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## CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Cabinet**  
held on Tuesday, 14th July, 2009 at Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings,  
Earle Street, Crewe CW1 2BJ

### PRESENT

Councillor W Fitzgerald (Chairman)  
Councillor B Silvester (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors R Domleo, D Brickhill, D Brown, P Findlow, F Keegan, J Macrae  
and P Mason

Councillors in attendance:

Councillors Rhoda Bailey, G Baxendale, D Bebbington, S Bentley, R  
Cartlidge, D Flude, M Hollins, D Hough, O Hunter, S Jones, A Moran, B  
Moran, A Richardson, C Thorley, A Thwaite, G Walton, J Weatherill and R  
Westwood.

Officers in attendance:

Chief Executive, Borough Treasurer, Democratic Services Manager, Head of  
HR and Organisational Development, Head of Policy and Performance, Head  
of Regeneration, Legal Services Manager and Strategic Director People.

### 48 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Knowles.

### 49 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

#### Minute 56 (Key Decision 09/10-19 Crewe Masterplanning)

Councillor R Cartlidge, declared a personal interest in this item by virtue of  
being a Ward Councillor and being employed by First Engineering Ltd. In  
accordance with the Constitution he remained in the meeting during  
consideration of this item.

#### Minute 66 (Economic Development Priorities and Partnership Arrangements)

Councillors D Brown and J Macrae each declared a personal interest in  
this item by virtue of being Directors of the organisation concerned. In  
accordance with the Constitution they remained in the meeting during  
consideration of this item.

#### Minute 68 (Economic Development Priorities and Partnership Arrangements)

Councillors D Brown and J Macrae each declared a personal interest in  
this item by virtue of being Directors of the organisation concerned. In  
accordance with the Constitution they remained in the meeting during  
consideration of this item.

Councillor B Moran declared a personal and prejudicial interest by virtue of being a Director of the organisation concerned. In accordance with the Constitution he left the meeting during consideration of this item.

## **50 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION**

Mr B Evans made a statement in respect of the public speaking arrangements.

Mr W Goodall asked a question on behalf of Sandbach Town Council in respect of the car park strategy and the application of uniform car park charges across Cheshire East.

Note: Details of the questions and responses are available from the Council's Democratic Services team.

## **51 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 June were approved as a correct record.

## **52 KEY DECISION 09/10-02 BROKEN CROSS COMMUNITY SCHOOL CHANGE IN AGE RANGE**

Consideration was given to a change in the age range at this School from 4-11 to 3-11, with effect from 1 September 2009, so as to allow the continuing operation of the maintained nursery unit.

The Portfolio Holder for Children and Family Services reported that initially the local Ward Members for Broken Cross had been consulted on this change but that this had now been extended to those for Macclesfield West as the School fell within that Ward. No objections had been raised.

RESOLVED

For the reasons set out in the report :-

1. That approval be given to the proposal to change the age range of Broken Cross Community School from 4-11 to 3-11 and to re-establish the maintained nursery unit with effect from 1 September 2009.
2. That approval be given to a permanent budget virement of £34,265 to the Individual Schools Budget from the Early Years Budget.

**53 KEY DECISION 09/10-14 FREE EARLY YEARS EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE PILOT FOR TWO YEAR OLDS**

Consideration was given to arrangements for the provision of free early years education and childcare to the most disadvantaged two year olds in Cheshire East from 1 September 2009.

RESOLVED

For the reasons set out in the report: -

That approval be given to the arrangements for the provision of free early years education and childcare to the most disadvantaged two year olds in Cheshire East from 1 September 2009.

**54 KEY DECISION 09/10-15 EXTENSION OF FREE EARLY YEARS EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE FOR THREE AND FOUR YEAR OLDS**

Approval was sought to proceed with arrangements for the delivery of the early years extended flexible free entitlement to 25% of the most disadvantaged three and four year olds in Cheshire East, from 1 September 2009.

RESOLVED

For the reasons set out in the report: -

That approval be given to proceed with arrangements for the delivery of the early years extended flexible free entitlement to 25% of the most disadvantaged three and four year olds in Cheshire East, from 1 September 2009.

