

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Cabinet**
held on Tuesday, 3rd November, 2009 at The Capesthorne Room - Town
Hall, Macclesfield SK10 1DX

PRESENT

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

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

Councillors in attendance:
A Arnold, Rhoda Bailey, O Hunter, R Menlove, A Moran, J Narraway,
L Smetham and A Thwaite.

Officers in attendance:
Chief Executive, Borough Solicitor, Borough Treasurer and Head of Assets,
Head of Organisational Development , Head of Policy and Performance,
Strategic Director People and Strategic Director Places.

124 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

125 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

126 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

It was reported that a number of questions had been received from Sir
Giles Watmough and that these would be answered in due course.

127 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 October 2009 be approved as a
correct record.

128 TRANSFORMATION OF SERVICES FOR ADULTS – PHASE 2 (KEY DECISION – FORWARD PLAN REF CE09/10-28)

The Cabinet received an update on the current and next stages in the
Redesign of Adults Social Care Services, the achievability of the Medium
Term Financial Strategy targets, and the decisions required to ensure they
were met. The aim of the proposals was to improve the services offered to

customers, to allow them real choice in how they spent their individual budgets and to benefit from enhanced preventative and reablement services.

RESOLVED

For the reasons set out in the report: -

That approval be given to

1. Focus the current in-house provision of routine domiciliary care services as this service can be provided at an acceptable quality and cost by the independent sector.
2. Redefine the primary function of the in-house domiciliary care service as a reablement service.
3. Review the provision of the Housing Network support for Adults with Disabilities and consider the business case for securing that service from an independent provider.
4. Undertake a fundamental review of use of buildings within Adult Services aiming to rationalise and localise functions across services and partners.
5. Agree to address the issues presented by the inherited provision of Community Support Centres looking at the rationalisation of the current stock of 5 centres being replaced by the enhanced facilities at Lincoln House (already agreed by Cabinet as part of the Dementia Strategy) and the creation in the future of a purpose built new facility, subject to a business case being made to Cabinet in future and taking into account the previous public consultation exercise.
6. Agree to consider how much directly provided service should continue (and how long for) in order to mitigate against market failure (or other emergency) and resolve in principle that the Council's role in direct service provision should be to provide the most complex services of last resort.
7. Agree to explore the option for running existing in house provision as 'arms length' and/or jointly with health to exploit commercial benefits and freedoms from such models and maximise efficiencies.
8. Agree to review significantly the current service level and performance from the shared transport service jointly with the Head of Regeneration and Central and Eastern Cheshire Primary Care Trust to identify what transport should be commissioned strategically.
9. Review the current provision of the hot meals service.
10. Approve and progress the list of specific joint commissioning and integrated service provision initiatives with Central and Eastern PCT.
11. Undertake a joint review with the Corporate Procurement service to identify savings to be achieved by more effective contracting arrangements.
12. Note the fact that this redesign constitutes a 3 to 5 year strategy to invest in front-end services and ultimately reduce the current level of care costs which will present budget pressures in the interim; and

make provision corporately for contingency funding in respect of the required changes in Adults Social Care in order to mitigate the risk of too much change too quickly.

129 BUSINESS PLANNING PROCESS 2010-13 (KEY DECISION – FORWARD PLAN REF CE09/10-32)

Consideration was given to an update on the Business Planning Process, to the approach to closing the current funding gap, and to the material for sharing with Cheshire East Council Members and stakeholders as part of the budget consultation process to be carried out in November.

RESOLVED

For the reasons set out in the report: -

1. That the update on the Business Planning Process be noted.
2. That the budget consultation approach be approved.

130 UPDATED POSITION : LSC TRANSFER AND POST 16 FUNDING

Consideration was given to arrangements for the transfer of 16-19 funding from the Learning Skills Council to Local Authority Control from April 2010. It was noted that the proposed Memorandum of Understanding was currently being scrutinised by legal services and this was therefore endorsed subject to any advice from the Borough Solicitor.

RESOLVED

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

1. That the emerging collaboration and identified duties of the Sub Regional Grouping and its continuing work to establish effective arrangements for the smooth transition of 16-19 funding from the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) to Local Authorities be noted.
2. That, subject to any advice from the Borough Solicitor who is authorised to make any minor drafting amendments, the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (Appendix 1) which sets out an agreement of collaboration between the three Local Authorities in terms of strategic management, decision making processes, commissioning arrangements as well as stakeholder engagement be endorsed.
3. That the integration of 5 additional LSC staff to the Cheshire East workforce as part of the LSC transfer process be endorsed. The identified staff have a variety of valuable skills and aptitudes which will add significant value to the work of Cheshire East in terms of integrating the activities and functions of the previous LSC work

streams as well as helping to secure improved outcomes for learners.

131 NOTICE OF MOTION - FREE CAR PARKING TRIAL IN MACCLESFIELD

Consideration was given to the Notice of Motion submitted at the meeting of the Council on 23 July 2009, calling for the suspension of car parking charges on Saturdays in Macclesfield Town Centre for a trial period. The Notice of Motion was considered in the light of the latest financial implications and the advice from the Recession Task Group.

RESOLVED

For the reasons set out in the report: -

That Cabinet does not introduce a trial scheme for free parking but continues to invest in real recession busting activities through the work of its Task Group.

132 INTERIM SINGLE EQUALITY SCHEME 2009 - 2010

Consideration was given to a report on the Interim Single Equality Scheme and Action Plan 2009 – 2010. The scheme and action plan set out the Council's approach to equality and diversity in Cheshire East and how mainstream equality and diversity would be managed in the day to day work of the Council.

RESOLVED

For the reasons set out in the report: -

That approval be given to the Interim Single Equality Scheme and Action Plan 2009 – 2010.

133 A CORPORATE APPROACH TO HEALTH IMPROVEMENT AND REDUCING HEALTH INEQUALITIES

Consideration was given to proposals to help the Council improve health and reduce health inequalities across the communities of Cheshire East.

RESOLVED

For the reasons set out in the report: -

1. That Members support the whole system approach to health improvement and reducing health inequalities and the development of a Health Improvement and Reducing Health Inequalities Strategy through the Local Strategic Partnership's Health and Wellbeing Thematic Partnership.
2. That Members support the establishment of a Cheshire East Council Health Improvement and Reducing Health Inequalities

Working Group to contribute to the Strategy Development and to develop and take ownership of the Council's action plan in response to the Strategy.

3. That the Director of Public Health be made an honorary joint appointment between Cheshire East Council and the Primary Care Trust.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 3.20 pm

W Fitzgerald (Chairman)