

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - PLACES

20 May 2015

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL SERVICES

COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

1. Purpose of the Report

To consider the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Places work programme for 2015.

2. Information and Analysis

The Committee has a duty to ensure effective scrutiny of service provision in relation to both Crime and Disorder and Flood Management. To carry out this duty the Committee has two standing working groups.

The Flood Management Working Group has held a series of meetings during 2014/15 to consider and contribute to the development of the Council's Flood Risk Management Strategy (FRMS). The working group last met on 1 April 2015 to discuss proposed amendments to the FRMS, following public consultation. It is anticipated that, subject to Cabinet approval, the FRMS will be published on the Council's website in July 2015. Following the implementation of the FRMS, the Flood Management Working Group will reconvene at strategic intervals to evaluate the effectiveness of the strategy and monitor progress against the FRMS Action Plan.

Task-and-finish reviews, with their own appointed working groups, are added to the Committee's work programme as they arise. The Members of the Committee are asked to consider the review proposals appended to this report (Appendix 1) and agree to the following reviews being timetabled into work programme:

- Hate Crime Reporting and Victim Support Services
- 20mph Speed Limits and 20mph Zones
- Visitor Giving Schemes

Subject to the Committee approving the review scoping report, at its meeting on 20 May 2015, the Crime and Disorder Working Group will undertake the review of Hate Crime Reporting and Victim Support Services.

In addition to reports from review working groups, the Committee will receive input from Cabinet Members and senior officers on areas of service provision as appropriate.

The proposed 2015 work programme for the Committee is appended to this report (Appendix 2).

3. Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equality of opportunity, environmental, financial, health, legal and human rights, personnel and property considerations.

4. Recommendation

That the Committee:

- 1) agree to the following reviews being timetabled into the Committee's work programme:
 - Hate Crime Reporting and Victim Support Services
 - 20mph Speed Limits and 20mph Zones
 - Visitor Giving Schemes
- 2) agree the proposed programme of work for 2015

John McElvaney

Director of Legal Services

APPENDIX 1

Date:	17/03/2015
Title of review:	Hate Crime Reporting and Victim Support Services
Review proposer (name):	Kath Lauro Chair of Places I&S Committee
Job Title:	Councillor
Organisation:	Derbyshire County Council
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How will the review contribute to the Council Plan ?

This review will contribute to the Council Plan pledge to deliver “A Safer Derbyshire” with “Resilient and Safe Communities”. The Council Plan specifically states that victims of hate crime will be given a higher priority and that there will be better integration around the commissioning of support services.

What are the main objectives of this review?

A Partnership Hate Crime Strategy has been developed by the Derby and Derbyshire Hate Crime Steering Group.

The objective of this review will be to provide pre-decision scrutiny that will contribute to the effective delivery of two actions identified in the Action Plan for the Partnership Hate Crime Strategy .

The review will scrutinise and contribute to:

- The development of a communications plan to raise awareness of hate crime and to promote the reporting of hate crime incidents. This is in light of a significant fall in the number of incidents reported in Derbyshire last year and a low level of referrals to Victim Support.
- Work to map existing services for hate crime victims, to identify the needs of service users and specify the shape of future provision. This information will ultimately be available to help inform the Police and Crime Commissioner prior to commissioning Universal Services for victims in 2016.

Who would you expect to involve as witnesses in this review?

The Derby and Derbyshire Hate Crime Steering Group, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Victims of hate crime, Victim Support, StopHate UK. Signposting centres in Derbyshire, Voluntary groups and other organisations providing hate crime services, DCC Community Safety Manager, Cabinet Member for Health and Communities, Strategic Director Health and Communities.

Will the public be involved, if so how?

The review will explore ways to capture the views of hate crime victims who have reported incidents and accessed support services. This maybe by consulting victims directly or by using service evaluation data collected by reporting and victim support services. The review team will aim to find out what aspects of the service work well and how services can be improved to meet the needs of victims.

What will the desirable outcomes of the review be ? e.g. benefits to a community, efficient service etc.

A co-ordinated and person-centred approach to hate crime reporting and support services across Derby and Derbyshire.

How will equality and diversity issues be considered in this review?

