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MINUTES of a meeting of the **IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – RESOURCES** held at County Hall, Matlock on 25 July 2019.

PRESENT

Councillor T A Kemp (in the Chair)

Councillors B Bingham, J Boulton, C Moesby, R Parkinson (substitute Member), J Twigg, M Wall, and G Wharmby

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors N Barker and A Fox

16/19 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Resources held on 6 June 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the attendance of Councillor C Moesby being confirmed.

17/19 **MATTERS ARISING** (a) Revision to the County Councils Constitution (Minute 09/19 refers) Councillor Kemp confirmed that the response from the Director of Legal and Democratic Services in relation to the dissolution of the Regulatory - Licensing and Appeals Committee had been received and circulated to Members.

18/19 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS** There were no public questions.

19/19 **CORPORATE ENVIRONMENT POLICY - PRESENTATION**
Denise Ludlam, Principal Policy Officer attended the meeting to present the Corporate Environment Policy. Councillor Tony King, Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Regeneration also attended the meeting as this item came within his portfolio.

The revised policy was approved by Cabinet on 18 April 2019 and set out the principals through which the Council would operate on its own estate and how it performed internally. The key commitments were:-

- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- Using water efficiently in the Council's buildings and operations
- Reducing waste and recycling
- Minimising pollution
- Protecting the natural and built environment
- Ensuring all staff were able to implement the Corporate Environment Policy
- Ensuring that the Council's purchasing power was used positively

The committee was afforded the opportunity to ask questions on all aspects of the Environment Policy, including potential items for consideration

and these were duly noted and answered by Denise Ludlam and Councillor King.

The Chairman thanked Denise Ludlam and Councillor King for their attendance and informative presentation.

20/19 **REGULAR COMMITTEE UPDATE ON THE FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY POSITION** Peter Handford, Director of Finance and ICT attended the meeting to provide an update on the financial position. The following items were highlighted:

- Business Rates Retention
- Comprehensive Spending Review
- The recent approval of the County Council's Statement of Accounts.

The Chairman thanked Mr Handford for his update.

21/19 **WORK PROGRAMME** Emma Alexander, Executive Director Commissioning, Communities and Policy, and Mike Ashworth, Executive Director Economy, Transport and Environment attended the meeting to present their respective service plans. The Chairman had asked them to attend to talk about the service areas and activities that were relevant to the scope of the Committee. The intention was, that with this information Members would be better placed to discuss and develop the annual work programme.

Mike Ashworth focussed on the following areas:

- Growth Zones
- Digital Derbyshire
- HS2

Emma Alexander highlighted various topics for consideration including the following:

- Strengthening partnership working
- Developing non-structural reform
- Social mobility across the county
- Roll out of the Thriving Communities programme
- Refresh of the Corporate Peer Challenge and a 'mid-term review'

The Chairman thanked Mike Ashworth and Emma Alexander for their attendance and contributions.

Members were asked to consider the items proposed/put forward by the Executive Directors and feedback any potential items for inclusion in the work

programme to the Chairman or Roz Savage, the Improvement and Scrutiny Officer, before 19 September 2019.