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Date: Tuesday, 4 April 2023

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

Please attend a meeting of the Communities Scrutiny Committee to be held on **Friday, 14 April 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 black ink that reads "Sarah Steenberg".

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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AGENDA

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 23 February 2023.

4 CCTV in Taxis

To receive a progress report on the implementation of the CCTV in Taxis Policy – Ken Eastwood, Assistant Director of Environmental Health.

5 Previous Review

To consider the lead officer response – previous review on an out of hours service – Ken Eastwood, Assistant Director of Environmental Health.

6 Previous Review (Pages 9 - 16)

To consider progress against the Action Plan – (Item 5 – garage sites) – previous Scrutiny Review into Residential Parking – Niall Clark, Director of Property Services and Development.

7 Community Safety Partnership (Pages 17 - 22)

To receive a report on the work of the Partnership – Faye Green, Community Safety Manager.

8 Draft Scrutiny Review Report (Pages 23 - 33)

To agree the draft report for Scrutiny Review.

9 Monitoring of Overview and Scrutiny Recommendations (Pages 34 - 40)

To monitor the implementation of previous committee and review recommendations.

10 Forward Plan of Executive Decisions (Pages 41 - 43)

To consider the attached Forward Plan of Executive Decisions dated 15 March to 15 April 2023.

Please note, the most up-to- date Forward Plan of Executive Decisions can be

accessed via the following link:-

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

11 Work Programme (Pages 44 - 48)

To consider whether the Committee's Work Programme has been completed at year end.

12 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.

13 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Communities Scrutiny Committee will take place in the new Municipal Year.



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COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2023

Present:

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

Councillor Joseph Birkin
Councillor Jeff Lilley

Councillor Tony Lacey
Councillor Philip Wheelhouse

Also Present:

D Johnson	Assistant Director - Property, Estates and Assets
T Burdett	Partnership Development Officer
K Massey	Health & Wellbeing Development Officer
D Stanton	Senior Scrutiny Officer
T Scott	Governance and Scrutiny Officer

CSC/ Apologies for Absence

43/2

2-23 An apology for absence was received from Councillor L Deighton.

CSC/ Declarations of Interest

44/2

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

45/2

2-23 The Chair wished to note that in the discussion about the Exercise by Referral Scheme in Minute Number CSC/36/22-23, it had been the Committee's intention to use the database of people who had been referred to not only track the types of people who were being referred, but also to track which people were not turning up.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Communities Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 13 January 2023 were approved and signed as a correct record by the Chair.

CSC/ Scrutiny Review - Leisure & Wellbeing Provisions for Older Residents

46/2

2-23 Members considered a number of documents which set out detailed Area Profiles based on the more focused information Members requested at the meeting on 11 November 2022.

The Area Profiles set out information on populations, age groups and Health & Wellbeing indicators for the following areas:

- Clay Cross North
- Clay Cross South
- Eckington and Killamarsh
- Dronfield East
- Dronfield West and Walton
- North East Derbyshire

The Chair referred to the population numbers quoted for each area, and felt that despite the Committee suggesting that the numbers of people served by each facility might significantly vary, it appeared to be fairly equal in the Area Profiles.

With the Area Profiles in mind, Members felt that the review should consider the impact of COVID on the Eckington facility and the number of people who turn up to facilities for classes without leisure memberships. The Chair suggested that measuring these two points would be difficult because due to the reporting system that leisure services used, they were unable to provide a breakdown of memberships for each age group historically, or on tracking of pay-as-you-go/membership attendance differences. Members did note, however, that a new reporting system was due to be implemented in the near future, but information would not be ready in time for it to be considered through this review.

RESOLVED – That Committee noted the documents.

CSC/ Healthy Partnership Working

47/2

2-23

Members were presented with a report informing them of the progress of the Healthy North East Derbyshire Partnership during 2022/23.

The report explained that funding for the 2022/23 financial year had not yet been received. Derbyshire County Council had redrafted the new service level agreement and grant specification for each local authority, which had delayed funding for 2022/23 and meant no new activity had been commissioned during 2022/23.

The report set out projects that had been delivered during 2022/23 and progress achieved during the year to date.

The Chair asked the Partnership Development Officer what the service's annual budget was. The Partnership Development Officer informed Members that the annual budget was £79,501, but £10,000 of this was for the small grants pot.

The Chair enquired how it was decided what the service did. The Partnership Development Officer explained that this was guided by Derbyshire County Council Public Health.

Members referred to the 'Digital Connect' IT training in the report and asked if there was a cost to users for undergoing the training. The Partnership Development Officer explained that there was no cost and the tender to deliver the training was won by the Citizens Advice Mid Mercia.

Members referred to the lack of a mention in the report for the NHS North Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group. The Partnership Development Officer explained that the CCG, who were now known as the Integrated Care Board, still attended the partnership.

Members enquired how the public were informed about the small grants available. The Partnership Development Officer explained that Derbyshire Voluntary Action promoted the grants through their voluntary and community group networks, website and social media.

Members referred to the 'Walking into Communities' project and asked what the Council's role was in promoting it. The Partnership Development Officer explained that the project was promoted through the Council's social media, and added that she would investigate for the Committee exactly how the Council promoted all of the projects.

Members referred to the 'Digital Connect' IT training again, and asked if the project was promoted as part of a network. The Partnership Development Officer explained that she would investigate for the Committee precisely which network was used to promote the training.

RESOLVED – That Committee noted the report.

