

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Advisory Panel - People
held on Monday, 2nd March, 2009 at Council Chamber - Crewe

PRESENT

Councillor R Westwood (Chairman)
Councillor Miss C Andrew (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors C Beard, D Beckford, J Crockatt, R Domleo, R Fletcher,
Mrs D Flude, A Knowles and W Livesley

Apologies

Councillors D Brown, P Findlow, M Parsons and Mrs C Tomlinson

51 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Brown, P Findlow, A J Knowles and M Parsons

52 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A number of Councillors who were existing County Councillors and Borough Councillors declared a personal interest in the business of the meeting en bloc.

Councillor Mrs D Flude declared a personal interest in item 7 – Living with Dementia: A National Dementia Strategy due to being a Member of the Alzheimer's Society. In accordance with the Code of Conduct she remained in the meeting during consideration of the item.

53 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

None

54 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

55 LONDON 2012 LEGACY FRAMEWORK

The Panel received a report which outlined the preparation work being carried out to ensure that Cheshire and Warrington maximise the legacy opportunities arising from the 2012 London Olympics and Paralympics.

RESOLVED

1. That Cabinet be recommended to endorse the progress made by the 2012 Steering Group and the opportunities that the London Olympic and Paralympic games brings.
2. That Cabinet be recommended to endorse the continued memberships of the new authorities on the revised steering group and support the principle of appointing a co-ordinator to support the theme champions and other stakeholders.
3. That Cabinet be recommended to contribute £10,000 to secure the 2012 co-ordinator post on the basis that legacy activity will assist the new authorities deliver key economic and social outcomes for the future.
4. That Cabinet be recommended to investigate the possibility of a separate champion for disabled facilities.
5. That a progress report be brought back to a future meeting of the Panel or its successor.

56 AIMING HIGH FOR DISABLED CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

Consideration was given to a report and presentation on Cheshire East Council's duties under the DCSF Transformation of Services – Aiming High for Disabled Children and Their Families. Following detailed consideration of the report Members felt that it would be more appropriate for the initiative to be titled 'Aiming High for Children with Disabilities and Their Families', however it was noted that this was a government initiative and therefore this may not be possible.

RESOLVED

That Cabinet be recommended to:

- 1) Welcome the Aiming High initiative for the recognition which it gives to the distinctive needs of disabled children and for the new resources which are to be made available to help address them.
- 2) To ensure that Aiming High is effectively incorporated into the structure of Cheshire East Council and that appropriate Governance arrangements are put into place.
- 3) To ensure that services for children and families and services for adults are required to work together on the implementation of Aiming High and particularly to ensure that the issue of Transitions is addressed at the design stage and not as an after thought.

57 LIVING WELL WITH DEMENTIA : A NATIONAL DEMENTIA STRATEGY

The Panel received a report informing Members that In 2008, the Government published "Transforming the Quality of Dementia Care" a consultation document on a National Strategy for Dementia. The consultation period ran from 19 June 2008 to 11 September 2008 and Cheshire County Council submitted a response to the Department of Health in conjunction with CECPCT, West Cheshire PCT and Cheshire and Wirral Partnership Trust. The Government published its final report "Living Well with Dementia" on 3 February 2009, which had been amended in the light of feedback from the consultation.

RESOLVED

1. That Cabinet be recommended to approve the steps being taken to implement the Strategy in Cheshire East.
2. That an update report be brought back to a future meeting of the Committee or its successor.

58 PARIS (SOCIAL CARE) FAMILY OF APPLICATIONS

The Panel received a report which outlined to Members details of the PARIS system, further investment requirements and actions agreed by Management Team with regard to implementation of the system. Members noted that PARIS was an electronic system which held personal and financial information about those in receipt of social care services for both Adults and Children's services.

RESOLVED

That Cabinet be recommended to approve:

1. That the identified cultural issues be addressed as part of the transformation agenda.
2. That new governance arrangements be put in place to ensure operational and managerial ownership and engagement.
3. That further investment in PARIS be endorsed to support the transformational and performance agenda.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 4.05 pm

Councillor R Westwood (Chairman)