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MINUTES of a meeting of the **IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – PLACES** held at County Hall, Matlock on 29 November 2017.

P R E S E N T

Councillor S Bull (in the Chair)

Councillors K S Athwal, E Atkins, S Brittain (substitute Member), J Dixon, L Grooby, T Kemp and P Makin.

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

19/17 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 14 September 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

20/17 **MATTERS ARISING – Review of Tourism (Minute No.12/17)**
The Review of Tourism report was considered by Cabinet on 5 October 2017. Cabinet noted the report but chose not to respond to the recommendations at this stage. Instead, the establishment of a Culture and Tourism Board was proposed, with one of its first tasks being to undertake a detailed analysis of tourism, using the review findings as a basis for this work.

Flood Risk Management Group (Minute No.9/17) At the previous meeting it was mentioned that the working group was likely to meet in November. The timetable had since been revised because the position of Senior Engineer had become vacant. The position had now been filled and it was anticipated that the working group would meet in the first quarter of 2018 to consider the progress made against the Flood Risk Management Strategy Action Plan.

Derbyshire Library Service and Derbyshire Records Office (Minute No.14/17) Don Gibbs had provided the answers to questions raised by the Members at the last meeting. The responses were circulated. A visit to the Records Office would be arranged in due course.

21/17 **OVERVIEW OF TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT DIVISION**
Allison Thomas attended the meeting and provided a brief overview of the services within her division, which included waste management, the countryside service and rights of way, heritage and design, transport services, flood risk management and the promotion of walking and cycling.

Ms Thomas highlighted the work undertaken by the countryside rangers and in particular work aimed at encouraging people to take advantage of the outdoors and use the footpaths and cycle routes throughout the county. It was

suggested that Richard Taylor, Head of the Countryside Service could provide members with an overview of this service at a future meeting.

Discussion took place on the current situation and the issues surrounding Elvaston Castle and Country Park. The long running issues and the future plans for the castle and country park were highlighted.

The committee was afforded the opportunity to ask questions on all aspects of the service and these were duly answered by Ms Thomas.

The Chairman thanked Allison Thomas for her presentation.

22/17 WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICE UPDATE Claire Brailsford attended the meeting and made a presentation on the waste management service in the County. The report highlighted the current performance and the challenges facing the council meeting its targets. Ms Brailsford provided information on the Derbyshire waste strategy, Waste Framework Directive, the development of waste infrastructure and performance. Members were informed of a range of waste awareness campaigns that had been undertaken to help residents to reduce the waste they produced or to increase what they recycled and composted.

The committee were informed that the County Council had no influence over commercial/industrial waste and that the amount of commercial waste was tenfold to that of domestic waste

The Chairman thanked Claire Brailsford for a most informative presentation.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

23/17 REVIEW OF EMERGENCY PLANNING – PROGRESS REPORT Members of the Committee were informed of the progress made by the working group conducting the review of emergency planning. This was the first progress report regarding the review of emergency planning. The Members of the working group were Councillors S Bull, L Grooby, K S Athwal and B Atkins. The purpose of the review was to gain assurance that in the event of an emergency in Derbyshire, the response would be rapid, coordinated and effective. In particular the review was focusing 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.

To date the working group had met with Derbyshire County Council's Emergency Planning Division's Manager, a Derbyshire Emergency Volunteer and representatives from Derbyshire Constabulary and Derbyshire Fire and Rescue. The key points of these discussions were highlighted.

It was proposed that further meetings would be held to gain the views of district councils and event organisers. A visit to the Council's emergency vehicle would also take place to provide the working group members with an opportunity with an opportunity to view the resources that were kept on board.

RESOLVED to note the investigations undertaken by the review working group and evidence gathered so far.

24/17 WORK PROGRAMME 2017-18 Following a brief discussion Members identified the Countryside Service as a future item for the work programme.