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MINUTES of a meeting of **the IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – PEOPLE** held at County Hall, Matlock on 3 September 2014.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs D Charles (in the Chair)

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

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor R Mihaly.

27/14 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 9 July 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

28/14 **DISCUSSION WITH CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE** Councillor K Gillott, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People gave an update on recent issues within his portfolio, specifically the analysis of the recent examination results; the review of Children's Centres which was to be reported to Cabinet on 30 September; and progress on achieving the budget reduction target.

Mr I Johnson, Children and Young Adults Department, referred to the restructuring of young people's safeguarding front door services where pilots had been undertaken and proposals were to be submitted to Cabinet on 30 September.

Councillor Gillott also referred to the Rotherham report and to the fact that he believed that such a culture did not exist in Derbyshire County Council. Discussions were to take place about development of training for all Members on child sexual exploitation.

29/14 **SAFEGUARDING UPDATE AND PERFORMANCE REPORT**

Mr I Johnson presented a safeguarding update report. The report provided information on the outcome of the Ofsted Good practice thematic survey: Leadership in Children's Social care Services which had taken place in August.

Also, Ofsted had launched a consultation on their proposals for a new and additional targeted inspection programme currently known as the 'integrated inspection'. Under the proposals from April 2015, Ofsted, the Care Quality Commission, HMI Constabulary, HMI Probation and where appropriate HMI Prisons would work together to carry out a targeted programme of 'integrated' inspections to look at the effectiveness of local authorities, health, police,

probation and other services in helping to protect and care for children and young people.

Statistical information was presented on safeguarding performance.

30/14 **FINAL SCRUTINY REVIEW REPORTS** Final reports were presented following the Improvement and Scrutiny reviews of –

- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in the recruitment and selection process, and
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in the decision-making process.

RESOLVED that the reports be accepted for submission to Cabinet, subject to the minor changes as proposed at the meeting.

31/14 **INTERIM REPORT ON SAFEGUARDING** The Safeguarding Review Working Group had been undertaking its work and had met with, and received information from senior managers and officers in the areas of child sexual exploitation, safe internet use, domestic violence, safeguarding training and the business plans and governance of the Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board (DSAB) and Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Board (DSCB).

In summary, the interim review had found good working practices with regard to safeguarding. This has been highlighted by Ofsted's inspection and the overall rating of 'Good'. There was a good provision of training, and visits to front line services showed that there were many dedicated and hardworking members of staff. The review had also found areas of potential development, including training for all Councillors in the area of safeguarding and child sexual exploitation. Additionally, there was a need to regularly scrutinise how the authority was working with partners to deploy the action plans of the Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board and Derbyshire Safeguarding Children's Board.

RESOLVED that the report be accepted.

32/14 **ELIGIBILITY FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE WORKING GROUP**
RESOLVED to note that Councillor D Walton was to be included in the membership of the Eligibility for Adult Social Care Working Group.

33/14 **WORKING GROUP TO CONSIDER PROPOSALS BY NORTH DERBYSHIRE CCG AND ADULT CARE** Item withdrawn.

34/14 BUDGET UPDATE RESOLVED to receive copies of the Budget Monitoring reports that had been presented to the Cabinet Member for Adult Care and the Cabinet Member Children and Young People.

35/14 REVIEW PROPOSALS FOR THE WORK PROGRAMME
The list of potential review work for the Committee was presented and Members were asked to consider whether work should commence now on any of the suggested review.

RESOLVED that, at the present time, the Committee focus on the Eligibility for Adult Care review and its Safeguarding work.

36/14 WORK PROGRAMME RESOLVED to note progress on the Committee's work programme.