

REPORT

TO: Corporate Services Committee

FROM: Cr T B King, Chairman

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SUBJECT: Chairman's Report for July 2005

Having completed the annual plan, we move almost immediately into two arguably more important projects that will possibly be the most influential pieces of work that we do in the Council term. The LTCCP Model 2 and the Representation Review – together these will have a significant influence on the shape of the district and what and how things are done for some considerable time to come.

A large number of submissions received for the annual plan were possibly more applicable to the LTCCP and I imagine many of the issues raised will come up again as the consultation proceeds. It seems clear that deciding on priorities will be the biggest challenge, both across the region as a whole and within communities and across Council as a whole and within departments. We have been very fortunate over the last six years to have a strong, growing, local economy and supportive community which has allowed us to do a lot of things across most areas of Council, however the outlook for the immediate future may not be so rosy and Council must take this into account as it sets its priorities and does its planning. A lot can be achieved given time and adequate planning but trying to rush things ahead of time may in the long run, be counter-productive.

T B King
Chair