the surfaces being damaged.
- 6.1.2 Enforcement of parking can be very difficult. Civil parking enforcement is the responsibility of Derbyshire County Council (DCC), who manage it across the County (excluding Derby city) in partnership with the eight district and borough Councils. This is undertaken by civil enforcement officers (CPO) who enforce a range of restrictions. There are a limited number of CEOs. The DCC website states that civil parking is not a reactive service and requests for enforcement will be scheduled into routine patrols, as and when resources allow. DCC also

manage the enforcement of on-street regulations. As a District Council we manage off-street enforcement, such as pay and display car parks. The Panel also discussed the powers and resources available to the Police in dealing with residential parking issues. Members agreed that greater enforcement, traffic calming measures and by-laws could be effective solutions.

- 6.1.3 The review panel have been updated on a new Residential Parking Strategy that had been agreed by Cabinet on 7 November 2019. They have also been advised that Rykneld Homes Ltd would be promoting parking provisions within the District in order to address residents' concerns. The panel additionally considered further evidence of a number of trial areas in the District, which include Holymoorside, Apperknowle and Kelstedge.

6.2 Good Practice

- 6.2.1 The review panel had reviewed the process for making an application to construct a hard standing and a dropped kerb on a property. The specification for this process had likewise recently been reviewed. The aim was to make the process more user friendly. The review panel was advised that other information and guidance to residents was also being improved and developed. The review panel welcomed this as it provided options that residents could consider to provide themselves with parking.
- 6.2.2 The review panel heard from the Director of Property Services and Development at Rykneld Homes about a review that was being undertaken of existing garages and their future use. The Review Panel were pleased to hear this as repurposing of garages was a possible solution they had considered and concluded would be of use to residents where appropriate.
- 6.2.3 The School Parking Partnership Initiative was raised as a positive development. A number of schools across the country had been initiating actions to highlight poor or irresponsible parking which could put others at risk. In the District a school in Wingerworth have been working with their local Safer Neighbourhood policing team, communities and road safety teams to try to stop parking and congestion around the school. The school had also adopted an initiative where parents can safely pull in to a designated layby and drop off their children, where they are met and safely escorted in to the school grounds without parents having to park up. Feedback from parents and local residents had been positive and a reduction in parking or congestion around the school had occurred. Several schools within the District were located amongst residential areas so this was seen as a helpful initiative.

6.3 Areas for Improvement

- 6.3.1 The review panel invited comments from Town/Parish Councils at Clay Cross, Dronfield, Eckington and Killamarsh on their experiences of parking issues within their areas. Issues raised included increasing volumes of traffic, inconsiderate and sometimes illegal parking, arguments and violence around schools and reduction in some free parking facilities which could impact on residential car parking. Insufficient enforcement was a significant concern

raised by many contributors. One Council provided details of a Traffic Enforcement Scheme that they had agreed, which it hoped would make the area safer for both road users and pedestrians, especially in areas around local schools.

As a result of this evidence the panel had considered whether the introduction of a mechanism for reporting bad parking on the NEDDC's website would be useful. It was felt this would allow for vehicles to be identified and also which areas were having particular issues so potential targeting could be considered.

