

PUBLIC

MINUTES of a meeting of the **IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – PLACES** held at County Hall, Matlock on 14 September 2017.

P R E S E N T

Councillor S Bull (in the Chair)

Councillors K S Athwal, E Atkins, J Coyle (substitute member), J Dixon, L Grooby and P Makin.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors H Elliott, K Gillott and T Kemp.

11/17 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 19 July 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

12/17 **MATTERS ARISING – Work Programme 2017-18 (Minute No.9/17)** Members were informed that the Review of Tourism in Derbyshire report would be considered at the meeting of Cabinet on 5 October 2017.

13/17 **DISCUSSION WITH THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP, CULTURE AND TOURISM, COUNCILLOR BARRY LEWIS** Councillor Lewis submitted his apologies for the meeting and this item would be considered at a later date.

14/17 **OVERVIEW OF THE LIBRARIES AND HERITAGE DIVISION** Don Gibbs, Head of the Libraries and Heritage Division attended the meeting and provided a brief overview of the functions of the Division. Mr Gibbs reported on the library service, arts, the museum service and the work undertaken by the Derbyshire Record Office.

Details were provided of the Mobile Library Service in Derbyshire and Members put forward various ideas that would increase the use of the service. These included prior notice of future stops to the Parish Councils and the possibility of an audible warning system. Mr Gibbs would look into these suggestions and report back to the Members of the Committee.

Mr Gibbs provided details of the redevelopment of Buxton Museum which was the only museum run by the County Council. Members were informed of a recent consultation which had been undertaken on a change to the opening hours of the museum.

Members were afforded the opportunity to make comments and ask questions which were duly answered. However, Mr Gibbs would circulate further information on some issues raised, following the meeting.

On behalf of the Committee the Chairman thanked Mr Gibbs for the most informative presentation.

15/17 COMMUNITY SAFETY - PRESENTATION Christine Flinton, Head of Community Safety attended the meeting and gave a brief overview of community safety in Derbyshire. It was a statutory duty to have a Community Safety Partnership (CSP) which was responsible for reducing crime and disorder, substance misuse and re-offending in each local authority. CSPs were made up of a number of responsible authorities, including local authorities, police authority, fire and rescue service, probation service and clinical commissioning groups. The arrangements and priorities within Derbyshire were highlighted.

The Chairman thanked Ms Flinton for her presentation and invited her back to a future meeting of the Committee to expand further on the work of the Community Safety Team.

16/17 REVIEW OF EMERGENCY PLANNING – SCOPING REPORT The Civil Contingencies Act 2004 created a framework for the way that public bodies at a national and local level responded to emergencies. Under the Act there was a requirement for Local Resilience Forums (LRF) to be established across geographical areas that aligned with police force areas. LRF's were multi-agency partnerships made up of representatives from local public services, including the emergency services, local authorities, the NHS, the Environment Agency and others. Their aim was to plan and prepare for localised incidents and emergencies and to identify potential risks and produce emergency plans to either prevent or mitigate the impact of any incident. The importance of effective emergency planning had been starkly highlighted in the aftermath of the catastrophic fire at Grenfell Tower.

The proposed review would consider the emergency planning arrangements in Derbyshire and would seek assurance that in the event of an emergency, the response would be rapid, coordinated and effective. In particular the review will focus on the following areas:

- Local Resilience Forum Work Programme,
- How the duties under the Civil Contingencies Act are being met,
- Derbyshire's capability and capacity of response.

During the course of the review evidence would be gathered from numerous sources. A working group would be appointed by this Committee to undertake the review. The working group would submit progress reports and a final report to the full Committee at the conclusion of the review. It was anticipated that the review would be completed by February 2018.

RESOLVED (1) to note the scope of the review of emergency planning; and

(2) that Members be appointed to the Working Group as follows; Councillors K S Athwal, E Atkins, S Bull, L Grooby (Chairman) and a nomination from the Labour Group

17/17 OUTTURN REPORTS Angela Glithero, Economy, Transport and Communities attended the meeting and provided a brief overview of the finance process within the department. Ms Glithero would attend a future meeting of the Committee to explain savings that had been identified within the portfolio and how they would be utilised.

18/17 THE HUB Following the meeting, Members undertook a visit to the Derbyshire Highways Hub.