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MINUTES of a meeting of **the IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – PEOPLE** held at County Hall, Matlock on 4 March 2019.

PRESENT

Councillor A Fox (in the Chair)

Councillors N Barker, L Chilton, J Coyle, R Flatley, J Frudd, R Iliffe, T Kemp (substitute) and D Taylor.

Also in attendance were Councillors, E Atkins, S Burfoot, A Dale, P Smith and I Ratcliffe and J Berry, S Hobbs, J Parfremment and D Turner.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor J Twigg.

The procedures for the meeting were summarised by the Chair.

07/19 CALLED-IN DECISION – EARLY HELP SERVICES FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES At its meeting on 31 January 2019, Cabinet considered and approved a report relating to the Early Help Services for Children, Young People and their Families.

In accordance with the provisions of the County Council's Constitution, Councillors Smith, Ratcliffe, Atkins and Burfoot, had asked that the decision be called-in. It was their opinion that there was evidence which suggested that issues regarding the Cabinet report had not been handled in accordance with the decision-making principles set out in Article 15 – Decision Making of the Council's Constitution, namely proportionality, consultation, openness and clarity of aims.

Councillors Smith, Ratcliffe, Burfoot and Atkins (the Signatories) were invited to address the Committee on the call-in with their concerns on why they considered the Council's decision-making principles to have been breached as stated in the Notice. It was their opinion that there had been inadequate consultation with stakeholders and not enough openness and transparency with the two previous Cabinet reports published prior to 31 January 2019.

Members of the Committee put questions to the Signatories and then invited Councillor A Dale, Cabinet Member of Young People to present information in support of the decision taken.

Committee members were invited to put questions to them before Councillors Smith and Ratcliffe made further statements in support of their arguments.

The Committee considered the information that had been put before them and considered whether the decision had been made in accordance with the decision-making principles, as set out in the Constitution. The Chairman asked the Committee to vote and Members voted 6 to 3 in favour that the principles of decision-making had not been breached.

RESOLVED to agree that the decision made by Cabinet on 31 January 2019 relating to the Early Help Services for Children, Young People and their Families had been taken in accordance with the decision-making principles and, therefore, no further action should be taken on the call-in.

The meeting closed at 12:30 pm.