- 6.3.2 Having heard of the difficulties being experienced by a number of people who gave evidence on getting successful enforcement within their areas the panel considered what options the Council might have to improve this situation. Currently Derbyshire County Council carry out enforcement and the District Council make a contribution for this. The review panel discussed whether the Council could consider increasing the budget for Civil Enforcement as they felt this would help residents with parking. However, it may be that the County Council would not wish to undertake this extra work. Therefore the review panel felt consideration should be given to any available options that NEDDC could take to provide additional support in this area.
- 6.3.3 The review panel discussed problems with people parking on verges and grassed areas and the covering of garden areas with hard surfaces where residents sought to provide parking for their vehicles. This could present issues such as surface water drainage problems. The review panel felt that it would be worthwhile in considering the feasibility and effectiveness of using a product like Grasscrete where appropriate. Grasscrete is a pervious reinforced concrete structure for all types of trafficked areas that is either covered with grass, has grass growing in the voids of the structure or has stone in the voids of the structure
- 6.3.4 The review panel discussed, with the Head of Planning, the parking provision for new developments and what the current standards were. They also heard from Director of Property and Development at Rykneld Homes that they were developing options for the creation of additional parking on estates. Additional parking was also being created during major regeneration projects. The review panel felt that they would like to see a minimum of two parking spaces per house both for Council and private developments.
- 6.3.5 The review panel heard that currently garages were being demolished where they were in poor condition and the demand was low. Additionally many garages are no longer large enough for a lot of modern cars. This had the potential for residents parking provision. However, it was recognised that sometimes the location of garage sites were not suitable for this purpose. Additionally vacant garage sites were also being used to produce new homes with parking. The repurposing of garage sites was an area the panel felt needed to be considered for the provision of additional resident parking.

7. Conclusions

- 7.1 The review panel gathered a variety of evidence from a mix of officers at North East Derbyshire and Rykneld Homes. They also reviewed a number of relevant documents and policies in connection with the review. It was apparent that the issues surrounding residential parking were varied and different solutions were required in different areas.
- 7.2 However, the review panel felt that they had heard evidence on potential solutions that may improve some of the issues being experienced by residents. A number of recommendations were made for these solutions to be investigated further.

Appendix 1

Stakeholders Engaged During the Review

Steve Brunt	-	Head of Street scene
Tracy Buckland	-	Senior Engineer
Niall Clark	-	Director of Property and Development
Richard Purcell	-	Head of Planning
Victoria Vernon	-	Senior Engineer
Clay Cross Parish Council		
Dronfield Parish Council		
Eckington Parish Council		
Killamarsh Parish Council		

Appendix 1 - Residential Parking Review Action Plan

Item	Recommendation	Action Required	Who by	When by	Progress
1.	That the Council consider the introduction of a facility on its own website for residents to report bad parking within the Councils area	Gather information and consult with Communications and web development	Victoria Vernon	01/10/21	The matter has been considered and for the reasons explained in the notes below the officer proposal would be to not implement such a facility.
2.	That the Council investigate the feasibility of providing an increased Civil Enforcement budget for use directly by the Council or if this was not possible to Derbyshire County Council to undertake additional enforcement on our behalf	Discuss options with DCC Civil Parking Enforcement	Victoria Vernon/Tracy Buckland	01/06/21	The matter was explored and for the reasons explained in the notes below officers were unable to implement the request.
3.	That the effectiveness of using Grass Crete at suitable locations within the District to offer further parking opportunities for residents be investigated	a) Compare prices and gather information from Councils or groups who have used Grasscrete or similar for long term parking	Victoria Vernon/Tracy Buckland	1/10/21	Complete – the information can be shared with committee if requested.

		b) Install Grasscrete or similar at a trial site and monitor	Victoria Vernon	2021/2022	Trial site works completed July 2022 at Adlington. Ongoing monitoring to be carried out in January 2023 and July 2023.
4.	That the Council investigate the feasibility of setting a minimum standard of two car parking spaces per property for both Council and private developments	Seek advice from Planning.	Victoria Vernon	01/10/21	The matter was explored and for the reasons explained in the notes below officers were unable to implement the request.
5.	That as part of the review into garages and garage sites consideration be given as to whether they can provide additional residents parking	Review of garage sites, garages and garage plots to look at usage, condition and options for alternative use.	Rykneild Homes and NEDDC officers	April 2022	<p>Ongoing. The NEDDC review of its Strategic Asset Management Plan (in progress with a target date for adoption by start of 2023/24) and workshops with Councillors will set the strategic direction in regard to the management, maintenance, acquisition and disposal of garage sites.</p> <p>A number of sites have already been used to provide new homes and poor condition garages have been demolished</p> <p>The Garage site review is no longer being carried out as a standalone piece of work. As part of any regeneration works</p>

					carried out by RHL, garage sites are assessed and parking considered as part of larger schemes. As part of Rykneld's active asset management, sites are also assessed when complaints are received or when garage sites become under-occupied.
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Notes

