

REPORT TO COUNCIL

REPORT OF: Chief Executive

REPORT NO. CEX 291

DATE: 26th May 2005

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| TITLE: | Members Development Forum and Additional Council Meeting on the 23rd June 2005 |
| KEY DECISION OR POLICY FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL: | No |
| COUNCIL AIMS/PORTFOLIO HOLDER NAME AND DESIGNATION: | Organisational Development |
| CORPORATE PRIORITY: | N/A |
| CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS: | N/A |
| FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT IMPLICATIONS: | N/A |

The published Council timetable includes provision for a Members forum on the 23rd June.

In the light of our CPA revisit it is proposed that this event is used as an opportunity for members to contribute to a debate regarding the Council's ambition for its community.

In accordance with this I have contacted Cllr George Buckley, previously the Leader of Rushcliffe Borough Council and currently the Deputy-Leader, who has accepted an invitation to make the keynote address. Cllr Buckley is one of the senior members used by the IDA to offer advice and guidance to authorities across the country.

To complement the presentation from Cllr Buckley I have also contacted ex-Councillor Philip Douty who is a Director of Thornton's and the Chairman of

our Change Management Action Plan Monitoring Group to see if he can add a business perspective.

The event will be held in the Council Chamber and the following programme is proposed:

| Time | Activity | Arrangements |
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| 9.30 | Introduction and housekeeping | Chairman |
| 9.40 | What do our residents want? - Outcome from residents survey in Jan 2005. | Duncan Kerr |
| 10.00 | SKDC and the future. Where are we now? Where are we going? How will we get there? How can we measure progress? | Address from George Buckley, former Leader and current Deputy-Leader of Rushcliffe BC |
| 10.30 | Workshop 1 focussing on the first 2 questions. | Consideration and ranking of options. Outcome a clearer view of where the Council is now and wishes to be in the future |
| 11.30 | Feed-back and the three Cs (Confident, caring and competent) | George Buckley and Joyce Slater |
| 12.00 | Workshop 2 focussing on how we get there and how we measure progress. | Discussion in groups identifying in particular issues for exec and non-exec members. |
| 12.45 | Feed-back and next steps | Chairman |
| 13.15 | Lunch | |

The next scheduled Council meeting is not until the 8TH September 2005. Over the last few weeks it has become apparent that we will need to call a Council meeting before this date in order to seek approval of IEG4.5 and other policies.

In order to minimise the disruption caused to members it is proposed that this additional meeting be arranged to start at 2.30 on the same day (23rd June). Because of this slightly later start time (needed to allow sufficient time for an over-run of the members development forum) it is proposed that, on this occasion, no public forum is held.

Recommendation

That the Council approve the arrangements for the Members Development forum to be held on the 23rd June and the holding of an additional ordinary Council meeting, without a Public Forum, to commence at 2.30 pm on the same day.

Duncan Kerr
Chief Executive