**CSC/
48/2
2-23** **Scrutiny Review - Leisure & Wellbeing Provisions for Older Residents (interview)**

The Chair welcomed the Health & Wellbeing Development Officer to the review interview, and explained that she would deliver a presentation in response to some of the points raised during the review process.

The Health & Wellbeing Development Officer gave a presentation which explained the following areas:

- Community activities the Council were currently supporting
- Older adult activities the team provided
- Demand for older residents
- Promotion of these activities
- Barriers to participation
- Barriers the Council faced in delivering activities
- Suggestions for improvement

The Chair referred to the Walking Netball/Football activities in the presentation and felt that the information on the Council website about them was not particularly user friendly, and that general information about activities for older residents was hard to access. Members suggested that the activities could have their own subpage with detailed information on session dates and times. Members added that they would also like to see better promotion of the activities on the website.

The Chair thanked the Health & Wellbeing Development Officer for attending the interview.

CSC/ 49/2 2-23 **Scrutiny Review - Leisure & Wellbeing Provisions for Older Residents (Triangulation)**

The Committee considered all of the evidence which it had received during its review of the Council's Leisure & Wellbeing Provisions for Older Residents.

The Committee identified areas of good practice such as:

- The variety of activities on offer for older people
- Use of volunteers
- Good organisation
- Positive staff with a desire to help
- Well connected
- Integrated services
- Leisure centres in good areas based on populations

Members also highlighted a number of areas for improvement. These included:

- Better access to older people activity information on the Council website – this could be addressed with a separate webpage on activities for older people (55+) that would include all of the activities in the Health & Wellbeing Development Officer's presentation, and dates and times would be updated by someone regularly
- Simplify the membership structure
- Exercise by Referral – needs to be followed up during and after people have had 12 free weeks

RESOLVED – That the draft report on the Committee's review be prepared and submitted to Committee for approval.

CSC/ 50/2 2-23 **Previous Review (Parking)**

The Assistant Director - Property, Estates and Assets presented Members with a report which updated them on the progress of the Residential Parking Review Action Plan as at 23 February 2023.

The Chair referred to a previous request by the Committee to have a function on the Council website to report bad parking, and asked if this had been progressed. The Assistant Director - Property, Estates and Assets explained that work was under way to have this on the website.

The Chair asked the Assistant Director - Property, Estates and Assets to go into more detail about the Grass Crete trial site progress in Item 3. Members were informed that a matting solution was trialled on the site to see if it was successful, and the first monitoring inspection of the solution took place in January 2023. The inspection found that the solution had sunk and the grass had not come through, so further monitoring of the site would take place.

The Chair asked the Assistant Director - Property, Estates and Assets to go into more detail about the minimum standard of parking spaces progress in Item 4. Members were informed that now the Committee has clarified its request only

related to property for both Council and private developments residential units of two bedrooms or more, the issue was going to be taken to Planning Policy officers to find out if there was a way around it.

The Assistant Director - Property, Estates and Assets referred Members to Item 2 (the feasibility of providing an increased Civil Enforcement budget) and requested that this Item receive no further updates, as the matter was explored by officers and Derbyshire County Council did not have sufficient leeway in the current Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) contract to increase total hours across the County. Members agreed that Item 2 was resolved and should receive no further updates.

The Chair asked the Assistant Director - Property, Estates and Assets to go into more detail about the identifying garage sites for parking progress in Item 5. Members were informed that Dovecotes Garage Site in Ashover and Beech Crescent Garage Site in Killamarsh had been identified.

The Chair asked if the garage site issue would be carried out as part of a policy. The Assistant Director - Property, Estates and Assets explained that Rykneld Homes would have ultimate responsibility, but the Council would assess each potential garage site and it was included in the Council's Parking Strategy. The Chair requested that the Assistant Director - Property, Estates and Assets present further updates as and when necessary to future meetings. Members agreed that an officer from Rykneld Homes should be invited to the next Committee meeting to provide information on the issue from their perspective.

RESOLVED – That Committee noted the update on the previous review action plan.

CSC/ Forward Plan of Executive Decisions

51/2

2-23 RESOLVED – That the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions be noted.

CSC/ Work Programme

52/2

2-23 The Chair informed the Committee that the next scheduled Committee meeting on 19 May 2023 had been moved to 14 April 2023.

RESOLVED – That the work programme be noted.

CSC/ Additional Urgent Items

53/2

2-23 There were no additional urgent items.

CSC/ Date of Next Meeting

54/2

2-23 The next meeting of the Communities Scrutiny Committee would be held on Friday 14 April 2023 at 1:30pm.

Appendix 1 - Residential Parking Review Action Plan (Update for 14/04/23)

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	<p>Following the previous scrutiny update on 13/01/23 the AD (Property) is now exploring the committee request that a simple link be provided on the NEDDC web-site allowing members of the public to report such incidents and the report is then sent straight to DCC for the appropriate action to be taken. A further update will be provided to scrutiny once the matter has hopefully been concluded and implemented through ICT.</p> <p>A draft webpage is attached for Members consideration.</p>
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	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.

