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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - PLACES

WEDNESDAY, 18 MAY 2022

**Report of the Executive Director - Corporate Services and
Transformation**

Thriving Communities Update

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To present an update on progress on the development and roll out of the Thriving Communities approach.

2. Information and Analysis

- 2.1 Thriving Communities is one of the Council's three strategic pillars alongside Vision Derbyshire and Enterprising Council and demonstrates the commitment to drive improvements to the Council's leadership of place at a strategic and community level, reducing demand through the delivery of a more efficient, system-wide preventative approach by:

- Preventing people from hitting crisis point
- Unlocking the power and potential held within communities
- Raising peoples' skills and aspirations to be enterprising and to thrive

Previous reports and presentations to Improvement and Scrutiny have outlined the work that has taken place in the five existing local communities – Cotmanhay, Danesmoor, Shirebrook, Gamesley and Newhall - over recent years and outlined the potential of the approach to reduce demand and cost at a community level whilst improving outcomes and supporting people to live bigger and better lives.

To embed and support the roll out of the approach across a wider number of areas the Council established a new Thriving Communities Board in early 2021 which has been successful in driving forward activity. Significant progress has been made in developing the model and identifying new local communities to take forward work - Ashbourne, Langley Mill and Staveley, however progress in taking forward work at a community level has been impacted by the ongoing pandemic.

Work has recently recommenced across all seven areas following the removal of Covid restrictions, with a series of induction sessions involving local staff in connected team settings. The induction sessions have been a first important step in identifying issues and challenges in local communities and the key areas of focus for the next stage of the approach.

A presentation to the Committee will provide an update on the development of the approach and recent progress. The presentation will also outline the focus of planned activity and explore opportunities for the further involvement of Elected Members as work evolves over the forthcoming period.

3. Consultation

3.1 Not applicable

4. Alternative Options Considered

4.1 Not applicable

5. Implications

5.1 Appendix 1 sets out the relevant implications considered in the preparation of the report.

6. Background Papers

6.1 None

7. Appendices

7.1 Appendix 1 - Implications.

7.2 Appendix 2 – Thriving Communities Update

8. Recommendation

That the Committee note the latest position in respect of the Thriving Communities approach and proposal to take forward activity over the forthcoming period.

9. Reasons for Recommendation

9.1 To ensure Members are aware of the current position and latest developments in respect of the Thriving Communities approach.

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Implications

Financial

1.1 None identified.

Legal

2.1 None identified.

Human Resources

3.1 None identified.

Information Technology

4.1 None identified

Equalities Impact

5.1 None identified.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

6.1 Thriving Communities is one of the Council's three pillars forming the Council's strategic approach in recognition of the need to work collaboratively with local communities and demonstrate the Council's commitment to the leadership of place. The ongoing development and roll out of the approach is a key deliverable set out in the Council Plan 2021-2025.