

APPENDIX C

EXTRACT of the MINUTES of a meeting of the CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Coalville on WEDNESDAY, 8 JANUARY 2020

Present: Councillor J Hoult (Deputy Chairman)

Councillors D Bigby (substitute for R Johnson), A Bridgen, V Richichi, S Sheahan, D Tebbutt and M B Wyatt

In attendance: Councillors R Ashman and N J Rushton

Officers: Mr A Barton, Mrs T Bingham, Mr M D'Oyly-Watkins, Mr M Murphy, Mrs B Smith, Mr R Wallace and Miss A Wright

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The Chief Executive presented the report to Members.

Councillor M B Wyatt referred to the leadership of place as detailed at page 162 of the report. He felt that not enough emphasis was being placed on the regeneration of Coalville and that no one was taking ownership of it. He did not feel that businesses were being engaged and simply issuing surveys did not work. He believed that the leadership required more ambition with more local input. The Chief Executive reminded Members that the regeneration of Coalville was a number one priority for the Council and assured that the Leader of the Council championed it. However, she recognised the need to improve engagement with local people and businesses, and was already looking at ways to introduce a better approach. Councillor M B Wyatt concurred that the Leader of the Council did champion the regeneration of Coalville but would like to see more people behind him as it needed to be a team effort.

Councillor S Sheahan agreed with the positive comments regarding the scrutiny function and took comfort in the fact that there would be a cross party working group used to shape how it would operate going forward.

In response to a question from Councillor V Richichi, the Chief Executive explained that the Peer Review Team had not provided a blue print for the council to adhere to. Rather the process draws on a wide set of experience from across the sector, providing examples of good practice from other authorities to aid in shaping things moving forward.

In response to a question from Councillor D Bigby, the Chief Executive explained that the gaps in the finance service raised during the review had been budgeted for and work was underway.

It was moved by Councillor V Richichi, seconded by Councillor S Sheahan and

RESOLVED THAT:

The report be noted.