

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee**
held on Thursday, 9th July, 2009 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor H Murray (Chairman)
Councillor J Hammond (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors E Alcock, D Flude, E Gilliland, D Hough, D Stockton, A Thwaite,
R Walker and S Wilkinson

Apologies

Councillor R Parker

In Attendance

Councillor L Smetham

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

7 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no Members of the public present who wished to address the Committee.

8 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting dated 14 May 2009

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting be approved as a correct record

9 INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNITY SAFETY

The Committee gave consideration to a presentation by the Community Safety Manager on Community Safety. The presentation provided an overview of the Community Safety Service, including CCTV and Community Wardens and the role of the CDRP.

It was noted that there were currently 10 wardens in post based in Crewe and Sandbach with an additional 3 due to be based in Macclesfield. The Community Warden Service was due to be reviewed and would be harmonised across the Borough, the Committee agreed to have an input into this review.

With regard to the CDRP, it was noted that it was a requirement of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to undertake a Strategic Assessment and produce a plan. It was agreed that a copy of the Plan and a breakdown of the funding received from Central Government would be circulated to all Members of the Committee.

RESOLVED

1. That the presentation be noted
2. That the Committee give consideration to the review of Community Wardens and the CDRP Plan

10 LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT

The Committee gave consideration to a presentation on Local Area Agreements (LAA). It was reported that a LAA was a 3 year negotiated agreement, which set out the priorities for a local area, agreed between, Central Government, a local area and other key partners, the primary aim of which was to deliver better outcomes for local people.

With regard to Cheshire East's LAA it was noted that Cheshire's LAA for 2008/2011 had been disaggregated between East and West. The East's LAA had 34 designated improvement targets, the responsibilities for which were being agreed between the relevant agencies and thematic partners. Copies of the 34 targets were circulated to Members of the Committee.

The presentation also outlined the value of LAA's the financial implications, the role and powers of scrutiny and the milestones.

The Committee agreed that Cheshire East's LAA would be reviewed in 6 months time.

RESOLVED

1. That the presentation be noted
2. That Cheshire East's LAA be reviewed in 6 months time

11 WORK PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to the draft work programme. It was agreed that the following amendments would be made:

17 September 2009	Review of Community Wardens Strategic Assessment - CDRP Plan
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19 November 2009	Review of LAA Community Safety Strategy
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21 January 2010	Review of CDRP Plan
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RESOLVED

That the work programme be amended to include the above issues

The meeting commenced at 10.30 and concluded at 12.40

Councillor H Murray (Chairman)

