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To: Members of Improvement and Scrutiny Committee - People

Tuesday, 29 August 2023

Dear Councillor,

Please attend a meeting of the **Improvement and Scrutiny Committee - People** to be held at **2.00 pm** on **Wednesday, 6 September 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 28 June 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. Adult Social Care - Presentation

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MINUTES of a meeting of **IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - PEOPLE** held on Wednesday, 28 June 2023 in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Matlock, DE4 3AG.

PRESENT

Councillor K S Athwal (in the Chair)

Councillors R Iliffe, T Kemp, S Burfoot, C Dale, R George, N Gourlay, P Rose and M Ford.

Apologies for absence were submitted for Councillor J Wharmby.

15/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Richard Iliffe declared a personal interest in item 19/23 as a member of Derbyshire Foster Panel.

16/23 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Athwal wished to place on record his thanks and appreciation to Councillor Tony Kemp, the outgoing Chairman, for the work he had undertaken for the Authority during his tenure.

17/23 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 May 2023 were confirmed as a correct record.

18/23 PUBLIC QUESTIONS (30 MINUTE MAXIMUM IN TOTAL)

There were no public questions.

19/23 CHILDREN'S STRATEGY UPDATE

Carol Cammiss, Executive Director for Children's Services attended the meeting to update the Committee on the development of the Children's Strategy 2022-25.

The Committee had previously received a progress update on the Children's Services Strategy. This had now been renamed the Children's Strategy to enable wider engagement with partners and stakeholders.

The Strategy was closely aligned to the Council Plan 2022-25 priorities and there were five major strategic areas which were most prevalent to challenges in children's services and government legislation and changes

required by Ofsted. The Strategy would be updated in September and this revised document would be brought back to the Committee in early 2024.

The governance arrangements for the delivery of the Children's Strategy were highlighted and the vision and goals of the Strategy were delivered through three key channels:

- Strategic Partnerships; These included district and borough councils, the Children's Partnership Board and partnerships to deliver 'Big Ticket' strategies.
- Children's Services Strategy Delivery Board; and
- Children's Services Senior Management Team.

The Executive Director for Children's Services provided further detail on the six key workstreams that had been established to deliver the Financial Strategy.

The Committee was also provided with an update on Fostering and Edge of Care and Prevention Service (Stronger Families). This service had been created to specifically focus on delivering edge of care and prevention support, as part of the Council's strategic objective to improve outcomes for children and young people through early intervention and prevention.

This proposed new service would contain three elements; crisis and de-escalation; risk of care identified and reunification. Given the size of Derbyshire and the modelling from other teams, the structure would require two teams, one for the north and one for the south. The caseloads of the team would be between 5 and 7 families to enable officers to work with the family and build up relationships. The proposed structure of the teams was circulated.

The age and profile of the children and young people including those with SEND receiving support from the proposed service would be closely monitored once the service had become operational, and overall responsibility and any impacts would be reported to governance groups such as the Strategy Delivery Board within Children's Services (chaired by the Executive Director – Children's Services). Progress on recruitment and achievements of the service would be reported to the Committee later in the year.

The Committee also requested an update on SEND following the review and a progress report on the Fostering service following the stocktake which had been scheduled for October – December 2023. These items would be added to the work programme 2023-24 for the meeting of the Committee in February 2024.

On behalf of the Committee, the Chairman thanked Carol Cammiss for her most informative and in-depth presentation and looked forward to further

updates.

RESOLVED that the report and presentation be noted.

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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.