**55 KEY DECISION 09/10-16 TRANSFORMATION APPROACH**

Consideration was given to a guiding transformational framework and integrated programme management approach for the transformation of services within Cheshire East Council, in order to achieve the sustainable improvement and efficiency savings associated with becoming a flagship authority.

RESOLVED

For the reasons set out in the report: -

That approval be given to the Transformation Framework (Appendix 1 to the report), to the outline Transformation Programme (Appendix 2 to the report), and to the next steps outlined in Section 17 of the report.

## **56 KEY DECISION 09/10-19 CREWE MASTERPLANNING**

*(Councillor R Cartlidge had declared a personal interest in this item. In accordance with the Constitution he remained in the meeting during its consideration.)*

Consideration was given to the current position regarding the regeneration of Crewe, and to a proposed masterplanning process to be led by Cheshire East Council. The outcome of the work would be the development of a high level vision for Crewe and a business case for major public sector investment.

### **RESOLVED**

For the reasons set out in the report: -

That approval be given to the overall approach to masterplanning in Crewe, and to underwrite £125,000 from balances to support the project if required.

## **57 KEY DECISION 09/10-20 LYCEUM SQUARE, CREWE**

Approval was sought to enter into a contract with the North West Development Agency to deliver the refurbishment of Lyceum Square which was considered to be a key component of the wider regeneration of Crewe town centre.

### **RESOLVED**

For the reasons set out in the report: -

That approval be given to enter into a contract with the North West Development Agency for up to £1.1 million to deliver the refurbishment of Lyceum Square, Crewe, subject to the approval of external funding by the Development Agency on the basis that the project complements the wider regeneration aspirations for Crewe.

## **58 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL PLANNING 2010 - 2013 INCORPORATING KEY DECISION 09/10-04 CAPITAL STRATEGY**

Consideration was given to the approach to corporate, business and financial planning for 2010 and beyond. The report included proposals to develop a Medium Term Financial Strategy, a budget planning process, and requested approval of the Capital Strategy for 2010-2013.

The Portfolio Holder for Finance informed the Cabinet that at its meeting on 13 July 2009 the Corporate Scrutiny Committee had considered the Medium Term Financial Strategy and its recommendations had been circulated to the Cabinet Members. It was confirmed that these had been noted and would be taken into account.

## RESOLVED

For the reasons set out in the report: -

1. That the Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2010–13 be approved, and specifically that

- a) the issues raised in the review of last year, set out in Appendix A to the report, be noted;
- b) the financial process, set out in Appendix B to the report, be operated for a three year period and reviewed annually;
- c) a four stage process be operated for budget setting for the Revenue Budget and the Dedicated Schools Grant, set out in Appendix B to the report;
- d) the key planning assumptions, set out in Appendix C to the report, be agreed as the basis for scenario planning;
- e) the current financial scenario treatment of the funding gap and allocation to departments, set out in Appendix D to the report, be agreed;
- f) the issues raised in Appendix E to the report (Suggested Improvements to the Process) be approved;
- g) the budget setting timetable for 2010-2013, set out in Appendix G to the report, be approved.

2. That approval be given to the Capital Strategy 2009-13, set out in Appendix F to the report.

## **59 CALL IN OF KEY DECISION 09/10-10 CAR PARKING CONTROL AND CHARGING IN THE AREA OF THE FORMER BOROUGH OF CONGLETON**

At its meeting on 8 July 2009 the Environment and Prosperity Scrutiny Committee had considered the call in of this decision, made by the Cabinet at its meeting on 16 June 2009. The resolution of the Cabinet at that meeting was that : -

*(1) Subject to the Borough Solicitor taking action to remove any legal impediments regarding the affected landholdings, the list of car parks to be subject to control and charging be approved;*

*(2) the scale of parking charges and the controlled hours which are proposed as 8am to 6pm Monday to Saturday be approved;*