	additional enforcement on our behalf				<p>At the previous scrutiny update meeting on 13/01/23 the committee members accepted the response and the AD (Property) is now requesting that this Action Point (2) can be formally closed down and no further scrutiny updates are required.</p> <p>Scrutiny agreed on 23 February that this item could be closed down.</p>
3.	That the effectiveness of using Grass Crete at suitable locations within the District to offer further parking opportunities for residents be investigated	<p>a) Compare prices and gather information from Councils or groups who have used Grasscrete or similar for long term parking</p> <p>b) Install Grasscrete or similar at a trial site and monitor</p>	<p>Victoria Vernon/Tracy Buckland</p> <p>Victoria Vernon</p>	<p>1/10/21</p> <p>2021/2022</p>	<p>Complete – the information can be shared with committee if requested. This information was not requested by scrutiny at the previous meeting on 13/01/23.</p> <p>Trial site works were completed July 2022 at Adlington. Ongoing monitoring to be carried out in January 2023 and July 2023. Concerns were picked up by Engineers in the Jan-23 inspection and the situation will be reviewed again in July-23 as planned. However, if scrutiny feel that monitoring should now</p>

					<p>be carried out more frequently than the AD (Property) will arrange for this.</p> <p>Monthly inspections are now in place until June 2023 which have been actioned by the engineers.</p>
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	<p>At the previous scrutiny update meeting on 13/01/23 the committee clarified that their request only relates to residential units of 2-bedrooms or more.</p> <p>The AD (Property) is now having further discussions with the LPA and a further update will be provided in due course.</p> <p>Ongoing.</p>
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.	Rykneld 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 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.</p> <p>Following the previous scrutiny update provided on 13/01/23 the AD (Property) can now confirm that as part of the ongoing HRA Car-Parking Strategy a number of under-utilised garage sites have been identified for the provision of additional car-parking spaces.</p> <p>Dovecotes Garage Site Ashover Provision of 10no. spaces.</p>
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					<p>Beech Crescent Garage Site Killamarsh Provision of 7no. additional spaces.</p> <p>Update to be given by Niall Clark at meeting on 14 April 2023.</p>
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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.

Highway Obstruction or Illegal Parking

Parking issues are handled by a mixture of the Local Authority and Police powers, depending on the situation.

Derbyshire County Council deal with issues where a vehicle is parked in, or on:

- limited waiting bays
- double and single yellow lines
- on street pay and display bays
- residents' parking zones
- Blue Badge bays
- loading bays
- bus stops
- taxi bays
- school keep clears
- clearways

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- use [Roads and traffic - Derbyshire County Council](#) or [Derbyshire County Council form: Contact Form](#)
- Email: contactcentre@derbyshire.gov.uk
- Tel: 01629 533190

Derbyshire Police will deal with illegal parking, where the vehicle is parked:

- on zig zag lines
- dangerously
- in a way that would prevent emergency vehicles from accessing

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North East Derbyshire District Council

Communities Scrutiny Committee

14th April 2023

Community Safety Partnership Plan - 2023

Report of the Community Safety Partnership

Classification: This report is public

Report By: **Faye Green**

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PURPOSE / SUMMARY

To receive the Community Safety Overview and Partnership Plan for 2023/2024.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To note the Community Safety Overview and Partnership Plan for 2023/2024.

IMPLICATIONS

Finance and Risk: Yes No

Details:

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes No

Details:

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing: Yes No

Details:

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

Decision Information	
<p>Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:</p> <p>NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £250,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i></p>	No
<p>Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</p>	No
District Wards Significantly Affected	None
<p>Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Cabinet <input type="checkbox"/> SMT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Details: All of the Community Safety Partnership strategic members.</p>

Links to Council Plan priorities, including Climate Change, Equalities, and Economics and Health implications.

REPORT DETAILS

1 **Background**

- 1 There is a statutory Requirement for Community Safety to bring the Partnership Plan to Scrutiny on a yearly basis.

2. **Details of Proposal or Information**

- 2.1 The 2023-2024 priorities for North East Derbyshire are, in no particular order:

Acquisitive Crime
Anti-Social Behaviour / Public Order
Domestic Abuse / Sexual Violence
Fire safety in community
Offender Management
Organised Crime Groups

Safeguarding
Substance Misuse
Terrorism and Domestic Extremism.

- 2.2 In general the public still prioritise and are concerned about traditional crime types and behaviours e.g. burglary, thefts of and from vehicles and anti-social behaviour. They also considered that sexual violence (rape and sexual assault) was an issue, although in reality these occur less frequently, but do harm the victims disproportionately both in the short and long term.
- 2.3 It has been agreed that the police will be the lead on the development of further information around Cyber Crime and Economic Crime as there is little expertise within the partnership to take this forward. However, it has also been agreed that partnership working in relation to prevention between the Police and a number of Derbyshire County Council Departments including Trading Standards, Adult Care and Community Safety will be included from the outset around Cyber Crime & Economic Crime.

The main current national issues affecting CSPs are:

- 2.4 The lockdowns imposed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic since March 2020 impacted on the levels of crime and disorder recorded by the Police during those periods. Although the impact of the pandemic has dissipated since the lifting of restrictions, the historical levels affected by the lockdowns continue to affect trend and forecast data. This impact therefore needs to be considered when writing and understanding this report and the partnership plan.
- 2.5 The Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 introduced a Serious Violence Duty to require all local authorities, the police, fire and rescue authorities, specified criminal justice agencies and health authorities to work together to formulate an evidence based analysis of the problems associated with serious violence in their local area, and then produce and implement a strategy detailing how they will respond to those particular issues.
- 2.6 The emerging 'cost of living crisis' is expected to have an impact on crime and disorder levels. The volume of theft offences is expected to increase as thieves become more prolific to maintain their lifestyle. Although violence overall is less affected by times of recession, underlying this is an expected increase in domestic abuse as economic abuse becomes more prevalent, particularly in already abusive relationships.

