

Notices of Motion – Council Meeting 23 February 2012

1.Submitted by Cllr Brickhill

That meetings set out in the Council diary shall not be changed either by timing or location unless :-

All members have been consulted and there is no relevant business in which case the meeting is cancelled.

All members are consulted and more than 60 agree to the change.

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1. At least 80% of all money raised by community levy payments by developers must be spent in the same town or parish council area as the actual development.
2. The remaining 20%, if any, must be spent in the same district as the actual development, where 'district' means the appropriate area of one of the three previous district councils that made up Cheshire East.
3. The Planning Department shall consult the parish or Town Council on how the money should be spent and, if necessary, fully explain at a Planning Committee meeting why the parish's recommendations cannot be implemented.
4. The Planning Department shall provide to the parish or town council full accounts on how the money was spent.

3. Submitted by Cllr Corcoran

This Council thanks the Leader for sharing his thoughts at the last Council meeting on whether Councillor allowances should be increased to replace mileage rates. However, this Council does not support the idea because:

1. It would disadvantage councillors in outlying areas.
2. It would disadvantage active Councillors who travel frequently to attend meetings and reward councillors who do not attend many meetings.
3. At a time when public opinion of payments to MPs and Councillors is highly sceptical, the public perception might be that this is a ruse to bring in an increase in allowances through the back door.

4. Submitted By Cllr Thorley and Seconded by Cllr Hogben

Coppenhall East Crewe

No large scale housing plans in Coppenhall East should be approved or signed off until essential improvements to the road bridge over the Crewe to Manchester railway line on Sydney Road, as well as the northern relief road from Crewe Green roundabout to the A530 Middlewich Road, have been approved.

5. Submitted by Cllr Flude and Seconded by Cllr Thorley

Centenary of the First World War and War Memorials Cheshire East

In 2014 the nation will commemorate the centenary of the First World War can this Council be assured that any war memorials that the borough has responsibility for are being conserved to the high standard that the public expect?

Is there a comprehensive list of all memorials in the Borough's keeping?

Are all memorials in good repair?

Is the budget sufficient for the conservation of the memorials for generations to come?

A report to the relevant Scrutiny Committee is prepared to inform Members in relation to the points above.

Can this Council consider how it will plan for the centenary events in 2014, to include the Cheshire Archives, the Museum of Cheshire Regiment, other military, Cheshire's many history societies, our libraries, schools and residents?

6.Submitted by Cllr Gaddum

With regard to funding for education:

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Cheshire East also calls on the Government to:-

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- Recognise concerns in respect of FSM as a measure for deprivation. Areas of deprivation can be quite dramatic, whereas pockets of deprivation can be quite local and severe. Free School Meals is considered too blunt a measure.
- Use recent consultation responses to address national inconsistencies in funding. This is the main issue for Local Authorities and schools, rather than how funding is passed out.

Cheshire East Council resolves to support the appended draft letter to the Secretary of State for Education :-

Leader of Cheshire East Council

Leader of the Labour Group: Cheshire East Council

Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group: Cheshire East Council



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Michael Gove
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Dear Mr Gove

At a recent meeting of Cheshire East Council, the motions outlined below were presented and supported by Councillors. The Group Leaders of the Council have therefore undertaken to write to you ask that the Government takes action to reduce the unfair distribution of funding which means that Cheshire East students receive one of the lowest funding levels per pupil in the Country.

The motion ran as follows:

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The table below indicates the poor per pupil funding rate for children educated in Cheshire East in comparison to statistical and geographical nearest neighbours.

Statistical Nearest Neighbours

	2012/13 GUF per pupil	2012/13 National Ranking (GUF)	Indicative Total Pupil Premium for LA - 2012/13	Ranking for Total Pupil Premium Funding 2012/13
	£		£	
Bedford	4909.06	91	3,218,000	130
Cheshire West & Chester	4895.89	95	5,501,000	87
Stockport	4791.07	112	4,559,000	107
Bath & North East Somerset	4787.96	113	2,295,000	142
Trafford	4760.68	118	3,790,000	121
Herefordshire	4723.65	123	2,429,000	140
Cheshire East	4695.01	128	4,609,000	103
North Somerset	4677.02	130	3,149,000	131
Warrington	4668.15	132	3,088,000	132
Central Bedfordshire	4658.10	138	3,338,000	127
York	4657.28	139	2,376,000	141
Solihull	4652.39	141	4,342,000	113
East Riding of Yorkshire	4613.11	144	4,486,000	109
Shropshire	4611.67	145	3,976,000	117
Wiltshire	4592.87	148	6,592,000	74
South Gloucestershire	4487.41	150	3,527,000	123

