

MINUTES of a meeting of the **IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - PLACES** held at County Hall, Matlock on 16 July 2014.

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs K D Lauro (in the Chair)

Councillors Mrs Janet A Hill, R L Hosker, T Southerd, S A Spencer and D Williams.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs E Atkins and Mrs C A Hart.

15/14 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 21 May 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

16/14 **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE STAFF CONSULTATION** Ms Lisa Morris, Safer Derbyshire Team, attended the meeting and gave an update on the Council's Domestic Abuse Policy and the preparation of a staff guidance document setting out how to access support, which would be made readily available in order to raise awareness both within the Authority and with other organisations in the County. Training for managers on signposting to service providers would be undertaken and the matter would be the subject of briefings to Departmental Management Teams in the Autumn.

RESOLVED to note the update.

17/14 **MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE CONSULTATION** Mr D Gibbs attended to give an update on the outcome of the stage 1 consultation exercise on the future of the Mobile Library Service. There had been a high level of response and, following this, specific proposals would now be consulted on. The proposal was for 2 standard mobiles to provide a 4 weekly service. Consultation would run through to 9 August with the matter being considered by Cabinet again on 30 September.

RESOLVED to note the update.

18/14 **HIGHWAYS INSPECTION SYSTEM** A scoping report for the review of Highway inspection systems was presented. The Committee had agreed a number of reviews for its work programme. The first would be to consider the process currently used to inspect the highways and determine any necessary repairs. The review would look at the rationalisation of the vehicles used for highways inspections and the impact this has had, if any. The review would consider the current system of highways inspections and repair, take the opportunity to view highways inspections being undertaken on-site and compare the process with that used by other Highways Authorities.

A review of how the Council respond to Highways complaints was also to be undertaken and it was considered that these two issues should be linked in the review.

RESOLVED (1) that the scoping report be agreed with the reviews being linked; (2) that a working group be established to work on the review comprising Councillors Mrs E Atkins, Mrs Janet A Hill, Mrs K D Lauro, T Southerd and S A Spencer.

19/14 BUDGET MONITORING RESOLVED to receive copies of the Budget Monitoring reports that had been presented to the relevant Cabinet Members and to seek more information and clarification of the reasons for the overspends on winter maintenance.

20/14 WORK PROGRAMME RESOLVED to note progress on the Committee's work programme for 2014/15.