*(3) the Borough Solicitor, or his nominated officer, be authorised to advertise the intention to make an off-street car parking order in respect of car parks in the former Congleton Borough (as set out in the report) pursuant to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Following advertisement, the proposal be subject to the statutory 21 day consultation period during which objections may be submitted, any such objections to be considered by the Cabinet at a subsequent meeting; and*

*(4) in the event of there being no objections to the proposed order received within the consultation period, the Borough Solicitor or any officer nominated by him be authorised to take all necessary actions to make the order.*

Cabinet considered the advice put forward by the Environment and Prosperity Scrutiny Committee and also that contained in an update report prepared by the Strategic Director (Places) which provided a commentary on that advice, an appendix listing a revised schedule of car parks in the former Congleton Borough area, and an appendix detailing the proposed harmonised tariffs in tariff bands.

Cabinet resolved to confirm its decision of 16 June subject to amendments.

#### RESOLVED

1. That the Cabinet decision of 16 June 2009 be confirmed as amended by the following:
  - a) That the consultation period be extended from 21 to 35 days.
  - b) That the revised list of car parks, shown in Appendix 1 to the update report be approved.
  - c) That approval be given to the approach to the harmonisation of tariffs and the tariff bands in Appendix 2 of the update report but that it be noted that these would not be introduced until 2010/2011, and that these would form part of the budget consultation process.
2. That it be noted that the consultation to be initiated at this stage would not include Scotch Common, Sandbach, due to legal impediments that had not been removed, and that any proposals for those car parks would be consulted upon if and when such impediments were removed.

#### 60 **JOINTNESS BETWEEN THE COUNCIL AND THE PRIMARY CARE TRUST**

Consideration was given work carried out to promote greater jointness between Cheshire East Council and the Central and Eastern Cheshire Primary Care Trust, and to a programme of further work.

#### RESOLVED

For the reasons set out in the report: -

1. That the Council should seek to achieve greater jointness between itself and Central and Eastern Cheshire Primary Care Trust and other players within the local NHS, where such jointness seems likely to be in the best interests of Cheshire East people.

2. That the Strategic Director (People) be authorised to negotiate with relevant NHS partners about the agenda of Jointness which is set out in Appendix 1 to the report.
3. That the Strategic Director (People) be required to report to the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee on the progress of those negotiations, and to bring before the Cabinet any matters requiring significant decisions.

*Councillor R Domleo left the meeting after consideration of this item and did not return.*

## **61 LIFELONG LEARNING/ADULT AND COMMUNITY LEARNING GRANT**

Cabinet was requested to approve a Supplementary Revenue Estimate for £814.823 to be fully funded by Adult Learning Grant from the Learning and Skills Council. It was noted that this was a regular grant received by the Local Authority but that it had not been included when settling the Cheshire East Children's Budget.

### **RESOLVED**

For the reasons set out in the report: -

That approval be given to accept funds from the Learning and Skills Council, available up to 31 July 2010.

## **62 RISK MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS CONTINUITY STRATEGIES**

Consideration was given to the Risk Management and Business Continuity Strategies; this included a suggested framework and summarised roles and responsibilities.

The Portfolio Holder for Performance and Capacity reported that following consideration of a suggestion made by the Governance and Constitution Committee it was now proposed that he be included as a member of the Corporate Risk Management Group.

### **RESOLVED**

For the reasons set out in the report and as now stated: -

1. That the Risk Management and Business Continuity Strategies, including the content of the appendices to the report, be approved.
2. That the Portfolio Holder for Performance and Capacity be included as a member of the Corporate Risk Management Group.

## **63 TOWN TWINNING ARRANGEMENTS**

Consideration was given to the twinning arrangements of the four demised councils now within Cheshire East Council, and to the options available to the new authority on how it might approach twinning in the future.

The Portfolio Holder for Performance and Capacity reported that since the agenda had been circulated further consideration had been given to the request for grant assistance from Macclesfield Male Voice Choir and it was now proposed that he determine the request.

