

**MINUTES** of a meeting of **the IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – RESOURCES** held at County Hall, Matlock on 17 March 2016.

**PRESENT**

Councillor C R Moesby (in the Chair)

Councillors S Bull, S Freeborn, T A Kemp, Mrs K D Lauro, D Lomax and S Marshall-Clarke.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs M Booth.

**01/16**      **MINUTES**      **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Resources held on 10 December 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**02/16**      **PORTFOLIO UPDATE – COUNCIL SERVICES**

Councillor A Botham, Cabinet member for Council Services, attended the meeting to give an update on current issues within his portfolio. He reported on the main areas of activity:-

- Internal reviews of HR and ICT which should be reporting within a month.
- HR issues – apprenticeships package, relief contracts, workforce reductions, the internal jobs market and traded services.
- A new Community Asset Transfer protocol was now in place.
- Discussions on the Derbyshire Package.
- Use of agency workers and consultants.
- The Buxton Crescent development. It was noted that arrangements could be made for Members to visit the site to view progress.

**03/16**      **INNOVATION AND TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME**

Ms R Taylor, Innovation and Transformation Service, attended to make a presentation on the development of the business case for the creation of a Derbyshire Development Company. The business case was to be presented to Cabinet in June 2016 and the potential structure of the Company was outlined.

Reference was also made to the One Public Estate Programme which had received Cabinet Office funding and was being established with a North Midlands Strategic Land and Assets Board.

Other work currently being undertaken by the Innovation and Transformation Team included an income generation strategy, demand management and the recruitment and selection process.

**04/16      TRUSTED TRADER REVIEW**      R Taylour and G Morgan, Trading Standards Service, attended the meeting to give a report on the implementation of the recommendations arising from the Committee's review of the Trusted Trader Scheme.

The Scheme continued to be well used and popular with both scheme members and local people who had made use of the Scheme. Good progress had been made in a number of areas recommended by the Committee. A Communications Action Plan had been developed and was being implemented which was likely to generate an increase in membership. Further enhancement and development of the scheme to provide support to local businesses and generate additional income was likely as a result of the merger between Health and Communities and Economy, Transport and Environment Directives.

**RESOLVED** that progress be noted.

**05/16      WORK PROGRAMME**      **RESOLVED** (1) to note progress on the Committee's work programme; and (2) to note that the Chair had invited Members to suggest and areas for potential review. .