

MINUTES of a meeting of the **IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – PLACES** held at County Hall, Matlock on 20 May 2015.

P R E S E N T

Councillor Mrs M Booth (in the Chair)

Councillors Mrs E Atkins, Mrs C Cox, K Gillott, Mrs C A Hart, R L Hosker, S A Spencer and D Williams.

09/15 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR** **RESOLVED** that Councillor K Gillott be appointed Chair of the Committee for the current year.

Councillor K Gillott thereupon occupied the Chair.

10/15 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 11 March 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

11/15 **DISCUSSION WITH CABINET MEMBER** Councillor D Allen, Cabinet member for Health and Communities attended the meeting and gave an update on current issues within his portfolio, in particular current community safety activity and developments within the Library service.

The Chair thanked the Cabinet member for the information presented.

12/15 **FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY** J Biddlestone and V Raiment of the Economy, Transport and Environment Department attended to give an update on the development of the Flood Risk management Strategy which was due to be reported to Cabinet for approval in July 2015.

The Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Places would have a role in the future monitoring of the strategy. The Committee was asked to consider the best means of carrying out this role and it was suggested that this be way of challenge via the current working group meeting as and when necessary, with an annual report to the main Committee. In the event of any major issues of concern arising, these should be reported directly to the main Committee.

RESOLVED that the future monitoring of the Strategy be undertaken as outlined above.

13/15 **WORK PROGRAMME** The Committee was provided with information on proposed reviews of Hate Crime Reporting and Victim Support Services; 20mph Speed Limits and 20mph Zones; and Visitor Giving Schemes.

It was now proposed that the reviews of Hate Crime Reporting and Victim Support Services and Visitor Giving Schemes should not be undertaken and that the Committee should, instead, undertake a more strategic review of tourism in the County and the contribution made by the County Council and also a review of the effect of funding cuts on community safety and policing in the County.

The proposed review of 20mph Speed Limits and 20mph Zones would be a quick review and a working group would be established to undertake this.

RESOLVED (1) to note the report on the current position on the Committee's work programme; (2) that the programme of activity be amended as outlined above; and (3) that a working group be established to commence work on the review of 20mph Speed Limits and 20mph Zones.