### **RESOLVED**

For the reasons set out in the report and as now stated: -

1. That the Portfolio Holder for Performance and Capacity after appropriate consultation be requested to advise Cabinet further as to: -

- whether to administer all twinning directly by Council officers or through a twinning association(s) to which financial support is given;
- whether new twinning links appropriate to the size and profile of the Council should be developed and mechanisms for that ; and
- whether the continuation of existing international and twinning links should be supported by the Council in the future.

2. That the request for a grant from Macclesfield Male Voice Choir be determined by the Portfolio Holder for Performance and Capacity.

## **64 OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS - NORTH WEST EMPLOYERS ORGANISATION**

Consideration was given to Member representation on the North West Employers Organisation. In order to accord with the constitutional requirements of that organisation it was necessary to change the number of representatives from three to one.

### **RESOLVED**

For the reasons set out in the report: -

That Councillor F Keegan be confirmed as the Council's representative on the North West Employers Organisation, and that this appointment supersede those that made by the Cabinet at its meeting on 3 March 2009.

## **65 PUBLIC AND MEMBER QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS AT MEETINGS**

Consideration was given to reviewing the arrangements for public and Member questions and speaking at meetings. Cabinet was requested to



make its recommendations to the Governance and Constitution Committee which would then consider what constitutional change recommendations it might wish to make to Council.

#### RESOLVED

For the reasons set out in the report: -

That the Governance and Constitution Committee be informed that the views of the Cabinet in relation to Public and member questions are as follows:

1. That the existing Planning and Licensing Protocols which override the member and public speaking and questioning provisions that apply to other committees, should be retained;
2. That the facility to allow questions by Members of the Public at meetings of Overview and Scrutiny Committees should be removed, but a period of 15 minutes be provided at the beginning of meetings to allow members of the Public to make a statement(s) on any matter that falls within the remit of the relevant committee, subject to individual speakers being restricted to 5 minutes each;
3. That whilst acknowledging that Planning and Licensing Committees have separate arrangements in place for public involvement, in all other cases, members of the Public should provide 3 clear working days notice, in writing, if they wish to ask a question at any other decision making meeting, in order for an informed answer to be given, but they should not be required to give notice of intention to make use of public speaking provision (although as a matter of courtesy, a period of 24 hours notice should be encouraged);
4. That members of the Council should, in accordance with the current rules, be required to provide 3 clear working days notice in writing if they wish to ask a question at a full Council meeting or Cabinet in order for an informed answer to be given;
5. That the existing provisions of the constitution relating to the way in which questions may be answered be preserved.

#### **66 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES AND PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS**

*(Councillors D Brown and J Macrae had each declared a personal interest in this item. In accordance with the Constitution they remained in the meeting during its consideration.)*

Consideration was given to developing a comprehensive economic strategy for Cheshire East. The report detailed the proposed approach to developing the strategy, and to its delivery arrangements.

**RESOLVED**

For the reasons set out in the report: -

That approval be given to the development of an Economic Development Strategy for Cheshire East as set out in the report.

**67 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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

**68 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES AND PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS**

*Councillors D Brown and J Macrae had declared personal interests in this item. In accordance with the Constitution they remained in the meeting during its consideration. Councillor B Moran had declared a personal and prejudicial interest. In accordance with the Constitution he left the meeting during its consideration.)*

The report considered earlier on the agenda (Minute 65 refers) outlined a proposed approach to developing a comprehensive economic development strategy for Cheshire East. Consideration was now given to how the Council would deliver economic development and tourism activities across Cheshire East.

**RESOLVED**

For the reasons set out in the report: -

That approval be given to the recommendations set out in the report.

**69 FUTURE USE OF COUNTY HALL**

Consideration was given to the future use of County Hall. Following the circulation of the agenda the outstanding information awaited had been received and circulated to the Cabinet.

## RESOLVED

1. That Members agree in principle that there may be merit in the sale of County Hall. However, considerable further effort needs to be made in order to satisfy them that their obligation under Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972 will be met if the current offer is accepted.
2. In order to progress the sale Members consider that it may be necessary to market the property, in accordance with an approved development brief, in order to be satisfied in relation to their legal obligations under Section 123. In order to assist Members officers are asked to secure detailed advice about the timing of a sale.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 4.50 pm

W Fitzgerald (Chairman)

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## CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

### CABINET

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**Date of meeting:** 14 July 2009

**Report of:** Strategic Director Places

**Title:** Supplementary Information in response to the Call-In Advice of Environment & Prosperity Scrutiny Committee Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> July 2009.

