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MINUTES of a meeting of **the IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – PEOPLE** held at County Hall, Matlock on 19 March 2015.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs D Charles (in the Chair)

Councillors Mrs G Birkin, Mrs C Cox, S Freeborn, J Frudd, D Walton and B Wright.

Mrs C Muir and Mrs D Turner.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor B Lewis and Mr D Channon.

01/15 NEW MEMBERS The Chair welcomed Mrs C Muir – Parent Governor representative for the primary sector and Mrs D Turner of the NUT representing the Trade Unions.

02/15 MINUTES **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 26 November 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

03/15 DISCUSSION WITH DEPUTY CABINET MEMBER
Councillor J A Coyle, Deputy Cabinet member – Children and Younger Adults, attended the meeting to present a number of reports which were to be considered by Cabinet on the Capital Programme 2015-16; Priority School Building Programme 2; and Project Allocations.

The reports showed that the Authority's capital allocation of £9,920,070 represented a 20% reduction on the previous year's figure of £12,335,987. The LCVAP figure of £1,043,974 represents a reduction of 20% on the previous year's figure of £1,304,968. These reductions were much greater than would be justified by the number of schools that had adopted Academy status over the last year. The total condition backlog according to the Authority's condition survey in schools covered by these allocations was £159,788,000 for maintained schools and £10,002,000 for Voluntary Aided Schools.

The Department for Education has recently announced which projects it intends to support under the Priority School Building Programme 2 . In Derbyshire only 3 projects of the 11 submitted had been supported - Heath Primary School, Wilsthorpe Community School and Granville Sports College

The DfE had not indicated how much would be spent on these projects but had indicated that 'scoping studies' on all schools would commence from April onwards to assess the detailed work required'.

The following schools had not been included in the programme - Ashgate Croft School, Alferton Park Community Special School, Cotmanhay Infant School, Cotmanhay Junior School, Parklands Infant and Nursery School, Harrington Junior School, The William Allitt School and Newhall Community Junior School

Councillor Coyle expressed his disappointment that more schools were not successful.

04/15 ACTION PLAN FOR REVIEW OF EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IN THE RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION PROCESS

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Director of HR and Councillor A Botham, Cabinet member for Council Services attended the meeting to give a progress report on the implementation of the recommendations arising from the Committee's review of equality and diversity in the recruitment and selection process.

RESOLEVED that the progress report be noted.

05/15 HEALTHWATCH DERBYSHIRE Ms T Wright of Healthwatch Derbyshire provided an update on recent work and circulated a copy of their latest Speak Out Report.

A number of reports were due to be published by Healthwatch and one related to Homecare services which was of particular interest to the Committee. Information on all of the published reports would be presented to the Committee.

RESOLEVED that the progress report be noted.

06/15 WORKING GROUPS UPDATE **RESOLVED** to note the oral progress report on the work of the Safeguarding working group and the group looking at social care entitlement.

07/15 BUDGET UPDATE **RESOLVED** to receive copies of recent Budget Monitoring reports that had been presented to the Cabinet Member for Adult Care and the Cabinet Member Children and Young People.

08/15 WORK PROGRAMME **RESOLVED** (1) to note progress on the Committee's work programme; and (2) that the Chairs of the Adults' and Children's Safeguarding Boards be invited to speak to the Committee about the work of their Boards.