Within the financial year 2022-2023 there has been 2 Community Triggers applications, of these:

- Both met the Community Trigger threshold;
- 2.7 The independent Chairs of the reviews found that there were no learning lessons / outcomes or actions with any of the work / case progression that the Partners had undertaken, prior to the Community Trigger being sought. Actions plans were developed, and both Community Triggers were left open to work with / make suitable

referrals to support agencies for the victims, and take enforcement action / monitor the cases through the bi-monthly ASB Partnership TASKING meetings.

- 2.8 As well as or own Community Triggers I have been the Independent Chair for a Community Trigger that Bolsover has recently had.

Areas of work for the CSP

- 2.9 **Thematic Groups** – DCC have developed thematic groups covering all aspects of Community Safety. The following are the ones that have been developed. These groups are in their infancy with Terms of Reference and membership being developed, they have been labour intensive so far but worthwhile.

The ones in **BOLD** are the ones that NED sits on.

Prevent

Domestic & Sexual Abuse

Serious Violence

Violence Against Women and Girls

Serious Organised Crime & Exploitation

Neighbourhood Crime & Anti-Social Behaviour

Resettlement, Cohesion & Integration

Online Harm

- 2.10 **PREVENT** – Working well within the Strategic Groups and Task and Finish Groups. NEDDC now have developed a Counter Terrorism Local Plan as well as a Situational Risk Assessment. We are looking to do Cllr training from the summer onwards.
- 2.11 **Target Hardening Project** – this has been ongoing and well established for the past 15 years. We offer hardware for victims (of crime, ASB or people with vulnerabilities). We offer all manner of kit to make people feel safe within their own homes. We have continued this throughout the last 2 years. We see / provide target hardening for about 350 to 400 people per year.
- 2.12 Also match funded a Smartwater project with the Section Inspector – currently ongoing but we have delivered and installed over 90 Smartwater kits to the Dronfield area. We delivered these towards the end of 2022 in areas of Dronfield where there had been significant spikes in domestic burglary.
- 2.13 **Communications** – we work closely with our Communications Team to get messages out with any new and emerging trends.
- 2.14 **Mediation** - We offer mediation to neighbour disputes. These have increased massively over the pandemic with people being at home more. If we can get people to engage in the process of mediation we have had 100% success rate. Over the past year we have undertaken 2 mediations.
- 2.15 **Wildlife Cams** – We have recently gone into partnership with DFRS to purchase 10 wildlife cams, these are covert cameras (but no need for RIPA as we do erect signage) we have started looking at this with regards to ASB and Deliberate Fires/Arson we have had on our district.

- 2.16 These have been very valuable and assisted in convicting someone for stalking and harassment. They are very well used by all partners, their deployment is discussed and decided through the bi-monthly ASB meeting.
- 2.17 Do it online – this is a facility whereby residents of NED can report things through to us for investigation and support – we have dealt with over 120 of these in the past year, it can be labour intensive but very useful to see what issues are out there on our district.
- 2.18 Extreme Wheels – We continue to invest in Extreme Wheels as our main divisionary tool across our district. This past year we have worked in Dronfield and Clay Cross (both inside and outside) and we are currently working to develop the turnaround project (days of activity for those most disaffected and at risk of causing ASB) this project has been possible because of the Home Office Safer Streets Round 4 monies.
- 2.19 Extreme Wheels are fully integrated into our ASB and Policing structures and provide intelligence on some of the more challenging young people across our district.
- 2.20 Domestic Homicide Reviews - It was decided at DCC level that all DHR's would be led at a district level by the CSP, we currently have 3 that we are involved in –
- ▶ Operation Tomcat – Pilsley DHR (assisted suicide) – no charge but the Home Office have requested a DHR. Report currently being written.
 - ▶ Operation Malbus – Killamarsh murders – trial concluded. Initial meeting held on the 24th January. Further meetings in May after Individual Management Reports (IMR's) have been written.
 - ▶ DHR – North Wingfield – no Operation name given as we are at the report writing stage. Suicide but related to Domestic Abuse so does fit the criteria for DHR.
- 2.21 Safer Streets Round 4 (Home Office Grant Funding - NED, Bolsover and Chesterfield Borough Council jointly put in a bid the SS4. This totalled £420k spanning 2022/23 and 2023/24. This has been a time consuming piece of work and is proving time consuming with the financial returns to the Home Office.
- 2.22 Tools and Powers - We have a suite of tools and powers available to us as enforcement options. We have really utilised the Community Protection Warnings, Notices and fines to enforce behaviours (out of court disposals). We are still using ABC's (acceptable behaviour contracts) on those young people under the age of 16.

This past year we have successfully obtained in partnership:

- ▶ Community Protection Warnings – 18 (April 2022 to current)
- ▶ Community Protection Notices – 3(April 2022 to current)

- ▶ Fixed Penalty Notices – 0 (April 2022 to current)
- ▶ We have also served a number of Closure Warnings regarding anti-social behaviour in and around properties (this is tenure blind and linked the ASB).

2.23 ASB Awareness week

- ▶ W/C 3rd July 2023. This is looking like an annual event and we will be involved within this process. We are currently planning this year’s ASB week. We are looking to put some events on and celebrate the fact that only 1 in 8 ASB calls for service are about under 18’s.