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#### **1.0 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To provide Cabinet with further information in respect of their previous decision on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2009 to consult on the introduction of Car Parking Control & Charging in the former Borough of Congleton.

#### **2.0 Decision Required**

- 2.1 To consider the call-in advice from the Scrutiny Committee in light of this supplementary information.
- 2.2 To consider amending the Cabinet decisions from 16<sup>th</sup> June 2009 as deemed appropriate.

#### **3 Financial Implications: Transition Costs:** None

#### **4 Financial Implications 2009/10 and beyond**

- 4.1 As set out in the original report to Cabinet on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2009. The existing budget was set to achieve £375,000 in 09/10 assuming charges were introduced from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009.
- 4.2 If standard Tariff Bands are introduced across the whole Cheshire East Borough this year, they must achieve the budget projections for 2009/10 and this will be hugely dependent on the final implementation date.
- 4.3 Whilst initial financial modelling suggests the proposed Tariff Bands at Appendix Two would achieve this break-even position in a full year, it has not been possible to accurately model any effects of consumer behaviour on income.

#### **5.0 Legal Implications**

- 5.1 The legal implications are addressed in the original Part II report to Cabinet on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2009 and now updated for this meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2009.

## **6.0 Risk Assessment**

- 6.1 Objections to the proposed car park control order could be received which may prevent or further delay the introduction of control and charging.
- 6.2 A delay in the implementation of car parking control will result in a further reduction in the budgeted income for 2009/10.
- 6.3 The introduction of standard Tariff Bands may affect consumer behaviour in the short to medium term.

## **7.0 Background and Options**

### **Scrutiny Committee advice:**

- 7.1 Environment & Prosperity Scrutiny Committee met on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2009 and offered Cabinet the following advice;
  - i) That Cabinet ensure that the facts and figures contained within the report are correct.
  - ii) That the Charging Policy be standardised across the Borough.
  - iii) That parking be free for the first hour.
  - iv) That the Consultation period for the off street car parking order be extended to two months.
  - v) That the Council's Parking Strategy be adhered to

### **Response**

- 7.2 **Advice: (i)** *That Cabinet ensure that the facts and figures contained within the report are correct.*

An amended schedule of Car Parks is attached at Appendix One. This covers all Car Parks suggested by the Scrutiny Committee as being suitable for control & charging. A commentary is provided for each which explains the rationale for its inclusion or omission at this time. (NB. All Car Parks across Cheshire East Borough will eventually be considered for control and charging at the appropriate time by the Portfolio-holder for Environment). In addition the number of bays or spaces have been re-checked by Parking Services staff.

- 7.3 **Advice: (ii)** *That the Charging Policy be standardised across the Borough*

The original scale of charges (or Tariff Bands) agreed for consultation purposes by Cabinet on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2009 sought to phase-in charging in the former Borough of Congleton by using the lower tariff option suggested by RTA Associates as a starting point.

A complete financial evaluation of the existing 'mixed economy' of Tariffs is already planned to take place as part of the 2010/11 budget-setting timetable. This would seek to harmonise charges across the whole Borough and allow time

for the involvement of Scrutiny Committees and others as part of the normal budget consultation process.

Scrutiny Committee have suggested that standard charges should be introduced now. Appendix Two of this report sets out the preferred option for this approach, listing the detailed Tariff Bands and rationale for each.

Finally, charges in the former Macclesfield Borough area were increased from April 2009 and further changes to all tariffs to standardise now will require extensive consultation across the whole of Cheshire East Borough.

**7.4 Advice: (iii) *That parking be free for the first hour.***

Almost 50% of the pay & display income from car parks is derived from users parking for up-to One Hour. Subject to changes in consumer behaviour, this would result in a loss of income to Cheshire East Borough Council of approximately £2.2M per annum.

