

MINUTES of a meeting of the **IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - PLACES** held at County Hall, Matlock on 21 May 2014.

PRESENT

Councillor T Southerd (in the Chair)

Councillors Mrs E Atkins, Mrs Janet Hill, Mrs C A Hart, S A Spencer and D Williams.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor R L Hosker and Mrs K D Lauro.

11/14 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 19 March 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

12/14 **FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY** Mr J Biddlestone, Economy, Transport and Environment Department made a presentation on the overarching role of the Authority under the Flood and Water Management Act and the requirement to prepare a Flood Risk Management Strategy. It was proposed that members of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee be involved in the development of the Strategy as it is shaped.

RESOLVED that Councillors Mrs E Atkins, Mrs K D Lauro, T Southerd, S A Spencer and D Williams form a working group to contribute to the development of the Strategy document.

13/14 **HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES – DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET REDUCTIONS** Mr D Lowe, Strategic Director for Health and Communities, attended the meeting to explain the departmental budget reductions for the forthcoming year(s). Budget reductions to be made by the department in 2014/15 totalled £1,288,000 and the means of achieving this were outlined.

The Chair thanked Mr Lowe for his informative presentation.

14/14 **WORK PROGRAMME** Progress on the Committee's work programme for 2014/15 was reported.

The Committee would be involved in the work to develop the Flood Risk management Strategy to ensure that the Strategy was developed in accordance with local needs.

In addition, a number of review proposals had been considered by the Improvement and Scrutiny Management Committee and allocated to the Committee to schedule into its work programme.

	Title/Subject
1	Criteria change for pothole filling and rationalisation of vehicle used for highways inspection. Responding to Highways complaints – how is it done now? Possible improvements?
2	How do other County Councils use their ring-fenced Public Health money? Can we learn from other Authorities in funding services with this money?
3	Potential for sponsorship (eg traffic island maintenance and support for small capital projects)
4	Derby and Derbyshire Road Safety Partnership – added value of Police and Fire involvement.
5	Maximise the use of voluntary and community groups in supporting the Countryside Service
6	Re-visit the review of Community Transport

The review on the best use of ring-fenced Public Health money would be undertaken jointly with the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee - People and would not commence until September 2014 due to the current workload of that Committee.

RESOLVED (1) to note progress on the Committee's work programme; (2) that a scoping report for the proposed review at proposal 1 in the table above, be presented to the next meeting of the Committee.