

NEWS RELEASE

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Delivering the Vision

Derby City Partnership holds its Annual Review at Pride Park Stadium on Thursday 1 July to hear what has been achieved over the past year in its Annual Report and look at what is on the horizon.

The keynote speaker will be John Cadwallader, Chief Executive of Derby Cityscape, whose presentation “Derby Cityscape – a major contribution to the 2020 Vision” will afterwards be discussed in focus groups to explore the impact that Derby Cityscape will have on the City and the opportunities it will bring. ‘Speed Question Time’ – an opportunity for members to put a question to the panel comprising Chairs of Derby City Partnership main groups, will follow this and be chaired by fellow Board member Helen Bishop.

Over 600 people are members of Derby City Partnership groups, representing some 50 public service organisations, 75 businesses and over 100 community and voluntary groups. Derby City Partnership has influenced improvements to services and facilities across Derby and the Annual Report gives just a flavour of what was been done last year to achieve the 2020 Vision – to make Derby the Pride of East Midlands. Key improvements in services and facilities include:

- increasing the basic skills of adults

- increasing intensive home care to enable more people to remain living at home for longer
- rebuilding the sports facilities at Arboretum Park
- designating two new local nature reserves
- opening the I-d centre providing office units for new rail, aerospace and engineering companies
- setting up a Marketing Group to develop a marketing strategy for the city.

“Partnership working requires real commitment and a willingness to reach beyond our everyday boundaries to agree shared approaches and add real value to each others’ efforts”. said Maurice Burgess, Chair of Derby City Partnership. “Never before have so many people been involved in Derby City Partnership – and a growing number of individuals have joined the Members’ Forum to keep abreast of what we are doing. This does not begin to reflect the even greater numbers of people working to achieve the 2020 Vision in our partner organisations”

The Annual Report also highlights what everybody can do this year to contribute to the 2020 Vision:

- promoting learning opportunities to young people
- eat more fruit and vegetables and reduce the amount of fat and salt you eat
- encourage children to get involved in physical and cultural activities
- recycle as much as you can
- take advantage of your chance to input into consultations on local plans.

Other achievements highlighted from last year reflect the range and effectiveness of partnership activities:

- involving over 18,000 people Derby City Partnership Week 2003
- developing a partnership agreement that was acknowledged by the Home Office as a model of clarity and simplicity
- working with the newly formed Derby Community network to involve their representatives across all Derby City Partnership major groups
- creating ways to simplify the funding that we receive in Derby
- gaining a top score for over 65% of the categories that we are judged on as a partnership by Government Office for the East Midlands.

Helen Osler, Director of Derby City Partnership said “This is an ideal opportunity for people in Derby to come and find out what the partnership is doing on their behalf as well as to give their views and meet new contacts. Everyone is welcome to attend, but please contact our office to book your place – telephone 01332 258509”

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Derby City Partnership is an alliance of organisations working together to create a better Derby.

Members represent

- public services
- local businesses
- community and voluntary groups
- individuals who live or work in Derby.

Since 1995, Derby City Partnership has been working to:

- develop closer and better working between organisations
- improve services and facilities
- attract funding
- make best use of all resources
- bring the work of all partnerships in the city together

Derby City Partnership is also the Local Strategic Partnership, delivering the National Strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal in the most deprived neighbourhoods of the city.

Derby City Partnership Week – Monday 28 June – Saturday 3 July highlights what is being done to create a better Derby by organisations and communities working together.

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