In addition, this would make enforcement and monitoring more complex and result in the need for a greater patrol presence to ensure compliance. It is estimated that a minimum of 5 Civil Enforcement Officers would be needed across the Borough to maintain the effectiveness of both our on-street and off-street controls at a cost of £75,000 per annum.

Finally, the Pay & Display equipment and all individual car park signage would need to be amended.

**7.5 Advice: (iv) *That the Consultation period for the off street car parking order be extended to two months***

The original proposed 21 day consultation period is the statutory minimum required under the Act. Scrutiny Committee's advice was made to take into account the forthcoming school holiday period and a view that 8 weeks is regarded as good practice for effective consultation.

The policy decision to introduce charging and control in the former Congleton Borough area was agreed as part of the 2009/10 budget process and by Full Council on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2009. Since that time, Officers have received a significant number of responses from both members of the public, local councillors and local organisations. All of which will be taken into account as part of any formal consultation process that Cabinet may agree.

The loss of income from the set 2009/10 budget is estimated to be £42,000 per week based on the original estimate of £375k from a start date of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009.

**7.6 Advice: (v) *That the Council's Parking Strategy be adhered to***

For the sake of clarity, the strategic rationale for the inclusion, or otherwise, of each Car Park in the proposed off-street parking places order has been added to the list of Car Parks in Appendix One.

As a general statement the proposal to introduce charging on car parks in the former Borough of Congleton has been drafted in support of the Strategy's main objectives as follows:

### Strategy Objectives

*The Council's existing parking objectives set out to be consistent with and contribute to the overall aims of the National and Regional transport strategies which seek to:*

- *Achieve a reduction in overall traffic*
- *To increase use of more sustainable and healthy forms of travel*
- *To achieve a more effective and efficient transport system, whilst taking into account:*
  - *The economic vitality of the town centre*
  - *The parking needs of people with disabilities*
  - *The parking needs of local residents, shops and businesses*

Parking charges regulate use of car parks in line with this objective in that customers purchase time in accordance with their needs, and then move on, rendering spaces available for subsequent customers. In town centre car parks this encourages increased possibility for visits to the retail centre.

By structuring the tariffs and applying them to individual car parks as shown in the report, charging also leads to improved management of long stay parking away from the centre, again maximising possible visit frequency.

### Charging Policy

**In terms of charging, the proposed tariff structure and application does reflect the Parking Strategy which states:**

*Policy: This Authority will in principle impose charges for parking at levels reflecting local pressures and needs. These may vary:*

- *as between the different towns and smaller centres*
- *as between zones within the larger towns*

*However the scale of charges should conform to a consistent pattern across the stay periods in all towns. These should follow national guidelines. Thus the percentage increase in charge from one time period to the next should be consistent throughout all locations.*

The car parks have been allocated a tariff according to the principles for charging set out in the Strategy, as follows:

#### **5.2 Short Stay Parking**

***Policy: To give priority to and manage the provision of short stay parking in the town centre***



- *Short stay visitors to the town centre are less likely to travel at peak periods i.e. reduce congestion, improve efficiency of the road network.*
- *Short stay parking generates a high turnover of spaces allowing more visitors to be accommodated per space.*
- *Availability of short stay spaces is essential to maintaining the commercial viability of the town centres.*

### 5.3 **Long Stay Parking**

***Policy: To manage the provision of long stay parking in the town centres through pricing to encourage the use of more sustainable transport and by a system of differential charging to promote the use of peripheral car parks where such parking is to be accommodated.***

- *Commuters travel at peak periods and are a major contribution to congestion of the road network.*
- *Commuter parking monopolises parking spaces for the entire working day*
- *Transport objectives may be achieved more easily through parking policy interventions aimed at the commuter. It is more practicable for example for the commuter to change their travel patterns than it is to continually expand the road network and parking stock.*
- *Long stay parking provision in connection with bus or rail commuter travel is supported in order to reduce the level of dependency on the motorcar as a means of commuting to work.*
- *Contract parking: contracts will be made available on selected car parks for regular long stay customers, sold at competitive rates.*

