

# **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Cabinet Member for Prosperity**  
held on Friday, 8th May, 2009 at Westfields, Sandbach

## **PRESENT**

Councillor J Macrae, Cabinet Member for Prosperity

Officers:

Brendan Flanagan, Tatton Park and Visitor Economy Manager

Paul Mountford, Democratic Services

## **1 TATTON PARK BOARD**

Tatton Park was owned by The National Trust, with whom Cheshire East Council had a 99-year, fully-repairing lease (formerly with Cheshire County Council) with 52 years to run. Within the constraints of the lease, Tatton was currently managed as a trading account on a quasi-commercial basis, with around 800,000 visits annually. It operated a successful events programme, including the annual RHS Flower Show. The Park was a driver for the cultural and visitor economy of Cheshire East and was important to the ongoing development of the visitor economy of the area.

It was proposed that the governance arrangements in place under the former County Council be continued until alternative arrangements were made in future. There was a need to put in place management arrangements that carried forward the achievements to date and best place Tatton Park to deliver positive outcomes for the economy and communities of Cheshire East. It was suggested that the governance of the Board be based on the terms of reference and membership set out in the Annex to the report.

## **RESOLVED**

That the terms of reference and membership for the Tatton Park Board as set out in the Annex to the report be approved.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 10.20 am

Councillor J Macrae