

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** held at County Hall, Matlock on 24 July 2012.

**P R E S E N T**

Councillor Mrs J A Twigg (In the Chair)

Councillors D Chapman, Mrs G A Farrington, S Flitter, B C Lucas, P Murray, and G D Wharmby.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ms A Western.

**07/12**      **MINUTES**      **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 12 June 2012 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**08/12**      **MEETING WITH LEADER**      Representatives of the Committee had met recently with the Leader and Councillor Harrison and the outcome of this meeting was reported. The following action points had been agreed –

- i. All completed scrutiny projects since 2009/10 against each of the House of Commons Select Committee briefing note bullets;
- ii. Introduce an Annual Joint Scrutiny Report;
- iii. Give priority to the last bullet in the House of Commons briefing relating to our existing scrutiny protocols;
- iv. Encourage less set pieces by Cabinet Members/Officers when appearing before I&S Committees, with more emphasis placed on spontaneous question and answer sessions;
- v. The late entry of petition referral which was e-mailed just ten minutes before the start of the meeting, was not considered but this should be included in the Resources Committee's work programme as a priority.

**RESOLVED** that the outcome of the meeting be noted.

**09/12**      **POLICE AND CRIME PANELS**      An update was given on the establishment of Derbyshire's Police and Crime Panel. The first meeting of the shadow Panel had been held on 23 July and further meetings were scheduled prior to the Panel being fully established in November.

**RESOLVED** that progress be noted.

**10/12      INDUCTION FRAMEWORK**      The Committee was updated on the progress in developing an induction framework for new members of the Council, which was one of the key recommendations of the Scrutiny Review of Member Induction that took place in 2010.

**RESOLVED** that progress be noted

**11/12      ANNUAL REPORT**      A draft Improvement and Scrutiny Annual Report on the work of the Committees during 2011/12 was presented and Members were asked to review the report and provide any feedback to the Scrutiny Team. The final version would be reported to Council later in the year.

**RESOLVED** that the draft be noted.

**12/12      HEALTH SCRUTINY REGULATIONS CONSULTATION**  
The Committee was asked to note that the Department for Health were consulting on changes to regulations allowing Health Scrutiny to make referrals to the Secretary of State for Health. Committee members were asked to note the summary paper provided and provide any responses on the proposal to the Scrutiny Team. A report setting out the Council's response would be taken to the September Cabinet meeting before being submitted to the Department for Health.

**RESOLVED** that the consultation be noted.

**13/12      WORK PROGRAMME**      **RESOLVED** to note the work programmes for the three Improvement and Scrutiny Committees and the fact that the establishment of the Police and Crime Panel would be a significant priority over the coming months.