



meeting Administration Committee

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## **Report of the Assistant Director Regeneration, Learning, Skills and Employment**

### **Kirkby-in-Ashfield Neighbourhood Management Board**

#### **Purpose of Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to request approval for two County Councillors to be nominated to represent this Authority on the Kirkby Neighbourhood Management Board.

#### **Background**

2. In 2002-03, as part of the Government's National strategy on Neighbourhood Renewal, £45 million was made available to fund 20 Neighbourhood Management Pathfinder projects across the country. The Kirkby-in-Ashfield Management Board secured initial funding of £2 million over three years to establish a Pathfinder project in Kirkby East, Kirkby West and the Town Centre. The community in these areas and the providers of local services are working with a dedicated manager and team of staff, developing strategies to solve problems and deliver long-term change. It is anticipated that, subject to satisfactory performance, the Kirkby programme will continue to receive funding under the Government initiative until 2009.
3. The Board consists of local residents, elected members, voluntary and community representatives and service providers. Nottinghamshire County Council is acting as the Employing Body for the core team of staff on behalf of the local Management Board; Ashfield District Council is acting as the Accountable Body in respect of the Pathfinder funding.
4. There have been some significant achievements, particularly in the areas of raising educational achievement and of producing a three-year Action Programme for improving the town centre. Working Groups have been established on these and the programme's other key themes: Community Safety, Tackling Worklessness, Housing /Physical Environment and Community Sports.

5. The local County Council members for Kirkby North and Kirkby South have been actively involved with the Kirkby Neighbourhood Management Pathfinder since its inception and their continuing involvement would be welcomed. The Board has recently approved a Terms of Reference which outlines the membership and make-up of the Board. Legal Services has raised some concerns in relation to the Terms of Reference document and these are currently being considered. It is proposed that this Authority's involvement with the Pathfinder is now appropriately formalised.

### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

6. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, personnel, Crime and Disorder and those using the service. Where such implications are material; they have been described in the text of the report.

### **Recommendation**

7. It is recommended that approval be given for two County Councillors to be nominated to represent this Authority on the Kirkby Neighbourhood Management Board.

### **Director of Resources Financial Comments (C.C)(P.B)**

8. The only costs incurred will be for travel which will be funded from the Members Travel Budget.

### **Head of Legal Services Comments (K.K. 23/4/04)**

9. The Administration Committee has the delegated authority to approve appointments to outside bodies relating to functions of Council. The proposal in this report is therefore within the remit of this Committee.

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### **Background Papers Available for Inspection**

Kirkby Neighbourhood Management Delivery Plan 2004-05  
Kirkby Neighbourhood Management Board Terms of Reference

### **Electoral Divisions Affected**

Kirkby-in-Ashfield North and South