The review will consider the five monitored strands of hate crime: Race, Religion, Disability, Sexual orientation, and Transgender and where possible take account of the specific needs of different hate crime victims.

What value can a scrutiny review add to this proposed review area?

Key contributions will include:

- A focus on the views and experiences of hate crime victims so that their needs are at the heart of future service provision.
- Consideration of initiatives and service provision in other areas of the country so that Derby and Derbyshire can learn from best practice.
- An opportunity to identify duplication and gaps in service provision and to foster better partnership working.

What category does this proposal come under?

Policy Review

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Holding executive to account

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External Partnership(s)

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Policy development

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Other (please specify below)

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How long do you expect the review to take?

6 months

Date:	13/04/2015
Title of review:	20mph Speed Limits and 20mph Zones
Review proposer (name):	Cllr Dean Collins
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How will the review contribute to the Council Plan ?

This review will contribute to the Council Plan pledge to deliver “A Derbyshire that works ” with “Well connected communities”. In particular it will contribute to the Council Plan priority to reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on Derbyshire’s Roads.

The review will gather evidence about 20mph speed limits and 20mph zones, and consider their influence on road casualties, road users and local communities.

What are the main objectives of this review?

Background:

Local highway authorities are responsible for determining speed limits on the local road network. In December 2011 the Strategic Director of the, then, Environmental Services Department submitted a report to Cabinet about the effectiveness of 20mph speed limits and 20mph zones. The report concluded that 20mph speed limits and 20mph zones can be effective as casualty reduction measures but that they are most appropriate where there is an existing casualty record. The report went on to recommend that 20mph speed limits and 20mph zones should be “used sparingly” Since then, in January 2013, the Department for Transport has published revised guidance on setting local speed limits. The guidance encourages local highway authorities to keep their speed limits under review and to consider the introduction of more 20mph speed limits and 20mph zones based on criteria specified in the guidance.

Objectives:

This review will gather the current evidence about 20mph speed limits and 20mph zones, and consider their influence on road casualties, road users and local communities. It will look at how decisions about 20mph limits in Derbyshire are currently determined and whether the approach is applied consistently across the County and is in-line with the government guidance. The review will also consider the approaches and experiences of other highway authorities and, in doing so, will provide opportunities to learn from best practice.

Who would you expect to involve as witnesses in this review?

The Cabinet Member for Highways,Transport and Infrastructure.

The Cabinet Member for Health and Communities.

The Strategic Director of Economy, Transport and Environment and/or relevant officers from the Department.

The Strategic Director for Health and Communities and/or relevant officers from the

Department.

The Partnership Development Manager of Derby and Derbyshire Road Safety Partnership (and member organisations).

Councillors and officers from other Local Highway Authorities.

Derbyshire road users, residents and businesses.

Organisations representing motorists, cyclist and pedestrians.

Will the public be involved, if so how?

The review will seek the views of Derbyshire road users and residents. The precise mechanism for this will be determined once the review working group is convened.

What will the desirable outcomes of the review be ? e.g. benefits to a community, efficient service etc.

Desirable outcomes of the review include:

- Improved clarity, and therefore greater consistency of approach when setting 20mph speed limits and 20mph zones in Derbyshire
- Evidence to inform decisions about appropriate local speed limits, particularly (where conditions dictate) 20mph speed limits and 20mph zones.
- Greater transparency so that the public are better informed about the Council's decision making criteria for setting 20mph speed limits and 20mph zones.

How will equality and diversity issues be considered in this review?

The review will consider how 20mph speed limits and 20mph zones, and any associated traffic calming measures , might impact on disabled road users and pedestrians.

What value can a scrutiny review add to this proposed review area?

The review will add value by considering the balance between road safety, accessibility and environmental objectives and how these impact on the quality of life for local communities. Ultimately recommendations resulting from the review may lead to local speed limits that better reflect the needs of all road users.

What category does this proposal come under?

Policy Review

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Holding executive to account

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External Partnership(s)

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Policy development

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Other (please specify below)

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How long do you expect the review to take?

6 months

Date:	19/03/2015
Title of review:	Visitor Giving Schemes
Review proposer (name):	I&S Places Committee Chair - Cllr K Lauro
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How will the review contribute to the Council Plan ?

