

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – RESOURCES** held at County Hall, Matlock on 22 September 2016.

**PRESENT**

Councillor C R Moesby (in the Chair)

Councillors Mrs M Booth, S Freeborn and D Lomax.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Bull, T A Kemp, Mrs K D Lauro and S Marshall-Clarke.

**18/16**      **MINUTES**      **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Resources held on 21 July 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**19/16**      **DISCUSSION WITH CABINET SUPPORT MEMBER, STRATEGIC POLICY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET**

Councillor R Mihaly, Cabinet Support member attended the meeting to discuss current issues within the portfolio, including providing information on the work being undertaken on the Council's financial reserves position and income generation/commercialisation, partnership working and the culture of the organisation, and the Derbyshire Development Company initiative.

**20/16**      **FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN**      Mr P Handford, Director of Finance, updated the Committee on the Five Year Financial Plan and the issues facing the Council over the coming years. The presentation focussed on the financial health of the Authority, the pressures being faced and the cuts to be achieved, the risks and challenges, mitigations and spending choices, the reserves position and the effect of Business Rates retention.

Members asked a number of searching questions on the content of the Plan and these were responded to, in detail, by the Director of Finance.

**21/16**      **CORPORATE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

Ms E Croll and M Walters gave an update on the development of the new corporate performance management system which was expected to go live in early 2017.

The officers would attend a future meeting to give a further update and a demonstration of the system when live.

**22/16**      **SUSTAINABLE ENERGY/SOLAR POWER REVIEW UPDATE**

At a previous meeting, it had been agreed that, in view of the Committee's disappointment at the progress made, an invitation be extended

to a high level representative of Western Power Distribution to attend a meeting with the Committee to discuss the company's inability to connect sites to the local grid network. The Chair had also written to Western Power's Chief Executive with a number of questions about the situation and a reply had now been received and a copy of this was circulated.

Ms K Sowerby-Warrington, Property Division, gave an update to the Committee on the current position on the sites across the County.

Members would find it of use to discuss with Property Division representatives the progress that had been made and the work that was being undertaken to meet the Council's sustainable energy targets. Arrangements would be made to extend an invitation to a future meeting of the Committee.

**23/16      REVIEW OF BROADBAND ACCESS IN DERBYSHIRE**

A report was presented on the progress made to date on the review of Broadband access in Derbyshire and the future work to be undertaken by the working group.

**24/16      TRUSTED TRADER SCHEME**

Members had previously discussed the provision of 'financial advice for later life' within the Trusted Trader scheme. A note was circulated on the level of participation and the means by which such traders were rated; with it being clear that participation was not about financial regulation, which was a matter for the Financial Conduct Authority.