2.24 Partnership Plan

- ▶ Each year CSP has to develop and write a plan of activities that the CSP and partners will undertake for the following year – this is published on the 1st April each year. This is now live and available to view at the below address: <https://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/community/community-safety-partnership/an-overview>

3 Reasons for Recommendation

3.1 There is a Statutory requirement for the Communities Scrutiny Committee to consider community safety.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

4.1 None

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
	https://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/community/community-safety-partnership/an-overview
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet you must provide copies of the background papers)	

**NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE
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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

**LEISURE PROVISIONS FOR OLDER
RESIDENTS**

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Chair's Foreword

I am pleased to present this report describing the work of the Communities Scrutiny Committee. It details the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Committee from its scrutiny review into leisure provisions for older residents.

The Committee felt that a review was timely following the major investments the Council has made into the District's leisure centres, and the post Pandemic recovery of older people having the confidence to engage in physical and social activities again. I, like other Members, were impressed with the facilities and services on offer, not only for older residents which was the scope of this review but for all residents. We certainly have four fantastic leisure centres available in North East Derbyshire. The Review also compliments a similar one this Committee undertook in 2020/21 on childhood obesity and younger residents.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Committee for their input and also the stakeholders who helped inform the review. I would also like to thank the Senior Scrutiny Officer for his support of the Committee's work and democratic services for the help they have provided.

Councillor Kevin Tait
Chair of Communities Scrutiny Committee

Review Panel

The review panel comprised the following members:

Councillor K Tait	-	(Conservative) – Review Panel Chair
Councillor H Liggett	-	(Conservative) – Review Panel Vice-Chair
Councillor T Lacey	-	(Labour)
Councillor M Potts	-	(Independent)
Councillor L Deighton	-	(Conservative)
Councillor J Birkin	-	(Labour)
Councillor P Windley	-	(Liberal Democrat)
Councillor J Lilley	-	(Labour)
Councillor P Wheelhouse	-	(Conservative)

1. Recommendations

That the Council:

- 1.1 Explores options in simplifying the membership structure;
- 1.2 Explores ways of better understanding how many older people are using the Council's Leisure Facilities each year by using the new reporting system and updating Members on this as part of the Committee's work programme;
- 1.3 Implements a system in which those who have taken part in the exercise by referral scheme are followed up on during and after the initial 12 week course to encourage continued participation; and
- 1.4 Considers a dedicated area on the website which promotes the activities and services on offer.

2. Introduction

- 2.1 At its meeting on 22 July 2022, the Committee agreed to undertake a review into leisure provisions for older residents.
- 2.2 Members felt as though the review was timely given the recent investments in the Council's leisure facilities, as well as the post pandemic recovery and encouraging residents to resume health and wellbeing activities. The Review also compliments a similar one the Committee undertook in 2020/21 regarding childhood obesity and younger residents.

3. Scope of Review

- 3.1 The review aimed to:
 - Understand and assess what was being done in the District to promote healthy lifestyles and improve wellbeing in older residents;
 - Understand the demand from older residents for leisure provisions provided by the Council;
 - Identify any opportunities to increase participation and new memberships;
 - Evaluate what had been successful; and
 - Identify room for improvement.

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 written sources and interviews with a range of stakeholders.

5. Evidence and Research

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

- Scene Setting Presentation by Chris Mills – Assistant Director of Leisure
- Sport England Data (Sport England Active Lives Survey 2021)
- ONS Data
- NEDDC Leisure Services data
- Derbyshire Observatory – Data and statistics for Derbyshire
- Presentations provided by the Healthy Lifestyles Manager, Health and Wellbeing Development Officer and the Swimming Development Officer

6. Key Findings

6.1 Strengths/Observations

6.1.1 The Assistant Director of Leisure explained that the Council was investing over £29 million on its leisure facilities over the next 3 years. This included a new Clay Cross Active leisure facility, and refurbishments to Eckington Pool, Killamarsh Active, and Dronfield Sports Centre. These were being funded through both the Council and a number of partners including funding accessed through the Town Deal Fund. The Review Panel received an overview of the District's four leisure centres. They were impressed with the facilities and agreed that the centres were excellent facilities for residents.

Members heard that the investments had been made for a number of reasons which included improved accessibility for people with disabilities, reducing our carbon footprint and investing in low carbon technology, and looking to meet expected demand with over 1.2 million visits expected to be made each year. It was also stated that the investments would help reduce levels of inactivity, social isolation, and health inequalities.

6.1.2 The Committee noted that the investments would also benefit older residents who may have been less likely to use facilities which could not cater for them. The Council's leisure facilities now had better changing facilities, equipment (including pool pods and IFI gym equipment), parking, lifts, and hearing loops.

The Review Panel was informed that a 2018 public consultation in Clay Cross highlighted a demand for activity for older people. In response, a Shapemaster suite has been developed as part of plans for Clay Cross Active. The suite will contain power assisted exercise equipment designed to increase access to exercise and improve the fitness and wellbeing of a wide range of people who were not catered for with traditional high energy exercise equipment. The equipment was designed for those over 55, the body conscious, those with disabilities, mobility issues and long term issues.

