

PUBLIC

MINUTES of a meeting of the **IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – PLACES** held at County Hall, Matlock on 6 March 2018.

P R E S E N T

Councillor S Bull (in the Chair)

Councillors K S Athwal, E Atkins, K Gillott, L Grooby, T Kemp and P Makin.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor J Dixon.

1/18 COUNTER TERRORISM AND MODERN SLAVERY – PRESENTATION The Chairman informed the Committee that following legal advice the presentation on Counter Terrorism and Modern Slavery would be considered in the exempt part of the meeting to avoid the disclosure of any potentially exempt information.

2/18 MINUTES RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 29 November 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3/18 MATTERS ARISING – Flood Risk Management Group and Derbyshire Library Service and Derbyshire Records Office (Minute No.20/17) The Chairman proposed that the Committee visited the Derbyshire Record Office after the next meeting on 16 May 2018. The visit would start at 2.00pm.

Councillor Peter Makin would be meeting the new Senior Project Engineer in the Flood Risk Management Team to consider the Annual Report on the progress of Derbyshire's Local Flood Risk Management Strategy.

4/18 DISCUSSION WITH THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES, COUNCILLOR CAROL HART Councillor Hart provided an overview of aspects of her portfolio that came under the role and remit of the Places Committee.

Main topics referred to were community safety, domestic abuse and partnership working, the voluntary sector, district and parish liaison, emergency planning, sports development and trading standards. Discussion took place regarding the increase in on-line purchasing and what protection was available for customers, in particular in relation to refunds and the return of faulty goods. Councillor Hart reported that there was plenty of work to be done in this area and ensuring that the rights of the customer were safeguarded and they were afforded the same protection purchasing on-line

as they received from purchasing from a shop. Councillor Hart would inform the Trading Standards service of the Committee's concerns.

On behalf of the Committee, the Chairman thanked Councillor Hart for attending the meeting and the information provided.

5/18 REVIEW OF EMERGENCY PLANNING – FINAL REPORT

The importance of effective emergency planning had been starkly highlighted in the aftermath of the catastrophic fire at Grenfell Tower. The information currently in the public domain suggested that the response provided by the local authority (Kensington and Chelsea Council) was poorly co-ordinated and survivors received insufficient support or information. The rationale for this review was to seek re-assurance that in the event of an emergency in Derbyshire, the response would be rapid, co-ordinated and effective. In particular, the review focused on the following areas:

- Local Resilience Forum (LRF) Work Programme;
- How the duties under the Civil Contingencies Act were being met;
- Derbyshire's capability and capacity of response.

The key findings arising from the review were highlighted in the report and the following recommendations were suggested:-

1. Cabinet notes that this review has found Derbyshire's Emergency Planning arrangements to be robust. The review working group consider that the partnership working arrangements within the LRF are exemplary and commend the relevant officers within each partner organisation for their professionalism and dedication.
2. The current level of resources and the physical location of the Emergency Planning Division are maintained.
3. All Councillors are informed about the role of Derbyshire Emergency Volunteers and are exhorted to promote this volunteering opportunity to local residents in their communities.
4. That the Emergency Planning Division gives consideration to ways in which Derbyshire Emergency Volunteers can receive recognition for their dedication, commitment and time. Examples might include holding a reception for volunteers or awarding letters/certificates of achievement.

RESOLVED to approve the review report and its recommendations and submit the report to Cabinet.

6/18 **WORK PROGRAMME 2018-19 RESOLVED** to approve the work programme for 2018-19 as follows:-

16 May 2018	Trading Standards – Robert Taylour Flood Risk Management (update from Working Group)
18 July 2018	Countryside Services – Richard Taylor
13 Sept 2018	Cabinet Member Portfolio update – Councillor S Spencer Draft Energy Strategy
28 Nov 2018	Revisit the Review of Tourism
5 March 2019	Cabinet Member Portfolio update – Councillor B Lewis

7/18 **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT RESOLVED** to note the latest position on the Revenue Budget statement for the Highways, Transport and Infrastructure portfolio for 2017-18.

8/18 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC RESOLVED** to exclude the public from the meeting during the consideration of the remaining item on the agenda to avoid the disclosure of exempt information or confidential information.

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED AFTER THE PUBLIC HAD BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING

1. Counter Terrorism and Modern Slavery - presentation (contains exempt information).