Item 1

Officers have considered the provision of such a facility and have concluded that it is not feasible. Adding another form for bad parking throughout the district conflicts with the abandoned vehicle form we already utilise for Environmental Health. Currently, under the existing abandoned vehicle form, the customer is advised to report parking issues to DCC and obstructions to the police. The form was developed in conjunction with Environmental Health, to stop issues being reported to NEDDC which are not our responsibility and to direct members of the public to the correct authority.

As NEDDC have no jurisdiction over parking improvements on the adopted highway, the option to report parking issues to us suggests that we have the powers to take remedial action. In reality in the vast majority of cases we are unable to act as we are not the enforcing Authority.

As an alternative officers at NEDDC will request that DCC forward information on any bad parking reports on a quarterly basis for our records which will enable us to inform parking strategy.

Item 2

DCC do not have sufficient leeway in the current Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) contract to increase total hours across the County and, increasing enforcement in the NED District would necessitate reductions in hours elsewhere. DCC were approached and refused the option for us to fund additional hours for the district.

Item 4

Officers have investigated the feasibility of setting a minimum of 2 car parking spaces for all new developments and have concluded that it is not practicable.

The Council is free to design in two car parking spaces (CPS) per unit on its developments and those of Rykneld Homes if it wishes to. Similarly, if it is selling land for development it can stipulate this as part of the land sale by way of a condition or covenant. This would be an internal policy and not part of the planning process.

The planning department have stated that when a planning application is made for a council or private development, Planning would use the principle of the level of parking provision being determined by the site context, its sustainability and accessibility to public transport, employment and other local amenities. This is stipulated in the Successful Places Supplementary Planning Document that has been adopted by four councils (NEDDC, Chesterfield, Bolsover and Bassetlaw). It is supported in planning applications by the council as local planning authority and at appeal by Inspectors.

In practice, what this means is that where a proposal is close to local facilities or public transport connections, or if the proposal has one bedroom units, planning could not sustain a position of two CPS per unit.

Even if we introduced a requirement of two CPS per unit in a future review of the Successful Places SPD or any replacement of it by another SPD, it is likely to be overturned by subsequent appeals where the site context does not support the need for them. The planning application decision making process looks at each application on its merits. Blanket policies that require the same rigid standard for all types of development quickly come unstuck in such a process.

Associated Works

A number of officers and Councillors have collaborated to develop a strategic plan for improving parking provision in areas of high demand based on set criteria. These locations are those that were identified during the scrutiny process and any reported to NEDDC or Rykneld following the review. Based on this strategy, officers have drawn up outline plans for increasing parking provision in thirty priority locations across the district. A report will be submitted to approve the plan for improvements to the first eight locations of those currently fitting the priority criteria.

The criteria and priorities used to inform our parking programme are as follows:

- Less than one space (either on or off street) per property. No sites with one space or more per property were considered on this occasion.

- Properties specifically intended for vulnerable residents. This is assessed as 50% plus of the properties in the immediate area being bungalows or ground floor flats.
- Council owned. This is where 50% plus of the properties in the immediate area are owned by NEDDC.
- Quick Wins. This is where parking could be added without the need for any third party agreements or permissions and where utilities were not affected.

Locations meeting all four criteria are classed as priority one and will form the first tranche of schemes.



Forward Plan of Executive Decisions for the period 15 December 2022 – 15 January 2023

This Forward Plan sets out all of the decisions that are expected to be taken over the next four months by either: (i) The Cabinet, or (ii) an officer on an Executive function of the Council.

Some of the decisions listed in this plan are 'Key Decisions'. A Key Decision is one that is likely to:

- (a) Result in the Council spending or receiving income of over £100,000 revenue or £250,000 capital, or
- (b) Have a significant impact on two or more wards in the Council's area.

At least 28 calendar days' notice must be given before they are due to be taken by the Cabinet or an officer under delegated powers.

