

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Shared Services Joint Committee**
held on Thursday, 3rd September, 2009 at Committee Suite 2, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach. CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor L Ford (Vice-Chairman) in the Chair.
Councillors D Brown and Short

Substitutes:
Councillors A Knowles and B Silvester.

Officers in attendance:
Borough Treasurer and Head Of Assets (Cheshire East Council)
Legal Services Manager (Cheshire East Council)
Director of Resources (Cheshire West and Chester Council)
Head of HR and Organisational Development
Head of ICT Cheshire West and Chester Council

17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors F Keegan, M Jones and P Mason.

18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

19 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no questions from members of the public.

20 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2009 be approved as a correct record.

21 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item pursuant to Section 100(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 and the public interest would not be served in publishing the information.

22 URGENT ITEM - SHARED SERVICES ICT STAFFING

In accordance with Section 100B (4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, and in the absence of the Chairman of the Committee, the Vice Chairman had agreed that by reason of special circumstances this report should be considered as a matter of urgent business as any delay would result in additional costs to the Council's of both Cheshire East and Cheshire West and Chester.

Consideration was given to a joint report of the Borough Treasurer and Head of Assets (Cheshire East Council) and the Director of Resources (Cheshire West and Chester Council). At the meeting it was reported that two additional applications had been received after the deadline date and it was proposed that they be considered further in the event of any of the approved applications subsequently being withdrawn

RESOLVED

For the reasons set out in the report: -

1. That 55 applications for voluntary redundancy, (27 from Cheshire East Council and 28 from Cheshire West and Chester Council), be approved with effect from 30 September 2009.
2. That 1 of the above applications be deferred to 31 October 2009.
3. That 8 of the above applications be deferred to 31 December 2009.
4. That 1 of the above applications be deferred to 31 March 2009.
5. That 7 of the applications for voluntary redundancy (3 from Cheshire East Council and 4 from Cheshire West and Chester Council) be refused.
6. That the two late applications be considered further in the event of any of the approved applications being withdrawn, subject to management being satisfied that there would not be any adverse effect on service delivery, and that the resulting costs remain within the expected costs envelope.

The meeting commenced at 11.00 am and concluded at 11.20 am