## 8.0 **Overview of Day One, Year One and Term One Issues**

None

### ***For further information:***

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### ***Background Documents:***

*As original report to Cabinet 16<sup>th</sup> June 2009.*

**Appendix One:** Revised Schedule of Car Parks in former Borough of Congleton following Scrutiny Committee advice.

**Appendix Two:** Suggested standard Tariff Bands for Cheshire East Borough

Revised Schedule of Car Parks  
(former Congleton Borough area)

	Charge-able Bays	Disabled Bays	Total Bays	Stay	Strategy reference
SANDBACH					
Little Common	18	2	20	S/S	This is a town centre car park: Ref. para 5.2 Short Stay Parking
Scotch Common	129	11	140	S/S	This is a town centre car park: Ref. para 5.2 Short Stay Parking
Hawk Street	9	1	10	L/S	This car park is peripheral to the town centre: ref para 5.3 Parking Strategy and ref the Charging Policy
Well Bank	14		14	L/S	This car park is peripheral to the town centre: ref para 5.3 Parking Strategy and ref the Charging Policy
Crown Bank	11		11	L/S	This car park is peripheral to the town centre: ref para 5.3 Parking Strategy and ref the Charging Policy
CONGLETON					
Antrobus St	69	2	71	S/S	This is a town centre car park: Ref. para 5.2 Short Stay Parking
Chapel St	47		47	L/S	Changed to L/S as recommended by Scrutiny Cttee
Princess St	82	2	84	S/S	This is a town centre car park: Ref. para 5.2 Short Stay Parking
Fairground	74	6	80	S/S	Changed to S/S as recommended by Scrutiny Cttee
Roe St	24		24	L/S	This car park is peripheral to the town centre: ref para 5.3 Parking Strategy
Back Park St	81	3	84	L/S	This car park is peripheral to the town centre: ref para 5.3 Parking Strategy
Ropewalk	22		22	L/S	This car park is peripheral to the town centre: ref para 5.3 Parking Strategy
West St	159	4	163	L/S	This car park is peripheral to the town centre: ref para 5.3 Parking Strategy
ALSAGER					
Fairview	288	10	298	L/S	This is the main car park serving the town, for both long and short stay customers. <b>Recommend 1<sup>st</sup> half hour free to assist school visits. This can be done either through CEO patrol at school opening /closing time or via new technology (ANPR system).</b>
MIDDLEWICH					
Seabank	21	1	22	L/S	Car parks in smaller towns-ref <i>Charging Policy: Policy: This Authority will in principle impose charges for parking at levels reflecting local pressures and needs. These may vary: -as between the different towns and smaller centres as between zones within the larger towns</i>
Civic Way	97	4	101	L/S	
HOLMES CHAPEL					
Parkway	15		15	L/S	As Middlewich above
London Road	25	3	28	L/S	

**Car Parks Not Included in Original Proposal to Cabinet 16<sup>th</sup> June 2009:**

Name/Location	Town	Revised bays	Reason excluded or added
Blake Street/Edgerton St	Congleton	16	Too far from town centre to warrant charging at this time
Southway	Middlewich	83	Attached to superstore car park- poss to include if agree with Tesco re: enforcement patrols.
Brookhouse Road	Sandbach	148+2 disabled =150	Peripheral to town centre but <b>recommend: should now be included</b>
Chapel Street	Sandbach	100 approx	Unsurfaced ; will be proposed after surface applied
Fanny's Croft	Alsager	40+2 disabled = 42	Too far from town centre to warrant charging at this time
Park Street	Congleton	35 (+9 resident)	Peripheral to town centre but <b>recommend should now be included</b>
Motorway Junctions			As explained by portfolio-Holder for Environment at Scrutiny Committee on 8/7/09, these 'car parks' will be the subject of a separate report.
Rood Hill	Congleton	8	Too far from town centre to warrant charging at this time.
Royle Street	Congleton	29	Too far from town centre, not Council owned.
Station Road	Alsager	62+3 disabled = 65	Too far from town centre to warrant charging at this time
Thomas street	Congleton	44	Too far from town centre to warrant charging at this time
Well lane	Alsager	18	Too far from town centre to warrant charging at this time
Westfields	Sandbach	36	Too far from town centre to warrant charging at this time