6.1.3 The Assistant Director of Leisure, the Healthy Lifestyles Manager, the Swimming Development Officer, and the Health and Wellbeing Officer informed the Committee about the services and activities offered to older residents in the District. Members heard that leisure services provided over 30 activities which were provided at the Council's leisure centres as well as out in the wider community. It was a mixture of physical and social activities. In the leisure centres these included targeted swimming sessions such 'aquacise' and 'water wellbeing', fitness classes, walking football/netball, and cardio based 'dicky tickers'. Out in the community these activities included family walking and jog groups, chair based exercise classes, bowls clubs, and community cafes to name a few.

There were 334 Supersaver monthly memberships (averaged over the previous 5 months in September 2022), 419 members of the leisure pass and concessionary pass scheme, and the community activities averaged 1600 visits a month. A full breakdown of how the membership structure operates can be found at Appendix A.

The Committee was impressed with the amount of activities on offer, and that these services were well organised and well integrated with each other. Members also agreed that the staff delivering those services were a credit to the Council, showing a positive attitude and genuine care and desire to help others.

6.1.4 It was stated that social interaction was a particularly important element to health and wellbeing and therefore the Council had re-introduced cafes at all of the facilities. Members also heard about a number of initiatives which were primarily based on socialising such as 'book buddies'. The 'swim buddy' initiative aimed to pair up socially isolated residents so that they could enjoy swimming with others. It was stated that social activity was very often combined with physical activity to increase demand. There were also broader projects provided for older residents such as on digital skills, weight management, and smoking cessation.

6.1.5 Members considered area profiles for the areas concerning the locations of the Council's leisure centres. The profiles outlined the demographics for each geographic area. The Committee agreed that the leisure centres were well placed and took advantage of the District's most populous areas.

6.1.6 The Committee heard that the Council was working well with partners to access funding and improve the services on offer. These partners included Public Health England and Swim England. The Swimming Development Officer informed Members about the water wellbeing accreditation which, if approved, would enable the Council to access further funding from Swim England. It aimed to create a sustainable health and wellbeing delivery model that health professionals felt confident in sending their patients to. This would lead to more people who had long term health conditions participating in swimming and wider aquatic activity to improve their health. Extensive

partnership working was also done with the Healthy NED Partnership, DCC Public Health, and Active Derbyshire.

- 6.1.7 The Healthy Lifestyles Manager discussed the 'exercise by referral' programme which was part funded by DCC Public Health. The programme provided supported exercise for people who were sedentary with suitable medical conditions. Members were impressed to hear that the programme offered in North East Derbyshire was one of the most successful in the country, and involves two free sessions a week on selected activities being offered for 12 weeks with reduced rates for the activities thereafter.

Members heard that demand was very high, and that since 01 April 2022 there had been 395 referrals to the 'exercise by referral' programme. From those referrals there had been 9873 visits to all activities associated with the programme, such as visits to the gym, swimming and specified fitness classes which were included within the offer of the programme. It was stated that 68% of those referrals were for residents aged over 55.

The Review Panel heard that Public Health England had set a target of 258 people for completion of the 12 week scheme. The NEDDC figure as of 13 January 2023 was 212 (88% of the target completed) with the programme running April to April.

Areas for Improvement/Observations

- 6.2.1 The Assistant Director – Leisure provided the Committee with data from Sport England (Sport England Active Lives Survey 2021). It was stated that activity levels generally decrease with age and that activity levels had only just recovered amongst older adults following the Pandemic.

Members noted that this was a particular challenge for leisure services as the Pandemic had effected the confidence of some older residents in enjoying the District's leisure centres and other activities without the fear of becoming ill with Covid-19 or other seasonal illnesses. Other barriers to participation include general illness or disease, cognitive decline, isolation, cost of living, travel difficulties, lack of confidence, and lack of time.

The Committee observed that we were an ageing population and that by 2037 31% of residents will be 65+. It was therefore important to keep up with demand. North East Derbyshire currently has 28,200 residents aged 55-74 and 12,000 were 75+. Of those residents, 54% were currently inactive and that inactivity levels have been increasing since 2015/16 according to Active Lives data. It was therefore imperative that the Council's leisure facilities were there to support residents in leading a healthy lifestyle particularly in an aging population.

- 6.2.2 The Review Panel heard that since the Pandemic, the activities that people take part in have shifted. For example the Sport England Active Lives Survey 2021 outlined that between November 2019 and November 2020, 2.5 million people fewer were taking part in fitness activities, 2.2

million people fewer were taking part in swimming, and 0.9 million people fewer taking part in team sports. Those numbers had remained broadly similar in November 2021. Walking for leisure, however, had seen an increase of 3.7 million during the same period. This suggested that the services the Council offered also had to shift accordingly and that the services on offer consisted of more than the just the facilities. The Committee heard about community initiatives such as walking into communities and group walking and jogging which were becoming increasingly popular.

