

Notices of Motion – Council Meeting 13 October 2011

Notices of Motion Submitted by Councillor Brickhill

1. That the Council's decision at its meeting on 24th February 2011 to approve an Interim Planning Policy on the Release of Housing Land (Minute 95 refers) should be rescinded.
2. In view of the Scrutiny Committee recommendation not to set up a new 125 year lease for the Crewe Heritage site being ignored, the Council has extremely grave concerns about the process which was adopted.
3. That since the relocation of the Crewe Market to the Lyceum Square, market trade has dramatically declined and accordingly the outdoor market should be relocated to the position required by the residents when consulted, which was in and adjacent to the Town Square near to Marks and Spencer's.
4. That since the introduction of the higher than RPI increase in charges for the Crewe Market, the number of traders has dropped considerably and the new charges should be reviewed and be returned to the 2009 level to encourage the regeneration of the market.
5. That the delegated powers to officers to alter car parking charges be rescinded and the powers returned to the Cabinet Member.
6. That the annual target for housing in Cheshire East, set in the regional spatial strategy, already rescinded by the Government, be reduced from 1000+ to 710 per annum to give a five year requirement of 3550 which is already available.
7. That since the government is running the Photovoltaic roof panel scheme for householders to generate green electricity and have exempted this from all planning permission requirements, that this Council notify any enquirers that planning permission is not required and cease to require details, drawings or charges except for listed buildings or conservation areas for which permission is still required.

Notice of Motion Submitted by Councillors D Neilson and B Murphy

8. The Local Service Delivery Committee for Macclesfield

In view of the consultative role of the Local Service Delivery Committee for Macclesfield, plus the request from the Cabinet in relation to precepting powers for the Committee and in order to enhance its mandate to reflect opinion across the town, the Council requests the Constitution Committee to re-consider the Committee's composition, with a view to incorporating into its membership all elected Councillors for the unparished area.

Notice of Motion Submitted by Councillors M Simon and J Saunders

9. This Council is concerned about the smooth transition of the Cheshire East Local Involvement Network (LiNK) into Healthwatch, due to uncertainty around funding arrangements for the Support Team.

The Support Team has funding to March 2012 which makes forward planning difficult. It is very important that the LiNK is able to maintain its current training programme, which is necessary to enable members to be authorised to carry out Enter and View inspections (for which the LiNK has been commended by the Care Quality Commission) and to enable the LiNK to fulfil its intentions as set out in the Pathfinder application to the Department of Health.

Funding is also needed to pump prime Healthwatch activity to enable a seamless transition from LiNK to Healthwatch (in October 2012), including an engagement strategy, rebranding and maintaining and developing current and future relationships.

This Council urges Cheshire East MPs to confirm and clarify that funding for LiNKs will be available at the earliest opportunity to enable transition arrangements to be planned and a smooth handover to be achieved.