

Environment and Prosperity Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

Date: Thursday, 6th August, 2009
Time: 10.00 am
Venue: The Capesthorne Room - Town Hall, Macclesfield SK10 1DX

The agenda is divided into 2 parts. Part 1 is taken in the presence of the public and press. Part 2 items will be considered in the absence of the public and press for the reasons indicated on the agenda and at the foot of each report.

PART 1 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest/Whipping Declarations**

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests in any item on the agenda

3. **Public Speaking Time/ Open Session**

In accordance with Procedure Rules Nos.11 and 35 a total period of 10 minutes is allocated for members of the public to address the Committee on any matter relevant to the work of the Committee.

Individual members of the public may speak for up to 5 minutes but the Chairman will decide how the period of time allocated for public speaking will be apportioned where there are a number of speakers.

Note: In order for officers to undertake any background research it would be helpful if questions were submitted at least one working day before the meeting.

4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** (Pages 1 - 4)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 2009

For any apologies or requests for further information, or to give notice of a question to be asked by a member of the public

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5. **Call in of Cabinet Member Decision - Introduction of Parking Charges on Thomas Street Car Park, Crewe** (Pages 5 - 16)

To give consideration to the Call In of the above decision

6. **Strategic Housing Review**

To receive a presentation of the Head of Service – Planning and Policy

7. **Residential Parking Schemes**

To receive a presentation of the Head of Service – Safer and Stronger Communities

8. **Highway Maintenance**

To receive a presentation of the Head of Service – Environmental Services

9. **Waste Management**

To receive a presentation of the Head of Service – Environmental Services

10. **Work Programme** (Pages 17 - 22)

To give consideration to the work programme

11. **Forward Plan** (Pages 23 - 28)

To give consideration to the extracts of the forward plan which fall within the remit of the Committee

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Environment and Prosperity Scrutiny Committee

held on Wednesday, 8th July, 2009 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor G M Walton (Chairman)
Councillor E Gilliland (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors S Broadhurst, H Davenport, M Hardy, M Hollins, M Parsons,
L Smetham, J Weatherill and D Hough

Apologies

Councillors R Fletcher and R Menlove

In Attendance

Councillors G Baxendale, D Brickhill (Portfolio Holder), L Gilbert, S Jones, A
Kolker, A Moran, B Moran, H Murray and A Thwaite

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor D Brickhill declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 5 - Call In of Cabinet Decision - CE09/10-10 Car Parking Control and Charging in the area of the Former Borough of Congleton, due to being a Member of Cabinet when the decision was made. In accordance with the code of conduct he withdrew from the room immediately after answering questions and giving evidence. He did not return to the meeting.

6 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/ OPEN SESSION

In accordance with the Constitution, Town Councillor W Goodall spoke in respect of item 5 – Call In of Cabinet Decision –CE0910/10 Car Parking Control and Charging in the area of the Former Borough of Congleton.

7 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting dated 13 May 2009.

RESOLVED

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

8 CALL IN OF CABINET DECISION - CE09/10-10 CAR PARKING CONTROL AND CHARGING IN THE AREA OF THE FORMER BOROUGH OF CONGLETON

The Committee reviewed the Cabinet decision of 16 June 2009 for car parking control and charging in the area of the former Borough of Congleton.

Councillor Baxendale attended the meeting to explain the reasons for the Call In. The Portfolio Holder, Head of Service for Safer and Stronger Communities, Parking Manager and Legal Consultant attended the meeting to explain the background to the decision and answer to any questions.

Councillors S Jones, L Gilbert, A Kolker, A Moran, B Moran and A Thwaite also attended the meeting to speak in respect of this item.

Members raised questions relating to the consultants report being flawed and inaccurate, the proposed parking charges, the number of car parks and parking spaces taken into account, the consultation process, residents parking schemes, civil enforcement and proposed tariff bands.

The Portfolio Holder confirmed that resident parking schemes would be considered for every town and that tariff bands were being developed in time for the 20010/11 budget.

Due to having a personal and prejudicial interest the Portfolio Holder withdrew from the room once he had explained the reasons for the decision and answered any questions.

