

FOR PUBLICATION

COMMUNITY ASSEMBLIES ANNUAL REPORT 2014/2015

MEETING:	COMMUNITY, CUSTOMER AND ORGANISATIONAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE:	16 APRIL 2015
REPORT BY:	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER
WARD:	ALL
COMMUNITY ASSEMBLIES:	ALL

FOR PUBLICATION

BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR PUBLIC REPORTS:

Community Assembly newsletters

Minor Grant and Community Chest applications and decision records

Available from the Policy Section room 1.15 at the Town Hall.

1.0 **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To present for consideration the Council's draft Community Assemblies Annual Report for 2014/2015 and future plans.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 That the draft Community Assemblies Annual Report be considered.

2.2 That consideration be given to future plans to further develop the Community Assemblies and associated Community Development programme.

3.0 **BACKGROUND**

3.1 Community Assemblies were introduced following a corporate review into how the Council engages with its communities.

3.2 Following this review former arrangements were replaced with four Community Assemblies covering the north, south, east and west areas of Chesterfield borough. Further information about Community Assemblies is detailed in the appended report.

4.0 **COMMUNITY ASSEMBLIES ANNUAL REPORT**

4.1 The draft Community Assemblies Annual Report is attached. It covers achievements and improvements over the last year and details of future plans. The report is intended to:

- Evidence the work, achievements and development of Community Assemblies and associated Community Development programme over the past year.
- Provide an overview of the effectiveness of Community Assemblies to date and how they are developing.
- Promote and raise the profile of Community Assemblies and their work.

4.2 Once the final report has been presented to Cabinet and Council it will be placed on the Council's web-site for public viewing.

5.0 **CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS**

5.1 There are no risk, financial, legal or equalities considerations arising from the contents of this report.

6.0 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

6.1 That the draft Community Assemblies Annual Report be considered.

6.2 That consideration be given to future plans to further develop the Community Assemblies and associated Community Development programme.

7.0 **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

7.1 To promote the work and development of Community Assemblies and associated Community Development programme.

7.2 To enable the Community, Customer and Organisational Scrutiny Committee to inform and influence plans and decisions about Community Assemblies and the Community Development programme.

W. BLUNT
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER (POLICY SECTION)

Further information on this matter can be obtained from Wendy Blunt (Extension 5344).