The Cabinet can make urgent decisions which do not appear in the Forward Plan. A notice will be published at the District Council Offices and on the Council's website explaining the reasons for the urgent decisions. Please note that the decision dates are indicative and are subject to change.

The Forward Plan also lists those 'Exempt' Decisions which are going to be taken over the next four months. Exempt Decisions are those decisions which have to be taken in private. This is because they involve confidential or exempt information which cannot be shared with the public.

The contact details for the officers or senior employees responsible for producing the reports and reports for these decisions are included in the plan. Please contact them if you would like more information. If you have any queries about why something is a Key Decision or is going to be taken in private then please contact the Governance Team on 01246 217391 or email: alan.maher@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk.

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Cabinet members and their responsibilities

Member	Portfolio of responsibilities
Councillor A Dale	Leader and Portfolio Holder for Overall Strategic Leadership
Councillor C Cupit	Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services
Councillor M Foster	Portfolio Holder for Council Services
Councillor J Kenyon	Portfolio Holder for Economy, Transformation & Climate Change
Councillor A Powell	Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Communities and Communications
Councillor C Renwick	Portfolio Holder for Housing & Community Safety

DECISION TO BE TAKEN	DECISION-MAKER	DATE OF DECISION	KEY DECISION	EXEMPT DECISION (INCLUDING GROUNDS FOR EXEMPTION)	RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER
NEDDC Climate Change Strategy Refresh	Cabinet	22 Dec 2022	Non-Key	Open	Councillor Jeremy Kenyon	Director of Growth and Assets
Sharley Park Development	Cabinet	22 Dec 2022	Key	Fully exempt Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)	Councillor Alan Powell	Director of Growth and Assets

COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2022/23
FRIDAY at 1:30 pm

Chair: Cllr K Tait Vice Chair: Cllr H Liggett

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEM	SCRUTINY ACTIVITY	WHAT IT WILL COVER	UPDATE/COMMENTS
22 July 2022	CCTV in Taxis	Consultee, monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To receive an update on the implementation of the CCTV in Taxis Policy. 	Ken Eastwood – Assistant Director of Environmental Health Accepted
	Climate Change Strategy	Consultee, monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To receive an update on the Council's Climate Change Strategy 	Steve Lee – Assistant Director – Transformation & Communication Accepted
	Remit of the Committee		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Briefing on Scrutiny : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - setting the scene - the terms of reference for the Committee - How the Committee operates, ways of working– Discussion 	Damon Stanton – Senior Scrutiny Officer/Committee Members
	Selection of Scrutiny Review Topic	Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider the Committees topic for a Scrutiny review Consider what we want to look at Consider stakeholders who we want to see 	Committee Members

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	Draft Work Programme		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To discuss items for the draft work programme for the year and any suggested items for inclusion 	Committee Members/ Damon Stanton – Senior Scrutiny Officer
	Forward Plan of Executive Decisions	Consultee, monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions 	Damon Stanton – Senior Scrutiny Officer
23 September 2022 (10am)	CCTV in Taxis	Consultee, monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To receive a final report prior to the implementation of the CCTV in Taxis Policy. 	Ken Eastwood – Assistant Director of Environmental Health
	Scrutiny Review 2022/23	Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scoping and Scene setting for the 2022/23 Scrutiny Review – Leisure and wellbeing provisions for older residents 	Chris Mills – Assistant Director of Leisure
	Forward Plan of Executive Decisions	Monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions 	Damon Stanton – Senior Scrutiny Officer
	Scrutiny Work Programme	Monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider the Committees’ work programme 	Damon Stanton – Senior Scrutiny Officer
11 November 2022	CCTV in Taxis	Consultee, monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To receive a progress report on the implementation of the CCTV in Taxis Policy. 	Ken Eastwood – Assistant Director of Environmental Health Lisa Ingram – Legal Team Manager
	Safer Streets Fund	Consultee, monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To receive an overview of the ‘safer streets fund’ bid and its initiatives 	Faye Green – Community Safety Manager
	Previous Scrutiny Review	Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider progress against the Action Plan – Scrutiny Review into Residential 	Damien Johnson – Assistant Director of Property, Estates & Assets

