

MINUTES of a meeting of the **IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – PLACES** held at County Hall, Matlock on 20 July 2016.

P R E S E N T

Councillor K Gillott (in the Chair)

Councillors Mrs M Booth, Mrs C Cox, Mrs C A Hart and D Williams.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs E Atkins, R L Hosker and S A Spencer.

Councillor K Gillott declared a personal interest in the item in relation to the work of Youth Offending Teams as he was a solicitor who came into contact with the Team as part of his work representing clients.

Councillor Mrs C Cox declared a personal interest in the item in relation to the work of Youth Offending Teams as she was a Magistrate who came into contact with the Team as part of her Court duties.

13/16 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 18 May 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

14/16 **DISCUSSION WITH CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES, COUNCILLOR D ALLEN** Councillors D Allen gave an update on work in relation to combatting domestic abuse, sexual abuse and hate crime. An integrated service model was now in place and this would be officially launched on 5 August.

The Government was currently consulting on Library service delivery. Derbyshire's service delivery model now differed to that of many Councils. Councillor Allen was keen to develop the service and, in particular, keep to a minimum any cuts to the Materials Fund. The Record Office had received a grant from the Wellcome Trust to undertake work on mining records. The future development of the Picture the Past website had been part the budget cuts imposed. Initiatives in relation to the Arts and Buxton Museum were also covered.

15/16 **HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE REVIEW – PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTATION** Ms A Glithero and G Pickford, Economy, Transport and Communities, attended the meeting to discuss progress made on the implementation of the Committee's recommendations made in relation to Highways maintenance. Their update covered the 6 recommendations made and their conclusion was that the reactive maintenance processes had changed considerably over the last six months and were well on the way to becoming fully embedded. There was still some work to do to ensure that

these new systems and work practices directly impact on improved performance.

Mr Pickford gave the Committee some statistics in relation to the cuts to funding in this area of work and he was asked to circulate a note which could be used by Members as an aide memoire when responding to comments about the level of service.

RESOLVED that the update report be received and a further update be presented in due course.

16/16 CONSULTATION ON SUBSIDISED BUSES C Hegarty, Economy, Transport and Communities, made a presentation on the outcome of the public consultation undertaken on subsidised local buses and Community Transport provision.

A summary of the publicity and questionnaire distribution was given and this had resulted in around 4,200 responses. The key themes were outlined and these would be used to produce options for consideration for the future delivery of the service to meet the required cuts to the budget.

17/16 WORK OF THE YOUTH OFFENDING TEAMS D Bond, Head of Youth Offending, made a presentation on the work of the Team, outlining its organisation, what they did, their performance ranking, the national standards that were worked to, the inspection regime, and the statutory Youth Justice Plan. Future challenges were outlined, in particular meeting the cuts to service funding and responding to the Charlie Taylor review of youth justice.

Mr Bond would give the Committee an update in 12 months' time.

18/16 TOURISM REVIEW – PROGRESS A report was presented on the progress that had been made on the review of tourism in the County.

RESOLVED to note the progress made by the review working group.