COUNCIL MEETING – 23RD FEBRUARY 2012

Extract from the Minutes of the Constitution Committee Meeting on 26th January 2012

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The Committee at its meeting on 17th November 2011 had considered a report on proposed terms of reference for the Crewe and Macclesfield Local Service Delivery Committees. The Committee had also considered the following Notice of Motion by Councillor D Neilson, which had been referred by Council for consideration:

"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."

Having considered both matters, the Committee had resolved as follows:

"That Council be recommended to approve the revised terms of reference for the Local Service Delivery Committees as set out in the Appendix to the report, subject to the addition of the Leighton ward for the Crewe Committee."

Council at its meeting on 15th December 2011, having considered the Committee's recommendation, referred the matter back to the Committee for further consideration, and requested a report back to the next meeting of the Council.

Councillors L Brown and K Edwards attended the meeting for this item and, at the invitation of the Chairman, spoke on the matter.

RESOLVED

That

Council be recommended that the memberships of the Local Service Delivery Committees for Macclesfield and Crewe be amended to comprise those members who represent the wards in the respective unparished areas;

subject to (3) below, the revised terms of reference for the Local Service Delivery Committees as set out in the Appendix to the report be recommended to Council, subject to the addition of the Leighton ward for the Crewe Committee; and

the Borough Solicitor be authorised, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, to make such further amendments to the terms of reference as are considered necessary and appropriate, and the amended wording be

circulated to all Members of the Committee and the visiting Members prior to submission to full Council for approval.

Note:

In accordance with recommendation (3) above, the following amended Terms of Reference have been agreed with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Constitution Committee. Council is asked to approve the amended Terms of Reference.

"To consider and review the delivery of services and the transfer of assets within the relevant unparished area in accordance with the Council's Policy for Local Service Delivery Arrangements, namely the transfer of assets and the devolution of local services to Town and Parish Councils within the Cheshire East area.

To consider and review the cost implications of both the delivery of services and the transfer of assets within the relevant unparished area in accordance with the Council's Policy for Local Service Delivery arrangements.

To make recommendations to Cabinet on the level of service provision for those services and / or assets being considered as part of the Local Service Delivery arrangements within the relevant unparished area.

To consider and make recommendations to Cabinet on any necessity for, and the amount of, a special expense levy in the relevant unparished area to represent the cost of the Local Service Delivery arrangements and to ensure consistency with the arrangements in the Parished areas."