

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Advisory Panel - Performance and Capacity**
held on Thursday, 5th March, 2009 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor J Hammond (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs D Thompson (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors G Barton, T Beard, Miss S Furlong, H Murray, J Narraway and
D Stockton

20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

22 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public, present wishing to address the Panel.

23 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED

That the minutes be approved as a correct record.

24 OFFICE ACCOMMODATION STRATEGY UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report updating Members on the Strategy for Office Accommodation.

In considering the report, Members of the Panel raised the following questions:-

- (i) What percentage of employees would be based at Crewe?
- (ii) Would Officers be taking into consideration the cost of renovation bearing in mind that Delamere House was due to be demolished?
- (iii) Which Officers would be based in Bryons Lane?
- (iv) What services would be based in Delamere House?
- (v) Would a statistical breakdown of where employees would be based over the three areas be provided for Councillors?

- (vi) How much would the Accommodation Strategy cost the Council and was there sufficient finances to cover the costs contained within the budget?

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

25 SHARED SERVICES UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report updating Members on Shared Services.

Concerns were raised that too many services were being shared with Cheshire West and that the concept of Shared Services involving a minor number of small teams had been lost. It was considered more appropriate if Shared Services had started with highways and education prior to looking at ICT. There was concern that because of the location of the ICT shared service structure there might be a feeling that Cheshire County Council was running the service. It was further suggested that it would have helped Members if the report had referred to those services not being shared out.

RESOLVED

That the update be noted.

26 ICT STRATEGY BRIEFING NOTE

Consideration was given to a report updating Members on the ICT Strategy.

There were a number of concerns raised over the ICT Strategy in particular the decision to share the service with Cheshire West and Chester.

RESOLVED

That the update be noted.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 12.50 pm

Councillor J Hammond (Chairman)