The Council Plan identifies “Sustainable and Green Communities” as a priority. This review will explore opportunities to raise funds to support community based projects that will promote and protect Derbyshire’s unique landscape and heritage. This review will also contribute to the Council Plan pledge to deliver a “Derbyshire that Works”. Under the heading “A Strong Economy” the Council Plan specifically states that support and networking opportunities will be provided to the tourism sector and that the Council will maximise the level of funding coming into the county from external sources. Although this review will be about inviting small donations from visitors, collectively the donations could have a significant impact on the size and number of community based projects that can be delivered.

What are the main objectives of this review?

Across the country there are examples of Visitor Giving (or Visitor Payback) schemes. Through such schemes visitors are invited to make small donations towards the upkeep of an area or tourist attraction they have enjoyed visiting. The money raised helps fund projects (usually delivered by voluntary groups or not-for-profit organisations) which contribute to the management of local heritage sites, the landscape or environment.

The review would explore the potential of Visitor Giving, consider the success or otherwise of schemes that have been trialled or are currently operating in Derbyshire and reflect on opportunities for (and the feasibility of) future Visitor Giving Schemes in Derbyshire.

Who would you expect to involve as witnesses in this review?

The review will consider partnership working with the tourism sector to raise funds and ways of engaging local groups and organisations to deliver local heritage, landscape and environment projects. The review will therefore be relevant to several Cabinet portfolios (Health and Communities; Highways, Transport and Infrastructure; Strategic Policy and Budget) and two departments (ETE and Health and Communities). Witnesses would include: organisations with experience of hosting Visitor Giving Schemes, Tourism businesses, Visit Peak District, Voluntary groups (interested in heritage, conservation and the environment), District and Borough Councils, Peak District National Park. Officers from Legal Services and Finance would also be consulted.

Will the public be involved, if so how?

Initially the public would not be involved in the review. Visit England has carried out public consultation and published results about the proportion of visitors who are prepared to donate when asked to do so and how much they are prepared to donate.

The review would draw on this information and other published research and would seek to gauge public interest by learning from organisations that have trialled Giving Schemes in Derbyshire.

What will the desirable outcomes of the review be ? e.g. benefits to a community, efficient service etc.

The review would lead to a better understanding of Visitor Giving Schemes. In particular the review would consider operating frameworks , accountability and governance, suitability of hosting organisations, operating costs, mechanisms for collecting donations, the success or otherwise of visitor payback schemes that have operated in Derbyshire and opportunities for new payback schemes in Derbyshire.

How will equality and diversity issues be considered in this review?

If a Visitor Giving Scheme were to be established equality and diversity issues would be considered at the point when decisions were being made about which community projects would be funded.

What value can a scrutiny review add to this proposed review area?

Potentially Visitor Giving could provide a new funding stream to support community based projects to conserve and maintain visitor destinations and improve sustainable tourism within the county

What category does this proposal come under?

Policy Review	<input type="checkbox"/>	Holding executive to account	<input type="checkbox"/>
External Partnership(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Policy development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Public health & Wellbeing			
Social Capital			

How long do you expect the review to take?

6 months

APPENDIX 2**Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Places
Work Programme 2015**

15 July 2015	Member/Officer
Discussion with the Cabinet Member for Highways Transport and Infrastructure	Cllr Dean Collins
Highway Inspection and Maintenance Review – Action Plan (Note: Final report to be considered by Cabinet 26 May 2015)	Geoff Pickford (Service Director Highways) Angela Glithero (Assistant Director Resource and Improvement)
Review of Hate Crime Reporting and Victim Support Services – Progress Report	Roz Savage (Improvement and Scrutiny Officer)
Review of 20mph Speed Limits and 20mph Zones – Scoping Report	Roz Savage (Improvement and Scrutiny Officer)
17 September 2015	
Discussion with the Cabinet Member for Health & Communities	Cllr Dave Allen
Review of Hate Crime Reporting and Victim Support Services – Progress Report	Roz Savage (Improvement and Scrutiny Officer)
9 December 2015	
Discussion with the Cabinet Member for Highways Transport and Infrastructure	Cllr Dean Collins
Update on waste management and recycling issues	Claire Brailsford (Head of Waste Management)