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MINUTES of a meeting of the **IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – RESOURCES** held at County Hall, Matlock on 25 September 2014.

PRESENT

Councillor C R Moesby (in the Chair)

Councillors Mrs C Bisknell, T A Kemp, M V Longden and S Marshall-Clarke.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor P Dunn, S Freeborn and D Lomax.

20/14 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Resources held on 24 July 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

21/14 **DISCUSSION WITH CABINET MEMBER** Councillor A Western would attend the next meeting of the Committee to give an update on her portfolio.

22/14 **BUDGET MONITORING** **RESOLVED** to receive copies of the Budget Monitoring reports for Month 3 2014/15 that had been presented to the Cabinet Member for Strategic Policy and Budget.

23/14 **REVIEW OF NON-OPERATIONAL PROPERTY** Mr S West, County Property Division, attended the meeting to give an update on progress on the recommendations arising from the review of non-operational property.

Members were also provided with an update on the progress on community asset transfers. This was an area where Members were particularly keen to develop their knowledge and they asked that a report be presented to the next meeting on the experience to-date and what lessons had been learned about the process.

The Committee wished to maintain the momentum on the disposal of surplus properties and, at the next meeting, they would wish to have information on the likely timescales for disposal/consideration.

RESOLVED that progress be noted and a further update be presented to the next meeting.

24/14 REVIEW OF SUSTAINABLE ENERGY Ms K Warrington and Councillor J Owen attended to give an update on the progress made in response to the outcome of the review of sustainable energy.

Notably, there was a site feasibility survey and financial appraisal underway for potential use for solar pv panels. Discussions with interested parties were on-going and an update would be presented to the next meeting of the Committee.

The potential for the use of water power should be kept under review and this was a matter that had been subject to an Improvement and Scrutiny review in 2012. Councillor Longden suggested that a survey of the potential for this energy source in Derbyshire should be undertaken to inform future developments.

RESOLVED that progress be noted and a further update be presented to the next meeting.

25/14 REVIEW OF CREDIT UNIONS The Committee had agreed to undertake a review of Credit Unions in Derbyshire and a report on progress to date was presented.

RESOLVED that progress be noted and a further update be presented to the next meeting.

26/14 WORK PROGRAMME **RESOLVED** to note progress on the Committee's work programme.