Following detailed consideration of the explanations and reasons for the decision, the Committee decided to offer the following advice to Cabinet:

1. That Cabinet ensure that the facts and figures contained within the report are correct
2. That the charging policy be standardised across the Borough
3. That parking be free of charge for the first hour
4. That the consultation period for the off street car parking order be extended to two months
5. That the Council's Parking Strategy be adhered to.

Members also agreed that in future any policy issues should be submitted to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee prior to Cabinet consideration.

RESOLVED

That Cabinet give consideration to the above advice

9 HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

This item was deferred until the next meeting of the Committee

10 WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee gave consideration to the draft work programme. It was agreed that an additional meeting would be arranged for 6 August 2009 to give consideration to give to the following issues:

1. Presentation on highway maintenance
2. Presentation on waste management

3. Presentation on residential parking schemes
4. Progress report – Macclesfield Town Centre
5. Housing and Homelessness Strategies

The Committee also agreed that any issues with a low priority should be deleted from the work programme.

RESOLVED

That the work programme be approved subject to the above amendments.

11 FORWARD PLAN

The Committee gave consideration to the extracts of the forward plan, which fall within the remit of the Committee.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

12 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Due to minute 13 - Call In of Cabinet Decision - Key Decision CE09/10-10 Car Parking Control and Charging in the area of the Former Borough of Congleton - Legal Implications not being discussed, the Committee decided not to exclude the press and public from the meeting.

13 CALL IN OF CABINET DECISION - KEY DECISION CE09/10-10 CAR PARKING CONTROL AND CHARGING IN THE AREA OF THE FORMER BOROUGH OF CONGLETON - LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The Committee noted the content of this report and did not discuss it.

The meeting commenced at 10.30 am and concluded at 1.00 pm

Councillor G M Walton (Chairman)

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CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT AND PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of meeting: 6 August 2009
Report of: The Borough Solicitor and Monitoring Officer
Title: Call In of Cabinet Member Decision - Introduction of Parking Charges on Thomas Street Car Park, Crewe

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out the procedure for the Call In of the Cabinet Member Decision regarding the introduction of parking charges on Thomas Street Car Park, Crewe of 9 July 2009.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Scrutiny Committee considers whether or not it wishes to offer advice to Cabinet in response to the Call In.

3.0 Wards Affected

- 5.1 Crewe East, Crewe North, Crewe South and Crewe West

4.0 Local Ward Members

- 4.1 All Members for the above Wards.

5.0 Policy Implications

- 5.1 Contained within the attached report.

6.0 Financial Implications for Transition Costs

- 6.1 Contained within the attached report.

7.0 Financial Implications for 2009/10 and beyond

- 7.1 Contained within the attached report.

8.0 Legal Implications

- 8.1 Contained within the attached report.

9.0 Risk Assessment

- 9.1 Contained within the attached report.

10.0 Background and Options

- 10.1 In accordance with Scrutiny Procedure Rule 12.3, Councillors Flude, Thorley, Moran, Beard, Martin, Howell, Conquest and Cartlidge have called in the above decision for the reasons identified in Appendix 1
- 10.2 In accordance with Scrutiny Procedure Rule 12.6 the Scrutiny Committee has two options. It may decide to offer no advice, in which case the decision may be implemented. If the Scrutiny Committee decides to offer advice, the matter must be referred to Cabinet in order for a decision to be made upon it, the Cabinet in accordance with Scrutiny Procedure Rule 12.8 will not be bound to accept any advice offered to it and will have sole discretion on any further action to be taken, such action may include:
- (1) Confirming with or without amendment the original decision; or
 - (2) Defer the matter pending further consideration; or
 - (3) Make a different decision.
- 10.3 Where the Scrutiny Committee decides to offer advice, this must be clearly documented in the minutes
- 10.4 If the Scrutiny Committee decides not to offer any advice, then the decision of Cabinet can be implemented immediately.
- 10.5 Full details of the Call In Procedure can be found at Scrutiny Procedure Rule 12
- 10.6 The appropriate Cabinet Member and Officer will attend the meeting to explain the background and reasons for the decision and to answer any questions the Committee may have.
- 10.7 The following wording records the Cabinet Member decision of 9 July 2009:

