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MINUTES of a meeting of the **IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** held at County Hall, Matlock on 23 April 2014.

P R E S E N T

Councillor Mrs D Charles (In the Chair)

Councillors S A Bambrick, P Dunn (substitute member), Mrs K D Lauro, B Lewis, K P Morgan, S A Spencer and Mrs M Stockdale.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor C R Moesby.

04/14 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 11 February 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

05/14 **UPDATE ON WORK OF THE IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES** The Chairs gave an update on the work of their Committees since the last meeting of the Management Committee.

Arising from discussion on the review of non-operational property which had been undertaken by the Resources Committee, reference was made to the recent decision to dispose of part of a former school site and how this had been considered in the light of the recommendations made in the review report. The Improvement and Scrutiny Officer would seek clarification on this from the Director of Property.

06/14 **WORK PROGRAMMES** The Chair of the Management Committee had recently contacted all Council Members and Chief Officers to gather suggestions for Scrutiny review areas. A total of 36 potential reviews had been suggested which cut across all four Committees and all Cabinet Member portfolio responsibilities.

The Chair and the Improvement and Scrutiny Officers subsequently met with individual Cabinet Members to consider the potential of each suggested review taking account of realistic outcomes and to ensure that duplication of work between service departments and the scrutiny function was avoided. The report detailed those review proposals which had been selected for allocation to the relevant Improvement and Scrutiny Committees. If accepted, it would be for each Committee to prioritise its own work programme, taking these reviews forward over the coming months.

Those review proposals which had not been included in the current list would be retained for further consideration in the future, as appropriate.

Arising from discussion on the proposals, the following points were made:-

- Members should be provided, at the next meeting, with a full list of all the suggestions that had been received.
- Consideration should be given to simplifying the process for submitting suggestions, including the form that was required to be completed.
- A common theme that should form part of Health reviews should be “improving communications”.
- Some of the reviews that were to be undertaken could be linked together.

RESOLVED to agree the allocation of proposed reviews (as set out in the appendix to the report) for inclusion in the work programmes of the four Improvement and Scrutiny Committees.