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To: Members of Improvement and Scrutiny Committee - People

Tuesday, 20 June 2023

Dear Councillor,

Please attend a meeting of the **Improvement and Scrutiny Committee - People** to be held at **2.00 pm** on **Wednesday, 28 June 2023** in Council Chamber, County Hall, Matlock, DE4 3AG, the agenda for which is set out below.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Helen E. Barrington'.

Helen Barrington
Director of Legal and Democratic Services

A G E N D A

PART I - NON-EXEMPT ITEMS

1. Apologies for absence
To receive apologies for absence (if any)
2. Declarations of Interest
To receive declarations of interest (if any)
3. Minutes (Pages 1 - 4)

To confirm the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – People held on 03 May 2023.

4. Public Questions (30 minute maximum in total) (Pages 5 - 6)

(Questions may be submitted to be answered by the Scrutiny Committee, or Council officers who are attending the meeting as witnesses, on any item that is within the scope of the Committee. Please see the procedure for the submission of questions at the end of this agenda)

5. Children's Strategy Update

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MINUTES of a meeting of **IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - PEOPLE** held on Wednesday, 3 May 2023 at Committee Room 1, County Hall, Matlock, DE4 3AG.

PRESENT

Councillor T Kemp (in the Chair)

Councillors J Woolley, R George, N Gourlay, P Rose and D Taylor.

Apologies for absence were submitted for Councillor S Burfoot, C Dale and J Wharmby.

08/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

09/23 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 08 February 2023 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

10/23 PUBLIC QUESTIONS (30 MINUTE MAXIMUM IN TOTAL)

There were no public questions.

11/23 DERBYSHIRE SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

The Committee had been provided with the Derbyshire Safeguarding Adult Board annual report. The report gave insight in to activity over a 12-month period, and the collective response of partners, to the issues of neglect and abuse of adults with care and support needs in Derbyshire.

The Chair of the Board presented the report and gave a detailed account of his role holding partner organisations to account. It had been reported that there had been a collective approach through the work of the partnership Board at a strategic level and within the subgroups and work streams.

The Board's strategic plan and priority areas were making safeguarding personal, quality assurance, and prevention. The policies and procedures of the Board allowed for a personal approach; each adult suffering abuse or neglect was an individual and the safeguarding response would be about achieving the best possible outcome for that person.

Following questions from Committee members, the Chair of the Board had expanded on the Boards joint work with Derby City on equality and diversity. A task and finish group had been reviewing policies, training and had sought assurance from partners as well as running a conference to highlight practice issues.

The Chair of the Board had detailed the Board's eagerness to expand the variety of partners they worked with such as faith groups. The Board were in the process of creating a pack to give partners details on safeguarding to help those in safeguarding roles. The Chair would write to Derbyshire County Council Elected Members with this detail for them to share to their local groups.

12/23 FAMILY HUBS IN DERBYSHIRE

The Committee had been provided with a presentation identifying the direction of travel of family hubs in Derbyshire.

In November 2021 the Government announced £500 million towards families and early years services, in line with their 2019 manifesto promises. £83 million of this had been specifically allocated for Family Hubs to support the government's commitment to supporting families and providing the right help at the right time.

Derbyshire were not successful in securing funding in the first round. Although work was ongoing, as part of Early Help strategy, there was a proposed pilot in Gamesley. Derbyshire were also building on the current Children's Centre and Early Help offer with support from the Early Help Development Team and Family Hubs would be a key feature of Early Intervention and Prevention Strategy.

The pilot in Gamesley would require better co-ordination in one place, with a greater presence and greater connection. There was a lot of work ongoing, and officers would bring a report back to the Committee in 12 months after further research to establish where the need was, communication from partners and looking at underutilised space.

13/23 EARLY THINKING ON YOUTH INVESTMENT FUND

The Committee had been provided with a verbal update on the Early Thinking on Youth Investment Fund.

Officers had outlined that Derbyshire County Council (DCC) had no intention to grow the Youth Centre Offer. The service had been streamlined in previous years.

Although DCC had not bid in the investment fund, they had provided the information to local district and borough councils for interest. DCC

would then help facilitate any bids. There had been a lack of interest as the fund would only distribute the funds once situated and only at that point the organisation would be informed if the bid was successful. There had been a small amount of interest in the BCI sector, so DCC were providing support. Officers would distribute further information to Committee members who would share with their local groups.

14/23 REVIEW OF WORK PROGRAMME

The Board would take a more in depth look at the work programme in the next meeting year.

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Procedure for Public Questions at Improvement and Scrutiny Committee meetings

Members of the public who are on the Derbyshire County Council register of electors, or are Derbyshire County Council tax payers or non-domestic tax payers, may ask questions of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committees, or witnesses who are attending the meeting of the Committee. The maximum period of time for questions by the public at a Committee meeting shall be 30 minutes in total.

Order of Questions

Questions will be asked in the order they were received in accordance with the Notice of Questions requirements, except that the Chairman may group together similar questions.

Notice of Questions

A question may only be asked if notice has been given by delivering it in writing or by email to the Director of Legal Services no later than 12noon three working days before the Committee meeting (i.e. 12 noon on a Wednesday when the Committee meets on the following Monday). The notice must give the name and address of the questioner and the name of the person to whom the question is to be put.

Questions may be emailed to democratic.services@derbyshire.gov.uk

Number of Questions

At any one meeting no person may submit more than one question, and no more than one such question may be asked on behalf of one organisation about a single topic.

Scope of Questions

The Director of Legal Services may reject a question if it:

- Exceeds 200 words in length;
- is not about a matter for which the Committee has a responsibility, or does not affect Derbyshire;
- is defamatory, frivolous or offensive;
- is substantially the same as a question which has been put at a meeting of the Committee in the past six months; or
- requires the disclosure of confidential or exempt information.

Submitting Questions at the Meeting

Questions received by the deadline (see **Notice of Question** section above) will be shared with the respondent with the request for a written response to be provided by 5pm on the last working day before the meeting (i.e. 5pm on Friday before the meeting on Monday). A schedule of questions and responses will be produced and made available 30 minutes prior to the meeting (from Democratic Services Officers in the meeting room).

It will not be necessary for the questions and responses to be read out at the meeting, however, the Chairman will refer to the questions and responses and invite each questioner to put forward a supplementary question.

Supplementary Question

Anyone who has put a question to the meeting may also put one supplementary question without notice to the person who has replied to his/her original question. A supplementary question must arise directly out of the original question or the reply. The Chairman may reject a supplementary question on any of the grounds detailed in the **Scope of Questions** section above.

Written Answers

The time allocated for questions by the public at each meeting will be 30 minutes. This period may be extended at the discretion of the Chairman. Any questions not answered at the end of the time allocated for questions by the public will be answered in writing. Any question that cannot be dealt with during public question time because of the non-attendance of the person to whom it was to be put, will be dealt with by a written answer.