

MINUTES of a meeting of **the IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – PEOPLE** held at County Hall, Matlock on 25 November 2015.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs D Charles (in the Chair)

Councillors Mrs G Birkin, J Frudd, Mrs P Gilby, Mrs K Lauro, B Ridgeway and J Wild.

Councillors Mrs C Bisknell, J Coyle and D Greenhalgh attended for minute reference 36/15.

Ms D Turner.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Mrs C Muir.

35/15 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 9 September 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

36/15 **CHILDRENS SERVICES CABINET PORTFOLIO ORAL UPDATE** Councillor J Coyle and his Deputy Cabinet Members, Councillors Mrs C Bisknell and D Greenhalgh attended the meeting to give an update on Children's Services. Highlighted issues included the appointment of the new Strategic Director; major pressures on the budget for the service area and associated implications; the Academisation Agenda; School Transport; Early Help Offer; Children in Care and plans to reduce the number; Schools and Learning and Youth and Social Care services.

Councillor Coyle and his team then answered questions raised by members of the Committee.

37/15 **DERBYSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDRENS BOARD ANNUAL REPORT** Ms C Cassell, Independent Chair of the Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Board attended the meeting to deliver the Annual Report and Priorities for 2014-2015 report on behalf of the Board.

The report gave details of the work the Board had undertaken in relation to the co-ordination and assurance of the effectiveness of safeguarding across the country. It gave details of the information gathering process and provided evidence of good partnership working and commitment to the work of the Board in relation to the improvement of safeguarding practice.

Ms Cassell referred to the key issues which had been identified in the report and reported the key observations from the process.

RESOLVED (1) to note the report;

(2) that the report be referred to the Safeguarding Sub Committee for further evaluation.

38/15 DERBYSHIRE SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD ANNUAL REPORT Mr A Searle, Independent Chair of the Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board attended the meeting to deliver the Annual Report and Priorities for 2014-2015 report on behalf of the Board.

The report gave an insight as to how adult abuse and neglect is addressed within Derbyshire. He referred to work undertaken by the Board, budget implications and the future challenges the Board would face.

Mr Searle then answered questions and addressed issues of concern from Committee members.

RESOLVED (1) to note the report;

(2) that the report be referred to the Safeguarding Sub Committee for further evaluation.

39/15 RADICALISATION IN SCHOOLS FINAL REVIEW REPORT The final report by the working group had been prepared and circulated to the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – People for consideration. Six recommendations had been suggested.

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

40/15 CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION REVIEW – PROGRESS REPORT An update was presented on the work undertaken to date by the working group undertaking the review of child sexual exploitation.

RESOLVED to note the progress made.

41/15 HATE CRIME REVIEW SCOPING REPORT A scoping report for the proposed review of Hate Crime was presented.

The review would consider the following:-

- the understanding of people's perceptions of what a Hate Crime or incident is;
- the understanding of people's perceptions of any barriers in reporting a Hate Crime or incident;
- the understanding of people's level of awareness of how to report Hate Crime or incident;

- the understanding of the value victims put on the service being provided by victim support services;
- the understanding of how the authority is working with partners on the Partnership Hate Crime Strategy and Action Plan and
- the identification of service gaps in the support of the victims of Hate Crime.

RESOLVED (1) to agree the scope of the review of Hate Crime and;

(2) that Members of the Committee which undertook the Radicalisation in Schools review form the working group.

42/15 DERBYSHIRE HEALTHWATCH REPORT ON AUTISM PATHWAY Ms H Hart from Healthwatch Derbyshire presented the Autism Pathway report which explored the Parent Carer Experience of the Multiagency Pathway that identified and supported children and young people with Autism Spectrum Disorders in Derbyshire.

The Committee was very supportive of the work undertaken in the preparation of this report.

RESOLVED (1) to note the report and

(2) that a progress report be presented at a subsequent meeting to be arranged.

43/15 CAYA SERVICE SPENDING/ADULT CARE REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING **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.

44/15 WORK PROGRAMME **RESOLVED** that the work programme for 2015/16 be approved.