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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.