			Parking (including an update on the Parking Strategy)	
	Scrutiny Review	Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of Project Plan and Timetable Consideration of any Documentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Membership prices and structure Membership numbers by age category Activities list and venues 	Committee
	Forward Plan of Executive Decisions	Monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions 	Damon Stanton – Senior Scrutiny Officer
	Scrutiny Work Programme	Consultee, monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider the Committees' work programme 	Damon Stanton – Senior Scrutiny Officer
13 January 2023	Scrutiny Review – Leisure & Wellbeing Provisions for Older Residents	Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NEDDC: Leisure membership statistics. 	
	Scrutiny Review – Leisure & Wellbeing Provisions for Older Residents	Review	<u>Interviews</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stephen Birds – Swimming Development Officer Michael Price – Healthy Lifestyles Manager 	
	CCTV in Taxis	Consultee, monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To receive a progress report on the implementation of the CCTV in Taxis Policy 	Ken Eastwood – Assistant Director of Environmental Health Lisa Ingram – Legal team Manager
	Previous Scrutiny Review		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider progress against the Action Plan – previous Scrutiny Review into Residential Parking 	Damien Johnson – Assistant Director of Property, Estates & Assets
	Forward Plan of Executive Decisions	Monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions 	Damon Stanton – Senior Scrutiny Officer

	Scrutiny Work Programme	Consultee, monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider the Committees' work programme 	Damon Stanton – Senior Scrutiny Officer
THURSDAY 09 FEBRUARY (INFORMAL)	Obesity in Younger Residents	Consultee, monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider a report outlining Derbyshire County Council statistics for childhood obesity 	Kelly Massey - Health & Wellbeing Development Officer Chris Mills – Assistant Director – Leisure
	Scrutiny Review – Leisure & Wellbeing Provisions for Older Residents	Review	<u>Interview</u> Kelly Massey – Health & Wellbeing Development Officer	
03 March 2023	Health Partnership Working	Consultee, monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider progress on the Healthy North East Derbyshire Approach 	Tris Burdett – Partnership Officer Accepted
	CCTV in Taxis	Consultee, monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To receive a progress report on the implementation of the CCTV in Taxis Policy 	Ken Eastwood – Assistant Director of Environmental Health
	Scrutiny Review	Review	Interviews TBC	
	Scrutiny Review	Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Triangulation of evidence – Scrutiny Review 	Committee Members
	Forward Plan of Executive Decisions	Consultee, monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions 	Damon Stanton – Senior Scrutiny Officer
	Scrutiny Work Programme	Consultee, monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider whether the Committees' work programme has been completed at year end 	Damon Stanton – Senior Scrutiny Officer

19 May 2023	CCTV in Taxis	Consultee, monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To receive a progress report on the implementation of the CCTV in Taxis Policy. 	Ken Eastwood – Assistant Director of Environmental Health
	Community Safety Partnership	Monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To review the work of the Partnership 	Faye Green - Community Partnership Manager Invited
	Previous Review	Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider the lead officer response – previous review on an out of hours service 	Lee Hickin – Managing Director Ken Eastwood – Assistant Director of Environmental Health
	Street scene	monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider the services performance including recycling 	HOS - Street scene
	Draft Scrutiny Review report	Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To agree the draft report for Scrutiny Review 	Committee Members
	Monitoring of O&S recommendations	Monitor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To monitor the implementation of previous committee and review recommendations 	Damon Stanton – Senior Scrutiny Officer
	Forward Plan of Executive Decisions	Consultee, monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions 	Damon Stanton – Senior Scrutiny Officer
	Scrutiny Work Programme	Consultee, monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider the Committee's Work Programme 	Damon Stanton – Senior Scrutiny Officer