

MINUTES of a meeting of **the IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – PEOPLE** held at County Hall, Matlock on 1 March 2017.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs D Charles (in the Chair)

Councillors Mrs G Birkin, J Frudd, Mrs P Gilby and Mrs K Lauro

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor B Ridgway and Ms D Turner.

1/17 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 23 November 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

2/17 **MATTERS ARISING** As this was the last meeting of the Committee before the elections, the Chair wished to place on record her thanks to all Members for their attendance and the work carried out by the Working Groups over the past four years.

The Chair also wished to thank the officers, in particular David Rose and Steve Foyster for their assistance and contributions to the Committee.

3/17 **ADULT SOCIAL CARE PORTFOLIO UPDATE** Councillor Paul Smith and his Deputy Cabinet Member, Paul Jones attended the meeting to give an update on issues within his portfolio.

The main topics referred to were the budget reduction targets that faced Adult Care. The precept had raised £5.2m but there still remained a rising demand for services. It had been a challenging time and although four Care Homes had been closed recently, the majority had been retained and new ones had been opened, which bucked the trend nationally.

4/17 **DERBYSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD ANNUAL REPORT** Chris Cook, the Independent Chair of the Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Board attended the meeting and presented the Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report for 2015-16.

The annual report highlighted the increasing activity and pressures in ensuring that children and young people were adequately safeguarded in Derbyshire. The pressures were however, matched by the commitment and actions and actions which had been taken by partner agencies across Derbyshire. It was reported that there had been a steep rise in the number of children who were subject of a child protection plan and the Board would be commissioning a piece of work to look at why this was the case. The DSCB had ensured that the multi-agency response was robust to meet the

challenge, and that agencies and their staff had worked together to keep children and young people safe.

The DSCB would be focussing on the theme of neglect, and would be undertaking mock audits on cases of neglect. A revised action plan around Child Sexual Exploitation was also going to be considered. The DSCB had a number of priorities for 2017, including online safety, neglect, early help assessments, and looking to introduce a Public Protection Board.

The Chair thanked Mr Cook for his attendance and very informative presentation.

5/17 TRANSITION INTO ADULthood FINAL REVIEW REPORT

The final review report on the Transition into Adulthood was now presented. The report had found that there had been valuable work by Members, officers and partners in the developing services and support for those in transition. The report had also found areas of potential development. A number of specific recommendations were made in the report.

RESOLVED to approve the report and its recommendations for submission to Cabinet.

6/17 SAFEGUARDING SUB-GROUP UPDATE **RESOLVED to note the work being carried out by the safeguarding sub-group.**

7/17 HEALTHWATCH DERBYSHIRE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS REPORT **RESOLVED to note the Healthwatch Derbyshire Mental Health Crisis report.**

8/17 CHILDREN'S SERVICES/ADULT SOCIAL CARE OUT-TURN REPORTS **RESOLVED to note the out-turn reports for the Children's Services and Adult Social Care portfolios.**