## Cheshire East Proposed Standard Off Street Parking Tariffs Harmonisation

Suggested Tariff Application				
Tariff A	Tariff B	Tariff C	Tariff D	Tariff E
Town Centres	Med Size Towns and non central	Smaller Towns and outer sites	Villages/Outer small towns	Leisure & Other Facilities
Macc Central Nantwich Central Crewe Central	Macc non - central Wilmslow Knutsford Congleton Nantwich non central Crewe non- central	Sandbach Congleton non central	Alderley Edge Alsager Holmes Chapel Middlewich Sandbach non central	eg The Carrs

Tariff A					
Current rates				Report draft	
Hours	Former Macc BC	Hours	Crewe/ Nantwich	Hours	Congleton BC area
0 - 1	£ 0.60	0 - 1	0.70	0 - 1	£0.30
1 - 2	£ 1.00	1 - 2	1.00	1 - 2	£0.50
2 - 3	£ 2.20	2 - 3	1.60	2 - 3	£1.00
3 - 4	£ 3.00	2 - 4	1.50		
4 - 6	£ 3.80	4 - 5	2.20		
6+	£ 4.90	5 - 10	2.20		

Cheshire East	
Hours	Proposed Rate
0 - 1	£ 0.60
1 - 2	£ 1.20
2 - 3	£ 1.80
3 - 4	£ 2.40
4 - 10	£ 4.20

Tariff B					
Current rates				Report draft	
Hours	Former Macc BC	Hours	Crewe/ Nantwich	Hours	Congleton BC area
0 - 1	£ 0.50	0 - 1	Not Applicable	0 - 2	£0.50
1 - 2	£ 0.90	1 - 2		2 - 4	£1.00
2 - 3	£ 2.00	2 - 3		4 +	£1.50
3 - 4	£ 2.70	2 - 4			

Cheshire East	
Hours	Proposed Rate
0 - 1	£ 0.50
1 - 2	£ 1.00
2 - 3	£ 1.50
3 - 4	£ 2.00

4 - 6	£ 3.40	4 - 5		
6+	£ 3.80	5 - 10		

4 - 10	£ 3.50
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### Tariff C

Current rates				Report draft	
Hours	Former Macc BC	Hours	Crewe/ Nantwich	Hours	Congleton BC area
0 - 1	£ 0.40	0 - 1	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	
1 - 2	£ 0.80	1 - 2			
2 - 3	£ 1.70	2 - 3			
3 - 4	£ 2.20	2 - 4			
4 - 6	£ 2.70	4 - 5			
6+	£ 2.90	5 - 10			

Cheshire East	
Hours	Proposed Rate
0 - 1	£ 0.40
1 - 2	£ 0.80
2 - 3	£ 1.20
3 - 4	£ 1.60
4 - 10	£ 2.80

### Tariff D

Current rates				Report draft	
Hours	Former Macc BC	Hours	Crewe/ Nantwich	Hours	Congleton BC area
0 - 1	£ 0.30	0 - 1	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	
1 - 2	£ 0.70	1 - 2			
2 - 3	£ 1.60	2 - 3			
3 - 4	£ 1.90	2 - 4			
4 - 6	£ 2.30	4 - 5			
6+	£ 2.50	5 - 10			

Cheshire East	
Hours	Proposed Rate
0 - 1	£ 0.30
1 - 2	£ 0.60
2 - 3	£ 0.90
3 - 4	£ 1.20
4 - 10	£ 2.10

### Tariff E

Current rates				Report draft	
Hours	Former Macc BC		Crewe/ Nantwich		Congleton
0 - 1	Not Applicable				
1 - 2					
2 - 3					
3 - 4					
4 - 6					
6+					

Cheshire East	
Hours	Proposed Rate
0 - 1	£ 0.20
1 - 2	£ 0.40
2 - 3	£ 0.60
3 - 4	£ 0.80
4 - 10	£ 1.40