

MINUTES of a meeting of the **IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - PLACES** held at County Hall, Matlock on 10 December 2014.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs K D Lauro (in the Chair)

Councillors Mrs E Atkins, Mrs M Booth, Mrs C A Hart, R L Hosker, S A Spencer and D Williams.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Mrs Janet A Hill.

27/14 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 17 September 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

28/14 **DISCUSSION WITH CABINET MEMBER** Councillor D Allen, Cabinet member – Health and Communities, attended the meeting to give an update on current issues within the portfolio. Reference was made to Cabinet's agreement to a single department lead for commissioning domestic abuse services in the Health and Communities Department (Community Safety Team) and for a pooled County Council budget for domestic abuse services to be overseen by the Head of Community Safety. Initiatives in the Library Service were highlighted along with current work of the Record Office and the Museum service. The Made in Derbyshire campaign to be undertaken in 2015 was also drawn to members' attention.

29/14 **CHANGES TO THE MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE** Mr D Gibbs gave an update on the implementation of the changes to the mobile library service and some of the mitigation measures that were being introduced in order to minimise the negative effects. The new service would be operated for a 3 month period on the basis of the service currently timetabled and would, after that, be reviewed. Any future amendments to the service would be prioritised according to transparent methodology through experience and amended if necessary.

30/14 **FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP** Work of the working group to date was highlighted along with the further work to be carried out on the drafting of the Flood Risk Management Strategy.

RESOLVED (1) that Councillor Mrs M Booth be appointed to replace Councillor T Southerd on the working group; and

(2) to note the work undertaken by the working group and the future work that was to be carried out.

31/14 DRAFT FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY Mr J Biddlestone and Ms V Raiment of the Economy, Transport and Environment Department attended the meeting to present the latest draft of the Local; Flood risk management strategy that was being developed in consultation with members of the Committee. Part 1 of the Strategy was presented and this had been updated to take account of Members' earlier comments. Part 2 of the strategy would be the more technical part of the document and work continued on this.

The timetable for production was for cabinet Member approval in January followed by a 12 week consultation period. Comments received would be reviewed in May with final approval of the strategy by Cabinet in June 2015.

RESOLVED to endorse the work undertaken to date on the content and style of the Strategy document.

32/14 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ON CHANGES TO LOCAL BUS SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY TRANSPORT Mr S Cannon, Economy, Transport and Environment Department, attended the meeting to outline the public engagement that was to be undertaken on the changes to local bus support and Community Transport. There was a two stage approach to the consultation and the outcome of the current public engagement, which closed on 14 December, would be reported to the Committee at its next meeting. The feedback would be used to develop a network of services that could be financially supported by the Council for consideration by Cabinet and following this there would be detailed consultation.

RESOLVED that progress be noted.

33/14 HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE REVIEW PROGRESS The working group established by the Committee to review highway maintenance continued its work and a number of visits had been carried out.

RESOLVED (1) to note the work already undertaken and to note the further investigations that the working group proposed to undertake; and

(2) that Councillor Mrs M Booth be appointed to replace Councillor T Southerd on the working group.

34/14 BUDGET MONITORING **RESOLVED** (1) to receive the latest budget monitoring report that had been presented to the Cabinet member Jobs, Economy and Transport on 11 November 2014; and

(2) to note Councillor Spencer's concern about the use of £2m of reserves to cover the cost of winter maintenance and the fact that it was not proposed to top-up the reserve.

35/14 WORK PROGRAMME RESOLVED to note progress on the Committee's work programme for 2014/15.