

MINUTES of a meeting of the **IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** held at County Hall, Matlock on 18 June 2013.

P R E S E N T

Councillor C R Moesby (In the Chair)

Councillors S Bambrick, Mrs D Charles, Mrs K D Lauro, B Lewis and S A Spencer.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K P Morgan and Mrs M Stockdale.

01/13 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 24 July 2012 be received.

It was noted that in respect of Health Scrutiny, it was now a statutory duty for Health bodies to consult with the "Local Authority" rather than the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Discussions were in hand about if and how this would affect the arrangements in Derbyshire and Members would be kept informed.

02/13 **WORK PROGRAMME** The Committee was invited to begin the development of its own programme of work. The following points were made:-

- The Chair stated that it was his opinion that the focus of the work programme over the next 12 months should be on the delivery of the Council Plan which was being updated to incorporate the policies of the new Council.
- Cabinet members would be programmed to attend I&S Committees to answer questions and give an update on the work of their portfolios.
- Performance and financial monitoring information should be presented to I&S Committees in a common format.
- Members should be invited to suggest possible areas for review work by completing the appropriate form.
- Suggestions for review work should be discussed with the Chair of the appropriate I&S Committee and relevant officers and then referred to the I&S Management Committee. This arrangement should not delay commencement on any work.
- Existing reviews, that had been placed on hold in the run up to the May elections, were in respect of Domestic Violence and discharge planning at admission to an Acute Hospital. Work on these reviews should now continue and there needed to be a joint cross-cutting approach to these review areas. It was suggested that a Safeguarding Group be

established to progress this work. Such an arrangement would be discussed with relevant officers.

03/13 SCRUTINY DEVELOPMENT AREAS Potential
development areas for the Committee included updating the Scrutiny Handbook, the development of a relationship with the Youth Scrutiny Committee; and the relationship and possible joint working arrangements with District Councils and other partners including the current composition and working arrangements of the County/District Scrutiny Liaison Committee. The cost of updating the Handbook would be obtained and a closer relationship with Youth Scrutiny was welcomed.

There had previously been a visit to see a Parliamentary Select Committee in operation and a further visit would be arranged for appropriate Members later in 2013. Training for members of the four thematic Committees would also be programmed with an introduction to the workings of I&S being provided at the first meetings.

Members were reminded of the statutory duties for the I&S to monitor work in relation to flooding and Crime and Disorder, this being done through the Places Committee.

If necessary, a further meeting of the Management Committee would be held on 30 July 2013 at 12.00 noon to consider any proposals for review work.