Geographical Nearest Neighbours

	2012/13 GUF per pupil	2012/13 National Ranking (GUF)	Indicative Total Pupil Premium for LA - 2012/13	Ranking for Total Pupil Premium Funding 2012/13
	£		£	
Manchester	5875.61	18	19,220,000	5
Liverpool	5552.67	26	14,900,000	10
Knowsley	5446.85	30	5,414,000	90
Salford	5444.28	31	6,900,000	69
Blackburn with Darwen	5416.34	34	4,826,000	95
Halton	5354.52	35	4,119,000	115
Rochdale	5255.15	47	6,680,000	71
Oldham	5229.13	50	7,185,000	64
St Helens	5013.89	74	4,582,000	106
Bolton	4998.79	77	7,697,000	56
Blackpool	4983.66	80	4,639,000	101
Tameside	4942.19	86	5,920,000	81
Sefton	4931.86	87	5,736,000	84
Cheshire West & Chester	4895.89	95	5,501,000	87
Wigan	4882.41	100	7,004,000	67
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The additional funding Cheshire East pupils have received via the pupil premium is welcomed. However concern remains that this does not address the underlying issue of a low base funding. The achievement of vulnerable pupils is a priority for this County. The effect of a low funding base for all pupils reduces further the impact of the additional funding.

Cheshire East has a strong commitment to providing a good education for all its pupils and this includes those in schools, currently the majority, that do not choose to become academies. This is more difficult when the funding arrangements direct extra money towards a minority of schools, predominantly those who have the fewest children with educational problems. Given that 'Fairness' is one of the key words of the Coalition agreement, we trust that the new funding arrangements will be fair, not only between different areas of the country as outlined above, but also between maintained schools and academies.

We look forward to seeing the detailed proposals coming out of the National School Funding Review and hope that sufficient resources will be allocated through a "basic entitlement per pupil" to ensure all of our schools are funded to ensure they can provide a good education to the children in Cheshire East

Yours sincerely

7.Submitted by Cllr Jeuda and seconded by Cllr Jackson

Health and Social Care Bill

This Council urges Cheshire East MP's to vote against the Health and Social Care Bill when it returns to the House of Commons.

There is no democratic mandate for this reorganization. It was ruled out in the Coalition Agreement and in every reference to the NHS by the leader of the Conservative Party, at the time of the General Election. He referred to no top down reorganization, we did not vote for this!

The NHS was set up in 1948 with a vision of what could be possible in relation to future health care, as well as what was achievable at the time.

The Coalition Government's Health and Social Care Bill strikes at the heart of that vision.

Everyone acknowledges that the NHS must constantly evolve, which is what it has been doing for the past 63 years.

It is scandalous that the Government is setting aside £3.5bn on an unnecessary reorganization when the NHS is facing the biggest challenge in its history. It has to save £20bn over the next four years, Central and Eastern Cheshire PCT has set aside £27,898,799.

The Bill has so far has over 100 amendments the Bill proposes major structural re-organisation, with 49% of NHS beds moving to the private sector. We acknowledge that there is an important role for the private sector.

Professional bodies that are not politically aligned and represent the full spectrum of health service workers have voted to advocate dropping the Health and Social Care Bill - notably the British Medical Association, Royal Colleges of Nursing, Midwifery, General Practitioner's, Radiographers and Radiologists, the Chartered Society of Physiotherapists, the Patients' Association and the NHS Consultants' Association. Other professional bodies such as the Royal Colleges of Psychiatrists, Pathologists and Ophthalmologists and the Faculty for Public Health have pointed out serious flaws in the Bill. Furthermore, citizens have concern's and in some cases fear about the damage that the proposed changes may do to the NHS, with direct impact on services in the future for them and their families.

It is time to be looking at a 'Plan B' for the NHS.