- 6.2.3 Members felt as though the membership structure was complicated and difficult to understand. For example the leisure discount scheme comprised of two different schemes – the concessionary pass and the leisure pass scheme. The schemes had a marginal difference in pay and play price of 90p, yet was the same price for a monthly supersaver membership. Different qualifying criteria applied to the pass schemes, and the Review Panel agreed that simplifying the membership structure should be explored.
- 6.2.4 The Committee noted that the Council was promoting the services and activities it offered through a number of different channels which included targeted marketing through social media, leaflets, magazines, and the Council’s website. Having searched through the website themselves, Members questioned whether the information was regularly reviewed and kept up to date, and felt that the information was difficult to find and was not particularly user friendly especially for older residents. There was a consensus that the information could be centralised more effectively and that this could be done through a dedicated page on the Council’s website as well as through dedicated social media campaigns to spread awareness.
- 6.2.5 Members were concerned that they were not able to compare previous annual membership numbers based on demographics with the current year and were therefore unable to assess whether memberships amongst older residents were increasing or decreasing year on year. The Committee agreed that this information was crucial in assessing the performance of the leisure centres in attracting certain demographics, and that it should be recommended that these figures, broken down into age demographics were recorded and reported back to the relevant Scrutiny Committee on an annual basis.
- 6.2.6 Although the Committee was impressed by the exercise by referral scheme, it did feel that improvements could be made in terms of monitoring those who have taken part in the scheme and are followed up on during and after the initial 12 week course to encourage continued participation. Without monitoring, there was the potential for some participants to ‘slip through the net’.
- 6.2.7 Members acknowledged that staff resources were limited and that there wasn’t a great deal of capacity to do more than what was currently on offer, particularly in regards to community projects. The Council could consider growing the community based team in the future once the leisure facilities investment was complete and self-sustaining, depending on the resources

available at the time. Whilst the facilities at the Council's leisure centres had received significant investment to target and benefit the District's older residents, many community based activities were done through volunteers and provided by external funding, and an increase in leisure services staff who operate out in the District could allow for more community based activities which were growing in popularity. Many of the community activities on offer also had no target demographic, and investment in more of those projects that specifically target older people could lead to better participation as we know that activity decreases with age.

7. Conclusions

- 7.1 The Review Panel heard from a range of stakeholders during the review process. The review identified a number of strengths in regards to the leisure provisions it provides to older residents in the District. Members were impressed with the activities on offer, provided both in the leisure centres and out in the community, and thanked the staff providing those services.
- 7.2 There was, however, some areas for improvement involving exercise by referral, monitoring of memberships and participation, displaying information on the website, and membership pricing and structure.

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Appendix A

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>

Appendix B

Stakeholders Engaged During the Review

- Chris Mills – Assistant Director of Leisure
- Kelly Massey – Health and Wellbeing Development Officer
- Michael Price – Healthy Lifestyles Manager
- Stephen Birds – Swimming Development Officer
- Cllr A Powell – Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Communities and Communications

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<u>COMMITTEE MAKING RECOMMENDATION</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>	<u>DATE OF COMMITTEE</u>	<u>TO BE ACTIONED BY</u>	<u>OUTCOMES OF RECOMMENDATION</u>
AUDIT & CORPORATE GOVERNANCE	Further update on the Car Parking Strategy requested	29 JUNE 2022	Governance Officer/relevant Director	COMPLETE
GROWTH	That the business engagement review be extended into the new municipal year	14 JULY 2022	Senior Scrutiny Officer	Further interviews scheduled – COMPLETE
ORGANISATION	That a review on Planning Enforcement be commenced That the 2021/22 scrutiny review report into ICT & Transformation be approved That an update on the Council's agile working policy, future arrangements for Mill Lane, and staff vacancy rates be added to the work programme	19 JULY 2022	Senior Scrutiny Officer Senior Scrutiny Officer Senior Scrutiny Officer	Review scoped and commenced - COMPLETE Review report submitted to Cabinet on 08 September - COMPLETE Added to work programme - COMPLETE
COMMUNITIES	That a review on leisure provisions for older residents be commenced	22 JULY 2022	Senior Scrutiny Officer	Review scoped and commenced - COMPLETE
AUDIT & CORPORATE GOVERNANCE	That the Committee's comments regarding target ENV 17 (waste crime reduction) be reported to Cabinet	27 JULY 2022	Information, Engagement and Performance Manager	COMPLETE

ORGANISATION	A report to be brought back to the Committee outlining the planning enforcement process	06 SEPTEMBER 2022	Richard Purcell – Assistant Director of Planning	COMPLETE
GROWTH	CANCELLED	19 SEPTEMBER 2022		
COMMUNITIES	To receive further information on leisure membership structures and prices, a breakdown of membership users per age category, and a full list of activities available to older residents The Legal Team Manager to appear at the Committee at the next meeting alongside the Assistant Director of Environmental Health to provide an update on the implementation of the CCTV in Taxis Policy	23 SEPTEMBER 2022	Chris Mills – Assistant Director of Leisure Legal Team Manager	COMPLETE – information provided to Committee at next meeting COMPLETE
AUDIT & CORPORATE GOVERNANCE	RESOLVED – That 1. The Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee have considered the draft Annual Governance Statement as set out in Appendix 1 and made any observations or recommendations which they consider to be appropriate prior to the final version being incorporated within the Council's Statement of Accounts. An annual update report shall be taken to Cabinet each financial year (commencing 2023/24) advising on the	28 SEPTEMBER 2022	S151 Officer	COMPLETE

