

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – PLACES** held at the Derbyshire Records Office, Matlock on 30 November 2016.

## **P R E S E N T**

Councillor Mrs M Booth (in the Chair)

Councillors Mrs E Atkins, Mrs C Cox, Mrs C A Hart and D Williams.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors K Gillott, R L Hosker and S Spencer.

**25/16**      **MINUTES**    **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 15 September 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**26/16**      **DISCUSSION WITH CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE, COUNCILLOR D COLLINS**

Councillor Collins attended the meeting and gave an update on current issues within his portfolio in particular the bus consultation which had recently taken place and the installation of LED street lighting.

He commented that a Community Transport trial was being undertaken in the Ashbourne area, which if successful could be offered in other areas. It was suggested that a representative from Community Transport should be invited to a future meeting.

Councillor Collins reported where the installation of LED lighting was currently programmed and on savings which would be made on energy consumption.

The Chair thanked the Cabinet member for the information presented.

**27/16**      **FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT- Flood Risk Management Strategy – Annual Review and Projects Update** Tor Coombes, Senior Project Engineer, Economy, Transport and Communities, Flood Risk Management presented the annual report which detailed the progress made on the delivery of Derbyshire's Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (LFRMS) in 2015-16.

Notable highlights over the coming 12 months included a review of the role as a statutory consultee to the planning process; the enhancement of the Flood Response Policy; a review of FRM resource prioritisation; the enhancement of Guidance Notes; a review of community level initiatives and resources available from the FRM team; and the development of the Local Standards for SuDS.

A link to the Guidance Notes would be circulated to all Elected Members and feedback on their usefulness would be requested.

### **Projects and Partnership Working with the Environment Agency**

David Turnbull, PSO Team Leader Environment Agency, spoke of the Environment Agency's involvement with the 5 P's.

- Prevent involved giving advice on local planning applications, involvement in strategic planning policy and the issuing of permits for flood risk activities.
- Protect related to historical development on the flood plain; £9m was expected to be available in Derbyshire over the next 6 years for 16 projects.
- Proactive maintenance included the maintenance of main rivers in Derbyshire (dredging and silt removal), maintenance of structures and defences such as walls and embankments, and pumping stations and flood storm reservoirs.
- Prepare was the provision of flood warning service to over 17,000 homes and businesses in Derbyshire via Flood Alerts, Flood Warnings, Severe Flood Warnings.
- Partnership with other organisations was a necessary requirement.

**Emergency Response to a Flooding Event** Nick Elliott, Emergency Planning Manager commented on the emergency planning response to a flood emergency. This required all agencies working together in accordance with the Multi-Agency Flood Contingency Plan, which managed a response, identified key flood risk locations, provided co-ordination of the situation and the setting up of an emergency centre. Flooding emergencies and the Council Plan encouraged the development of community resilience, including training of flood wardens.

The Chair thanked the officers for the useful information.

**28/16      DERBYSHIRE RECORDS OFFICE** Sarah Chubb, the Derbyshire Record Office Manager, reported on the public consultation which had recently taken place regarding a proposed reduction in the opening hours of the record office and the possible options. She explained that the records office had a statutory responsibility to preserve current and historical records for the County, including Derby City, and commented on the duties of the professional staff and volunteers and the users of the service.

After the meeting a tour of the offices was undertaken.

**29/16      DRAFT IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16** **RESOLVED** to note the draft Improvement and Scrutiny Annual Report 2015/16.

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