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**MINUTES** of a meeting of **IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - PEOPLE** held on Wednesday, 8 February 2023 at Committee Room 1, County Hall, Matlock, DE4 3AG.

## **PRESENT**

Councillor T Kemp (in the Chair)

Councillors J Woolley, S Burfoot, C Dale, R George, N Gourlay, P Rose, D Taylor and J Wharmby.

There were no apologies for absence.

### **01/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **02/23 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 09 November 2022 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **03/23 PUBLIC QUESTIONS (30 MINUTE MAXIMUM IN TOTAL)**

There were no public questions.

### **04/23 EARLY INTERVENTION PREVENTION STRATEGY**

The Committee had been provided with a presentation, providing information on the Early Intervention Prevention Strategy.

The presentation provided an overview of the approach to Early Intervention and Prevention. As well as updating on progress to date including using data to shape the model, reviewing the current early intervention and prevention provision, and identifying priorities for development of edge of care. The presentation had identified priorities for development of edge of care as well as gave the opportunity for committee members to ask questions or give feedback.

The Children's Strategy was yet to be finalised; officers had confirmed they would return to the Committee once this had been completed before it went to Cabinet. There were other aspects of work that could be shared in more detail at later committee meetings such as an update on the work done with children in elected home education. Officers would also return to present the high-level timeline.

Committee members gained further information on the change in young people at 13 / 14 years old and why it was key for early intervention to be aimed at those aged 10 – 12 years old. As well as the costing involved in placements in the private sector for Derbyshire children. Officers had provided further detail on why they programmed support to families and why they invested in prevention. It was also explained that they were looking to expand their family breakdown team.

## **05/23 RESULTS OF COMMUNITY ALARMS CONSULTATION**

The Committee had been provided with a report, informing them of the results of the public consultation on proposals for the future provision of the Assistive Technology Service for all community alarm only clients.

The consultation took place between 21st February 2022 and 1st May 2022. Officers became aware of an administrative error, which meant a number of people, were not sent the consultation letter. In order to give everyone an opportunity to give their views, a targeted consultation was re-opened for those missed clients between Tuesday 27 September 2022 to Monday 5th December 2022. Those that had previously been consulted were also offered the opportunity to give any additional comments.

Committee members gained further information on the costs involved for users of community alarms. Officers had confirmed costs varied depending on area and the level of service provided. If approved, further research would be done through the equality impacts assessment looking at the affordability for users.

Committee members explored the option of delaying this work until after the digital switch over had taken place. Officers had explained that the digital switch over was in the hands of the districts and boroughs and this work would take place at different times depending on the area so it would not be possible to line up the pieces of work.

Officers had asked users their preference on the cost of the service, this detail would be included in the report to Cabinet to aid their decision. Committee members had asked officers to draw the attention of Cabinet members to the complex situation and to stress that this decision needed careful consideration.

### **RESOLVED to:**

- 1) Note the responses to the public consultation;
- 2) Note that all such matters will be considered and included within a comprehensive and robust Equality Impact Analysis (“EIA”) which will be incorporated within any future Cabinet Report which may be presented in due course and further notes that in the event of this occurring Cabinet will

fully consider the EIA as part of its decision making; and

3) Consider responses to the Public Consultation and provide comments to Cabinet for consideration when making its decision on the Assistive Technology service.

**06/23 ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO CONSIDER A PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD TO MONITOR SERVICES WITHIN THE COMMITTEE REMIT**

Vice-Chairman Councillor J Woolley was looking to establish a working group made up of a small number of committee members to consider a performance dashboard to monitor services within the committee remit.

Councillor Woolley had met with Executive Director for Children's Services C Cammiss to discuss items that the Committee may want to monitor. A similar meeting would take place with Director of Adult Social Care S Stevens.

Once items had been agreed by Committee members, working group meetings would be set up to look at the service areas. Then reporting back at the Committee meetings.

Committee members were encouraged to let Councillor Woolley know if they were interested in being a part of the working group.

**07/23 REVIEW OF WORK PROGRAMME**

Chairman Councillor T Kemp had confirmed that the committee were coming to the end of their current workplan. It had now reached the time for the committee to consider the workplan for the 2023/24 round of meetings.

Committee members were encouraged to send over any suggestions for items to be added to the workplan to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman or the Clerk as soon as possible to allow time for Officers to prepare the information.