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MINUTES of a meeting of **the IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – PEOPLE** held at County Hall, Matlock on 1 July 2015.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs D Charles (in the Chair)

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

Mrs D Turner

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor B Lewis and Mrs C Muir.

In attendance – Councillor P Jones

16/15 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 20 May 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

17/15 **DISCUSSION WITH DEPUTY CABINET MEMBER** Councillor P Jones attended the meeting to give an update on Adult Social Care. Highlighted issues included the appointment of the new Adult Social Care Director; consultation on the five proposed closures of council-run homes; negotiations regarding the purchase of the Derwent Street, Belper site; review of the hourly rate support; and the effect of the reduction in public health funding.

Following questions Councillor Jones explained the criteria used in the council-run homes review, and commented on staffing matters, including the introduction of a 3 rota system shift pattern and review of job descriptions. The consultation was to run until September and a report on the findings would be presented to a Cabinet meeting later in the year.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

18/15 **HEMOCARE SERVICES REVIEW** Ms H Hart, Derbyshire Healthwatch, presented the results of a service user experience report on domiciliary care services being provided in the County. On the whole the findings of the survey had been positive although there had been a number of negative responses which the providers of homecare services would be asked to address. Healthwatch was to examine whether these were common faults. It was noted that a common theme was the importance of communication between client and carers/care providers.

The data would be used to provide a comparison between local authority and private provision of services and prepare a breakdown table for consideration at a future meeting. The number of missed calls logged would be explored to ensure quality assurance of the service provision.

The Chair thanked Ms Hart for an informative report.

RESOLVED that domiciliary care service provision be the subject of a future review.

19/15 FINAL SCRUTINY REVIEW REPORT ON ADULT CARE ELIGIBILITY THRESHOLD CHANGES The final report of the working group had been circulated to the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – People for consideration. Nine recommendations had been made.

RESOLVED to accept the report and its recommendations and that it be submitted to Cabinet for approval and implementation.

20/15 FINAL SCRUTINY REPORT ON STARTING POINT The final report by the standing working group on Safeguarding had been prepared and circulated to the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – People for consideration. Five recommendations had been suggested.

RESOLVED to accept the report and its recommendations and that it be submitted to Cabinet for approval and implementation.

21/15 CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION REVIEW SCOPING REPORT A scoping report for the proposed review of Child Sexual Exploitation was presented. The review would consider the following:

- the current CSE strategy and action plan and how it is delivering services to prevent CSE in Derbyshire (including on-line safety)
- how CSE risks are identified and monitored
- consulting with young people on their knowledge and awareness of CSE and the effectiveness of the services being delivered by the Council and partners and that their voice being heard in the development of the CSE strategy
- the CSE training provided to staff and whether front line staff feel that they have the right training and tools to equip them to work effectively with CSE
- gaps in service provision
- good practice in other authorities and whether our partners in District Councils have been adequately briefed - particularly on their licensing function
- the Council's response to HM Governments guidance on tackling CSE

It was suggested that District Councils should also be consulted and that volunteers should be included in the CSE training provision.

RESOLVED (1) to agree the scope of the review of Child Sexual Exploitation; and

(2) that the review working group consist of Councilors Mrs G Birkin, J Frudd (Chair), Mrs K Lauro and D Walton and Ms C Muir and Ms D Turner (as per Minute No 13/15).

22/15 RADICALISATION IN SCHOOLS REVIEW: CONFIRMATION OF WORKING GROUP MEMBERS (Minute No 12/15) The scope of the Radicalisation in Schools had been agreed at the meeting of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – People on 20 May 2015. The Committee was asked to confirm membership of the working group to undertake the review.

RESOLVED (1) that the Review Working group consist of Councilors Mrs G Birkin, Mrs D Charles (Chair), Mrs P Gilby, B Lewis and D Walton and Ms D Turner; and

(2) that the first meeting of the review working group be provisionally arranged for 23 July 2015 at 1.00 pm.

23/15 WORKING GROUPS UPDATE RESOLVED to note the oral progress report on the work of the Safeguarding working group and the Adult Social Care working group.

24/15 WORK PROGRAMME RESOLVED to note progress on the Committee's work programme.