	<p>status of the programme and the proposed schemes to be brought forward for that year.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee approved the local Code of Corporate Governance as set out in Appendix 2. 3. The Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee having reviewed the effectiveness of the Governance Framework were satisfied that the Council's governance and internal control arrangements are fit for purpose. 4. That delegated powers were granted to the Chief Financial Officer in consultation with the Chair of the Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee to agree any changes which may be necessary in order to ensure the finalisation of the external audit currently being concluded by the Council's external auditors Mazars to ensure completion of the Statement of Accounts by the statutory deadline of 30 November 2022. <p>The Committee received a report on the results of a review of the Internal Audit Charter.</p> <p>RESOLVED – That</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members noted the outcome of the review of the Internal Audit Charter. 		<p>Head of Internal Audit</p>	<p>COMPLETE</p>
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	<p>2. The Internal Audit Charter was agreed.</p> <p>3. The agreed Internal Audit Charter be reviewed in a years' time or sooner in the event of any significant changes being made to the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards.</p>			
GROWTH	Revised project plan and timetable for the scrutiny review into business engagement approved	31 OCTOBER 2022	Senior Scrutiny Officer	COMPLETE
AUDIT & CORPORATE GOVERNANCE	<p>Members were presented with a report of the Council's External Auditor (Mazars) which outlined the Audit Completion Report and the Letter of Representation for the financial year 2021/22.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u></p> <p>(1) That the Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee noted the attached report from the Council's external auditors Mazars.</p> <p>(2) That the Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee approved the Letter of Representation contained within the Audit Completion Report and authorised the Chief Financial Officer to sign the letter on behalf of the Council</p>	09 NOVEMBER 2022	S151 Officer	COMPLETE

	<p>The Director of Finance and Resources presented a report proposing approval of the audited Statement of Accounts for 2021/22.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u></p> <p>(1) That the Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee approved the audited Statement of Accounts in respect of 2021/22.</p> <p>(2) That delegated powers were granted to the Chief Financial Officer in consultation with the Chair or Deputy Chair of the Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee to agree any changes which may be necessary in order to ensure the finalisation of the external audit currently being concluded by the Council's external auditors, Mazars, to ensure completion of the Statement of Accounts by the statutory deadline of 30 November 2022.</p>		S151 Officer	COMPLETE
COMMUNITIES	<p>The Committee requested further updates in relation to a previous scrutiny review into residential parking</p> <p>Project plan and timetable agreed for the Committee's scrutiny review on leisure</p>	11 NOVEMBER 2022	<p>Assistant Director – Property, Estates, and Assets</p> <p>Senior Scrutiny Officer</p>	<p>ONGOING</p> <p>COMPLETE</p>

	provisions for older residents. Further information regarding demographics and memberships requested			
ORGANISATION	The Committee expressed its concerns with the delay to installing the appropriate AV equipment in the new Council chamber and requested that progress updates be given at future meetings	15 NOVEMBER 2022	Senior Scrutiny Officer/relevant director	COMPLETE
COMMUNITIES	NONE	13 JANUARY 2023		
GROWTH	That a report be prepared following the evidence heard on the business engagement scrutiny review	16 JANUARY 2023	Senior Scrutiny Officer	COMPLETE
AUDIT & CORPORATE GOVERNANCE	NONE	18 JANUARY 2023		
ORGANISATION	Project plan and timetable for the scrutiny review on planning enforcement approved	24 JANUARY 2023	Senior Scrutiny Officer	COMPLETE
COMMUNITIES	That a report be prepared following evidence heard on the leisure provisions for older residents scrutiny review Further updates be given on the previous review into residential parking	23 FEBRUARY 2023	Senior Scrutiny Officer Assistant Director – Property, Estates and Assets	COMPLETE ONGOING
GROWTH	That the Review Report on business engagement be approved and submitted to Cabinet for consideration Further updates be given on the previous review into tourism, with the KPI's the	13 MARCH 2023	Senior Scrutiny Officer	ONGOING ONGOING

	Committee suggested to be presented to Members in November 2023 and 2024		Regeneration and Town Centre Officer	
ORGANISATION	That a report be prepared following the evidence heard on the planning/environmental enforcement scrutiny review	14 MARCH 2023	Senior Scrutiny Officer	COMPLETE



North East Derbyshire
District Council

Forward Plan of Executive Decisions for the period 15 March 2023 – 15 April 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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Sarah Sternberg
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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
Proposal for a fully co-mingled Recycling Service	Cabinet	13 Apr 2023	Key	Fully exempt Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)	Councillor Charlotte Cupit	Managing Director
Modifications to the Ashover Neighbourhood Plan	Cabinet	13 Apr 2023	Non-Key	Open	Councillor Charlotte Cupit	Managing Director

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

Agenda Item 11

	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 Lesiure
	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 23 February 2023	Scrutiny Review – Leisure & Wellbeing Provisions for Older Residents	Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider area profiles concerning the District's leisure centres: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clay Cross North Clay Cross South Eckington and Killamarsh Dronfield East Dronfield West and Walton North East Derbyshire 	
	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 Development Officer Accepted
	Scrutiny Review – Leisure & Wellbeing Provisions for Older Residents	Review	<u>Interview</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kelly Massey – Health & Wellbeing Development Officer 	Accepted
	Previous Review	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
	Scrutiny Review – Leisure & Wellbeing Provisions for Older Residents	Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Triangulation of evidence 	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 the Committee's Work Programme 	Damon Stanton – Senior Scrutiny Officer
14 April 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
	Previous Review	Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider the lead officer response – previous review on an out of hours service 	Ken Eastwood – Assistant Director of Environmental Health
	Previous Review	Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider progress against the Action Plan (Item 5 – garage sites) - previous Scrutiny Review into Residential Parking 	Niall Clark – Director of Property Services and Development – Rykneld Homes
	Community Safety Partnership	Monitor and challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To receive a report on the work of the Partnership 	Faye Green - Community Safety Manager
	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 whether the Committees' work programme has been completed at year end 	Damon Stanton – Senior Scrutiny Officer