

MINUTES of a meeting of the **IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – PLACES** held at County Hall, Matlock on 8 March 2016.

P R E S E N T

Councillor K Gillott (in the Chair)

Councillors Mrs E Atkins, Mrs M Booth, Mrs C Cox, R L Hosker and D Williams.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs C A Hart and S A Spencer.

01/16 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 9 December 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

02/16 **ETE BUDGET MONITORING** The latest budget monitoring position as at the end of December 2015 was reported. Ms A Glithero, Economy, Transport and Environment Department attended the meeting to explain the current position and answer Members' questions on the report.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

03/16 **DISCUSSION WITH STRATEGIC DIRECTOR FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES** Mr D R Lowe, Strategic Director for Health and Communities attended the meeting to give the Committee his views on the challenges that would be facing this service area over the coming years. He reminded the Committee of the revised management arrangements that were to be put in place following his retirement, with Public Health moving to Adult Care and the remaining services to ETE. He referred to the required budget cuts which would be challenging and 2017/18 would be particularly difficult. He also referred to the challenges facing Libraries and the Trading Standards service.

RESOLVED to note Mr Lowe's views on the challenges to be faced and to thank him for his significant contribution to the work of the Council over many years.

04/16 **TOURISM REVIEW – PROGRESS** A report was presented on the progress that had been made on the review of tourism in the County.

RESOLVED to note the progress made by the review working group.

05/16 **COMMUNITY SAFETY REVIEW – PROGRESS** A report was presented on the progress that had been made on the review of the impact of funding cuts on community safety services.

It was the intention that the findings of the review would inform the debate leading up to the Police and Crime Commissioner election on 5 May 2016. As the next meeting of the Committee was on 18 May 2016, Members were asked to agree that the final report of the review be approved by the Director of Legal Services in consultation with the Committee Chair, once all the written submissions have been received from the District and Borough Councils. A draft document containing key information that had been submitted to the review so far had been circulated to Members.

RESOLVED (1) to note the investigations undertaken by the review working group and the messages emerging from the evidence gathered so far, and

(2) to agree that that the final report of the review be approved by the Director of Legal Services in consultation with the Committee Chair, once all the written submissions have been received from the District and Borough Councils.

06/16 **FUTURE REVIEWS** **RESOLVED** to note that members of the Committee were invited to propose any future scrutiny review areas.