

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - PLACES** held at County Hall, Matlock on 3 July 2013.

**PRESENT**

Councillor Mrs K D Lauro (in the Chair)

Councillors Mrs E Atkins, Mrs Janet A Hill, T Southerd, S A Spencer and D Williams.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs C A Hart and R L Hosker.

**10/13** **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 27 March 2013 be received.

**11/13** **WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RECYCLING** Ms A Thomas and Ms C Brailsford of the Environmental Services Department attended the meeting to make a presentation on the management of waste in the County, specifically the Council's role as Waste Disposal Authority and the governance arrangements, key drivers, priorities and financial impact of the services.

The briefing covered the challenges faced and the work that was being carried out to deliver a long term, sustainable waste management strategy to minimise both the environmental and financial risk to the Council.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

**12/13** **INTELLIGENT GULLY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM** Mr J Biddlestone of the Environmental Services Department attended the meeting to make a presentation on the success of the Intelligent Gully Management System which had developed following an Improvement and Scrutiny review that had been undertaken in 2008.

The system aimed to capture intelligent data relating to cyclic gully cleansing operations, provide and develop in-cab technology to operatives with mapping in GIS format, show known gully positions on in-cab mapping in order to allow data to be edited, relocated, created or deleted with time and date stamping of site operations so as to provide better management information; reduce/remove the requirement for paper-based processes; look to promote efficiency, with better informed service delivery and cost savings.

The presentation made reference to the previous systems that had been in place and the new arrangements that were now functioning. Contractual arrangements across the County were outlined and, later this year, all areas would be using the new systems.

The data obtained would be used to take decisions on changes in levels of service in order to streamline the service.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

**13/13      THE IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY FUNCTION      Ms      J**  
Wardle, Improvement and Scrutiny Officer, briefed Members on the role and responsibilities of the Committee and the operation of the scrutiny function in the Council.

In relation to the future work of the Committee, there was a need to establish standing working groups to work on the Committee's responsibilities relating to flooding risk and crime and disorder. A work programme for the Committee would be developed and Members would be invited to suggest areas of work that could be subject to review by the Committee. Other work would include Budget and performance monitoring, post-review implementation reports and discussions with Cabinet members.

**RESOLVED** that working groups of 5 members (3 Labour and 2 minority) be established for work in relation to flooding risk and crime and disorder.