That

1. Subject to statutory consultation, an amendment be made to the Borough of Crewe and Nantwich (General) (Off-Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) (Minor) Order 2008 to introduce a pay and display system of parking at Thomas Street Car Park, Crewe;
2. Charging be introduced at the Thomas Street Car Park at the level of charging existing in the said 2008 Order but with amendments as follows: Monday to Friday inclusive 8am to 5pm: Up to 1 hour = 70p; Up to 2hrs = £1.00; 2-4hrs = £1.50; 4 to 10hrs = £2.20; Saturday and Sunday: free parking. Season tickets will also be sold at a fee of £400 per annum, limited to a maximum of 50% of available bays ;
3. The additional set-up costs referred to in the report be funded via the new income stream; and
4. The proposal be advertised for the statutory period of 21 days and any objections be considered by the Cabinet Member at a subsequent meeting.

- 10.8 The Cabinet Member report is attached at Appendix 2.
- 10.9 A response to the issues raised in the Call In Notice is attached at Appendix 3

11.0 Appendices

Appendix 1 – Call In Notice

Appendix 2 – Cabinet Member Report

Appendix 3 – Response to the issues raised in the Call In Notice

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Background Documents:-

The Councils Constitution

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We the undersigned call in the decision of the Cabinet member for Environmental Services at the meeting held on the 9th July 2009. To make a charge for cars parked at the Thomas Street Car Park in Crewe on the grounds; that the decision will have a detrimental effect on the income of the shop and office worker's who are employed in the town centre of Crewe.

Dorothy Flude
Chris Thorley
Arthur Moran
Terry Beard
Margaret Martin
Betty Howell
Steve Conquest
Roy Cartlidge

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CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Cabinet Member for Environmental Services

Date of Meeting: 9 July 2009
Report of: Parking and Markets Manager
Subject/Title: Introduction of Parking Charges on Thomas Street Car Park, Crewe

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider a proposed amendment to the Cheshire East Off-Street Parking Places Order (Crewe and Nantwich) to introduce a pay and display system of parking at Thomas Street Car Park, Crewe and to approve the proposal subject to the outcome of a further 21 day statutory period of public consultation.

2.0 Recommendations

That the Cabinet Member for Environmental Services approve

- (1) that subject to statutory consultation, an amendment be made to the Cheshire East Off-Street Parking Places Order (Crewe and Nantwich) to introduce a pay and display system of parking at Thomas Street Car Park, Crewe;
- (2) that the car park be brought in line with current charges at other car parks, but with amendments, as follows: Monday to Friday inclusive : 8am to 5pm : Up to 1 hour : 70p ; Up to 2hrs = £1.00p ; 2-4hrs = £1.50 ; 4 to 10hrs = £2.20; Saturday and Sunday : free parking. Season tickets will also be sold at a fee of £400 per annum, limited to a maximum of 50% available bays.
- (3) that the additional set-up costs referred to in paragraph 8.3 of the report be funded via the new income stream; and
- (4) that the proposal be advertised for the statutory period of 21 days and any objections be considered by the Cabinet Member at a subsequent meeting.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 Thomas Street Car Park meets Cheshire East Parking Strategy criteria for the introduction of charging in that it is close to town centre and retail outlets.

4.0 Wards Affected

- 4.1 Crewe East

5.0 Local Ward Members

- 5.1 Councillors Steve Conquest, Margaret Martin and Chris Thorley

**6.0 Policy Implications including - Climate change
- Health**

- 6.1 This proposal brings Thomas Street Car Park, Crewe into line with the car parking strategy and charging policy approved by the Cabinet. In addition, Improved control of traffic access and circulation may improve air quality.

7.0 Financial Implications for Transition Costs (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)

- 7.1 None

8.0 Financial Implications 2009/10 and beyond (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)

- 8.1 It is estimated that income of £68,000 p.a. should be achieved for the whole Thomas Street site.
- 8.2 Income in year 2009/10 of £45,000 is anticipated if charging commences in August. 2009.
- 8.3 In year 2009/10 estimated one-off expenditure of £8,000 is required to implement pay and display charging- ie. to install meters, signs and cover statutory advertising. Thereafter, additional annual expenditure specific to the site is estimated at £1,200 to cover meter maintenance, vandalism and cash collection.

9.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

- 9.1 The charges can be imposed and regulations enforced on this car park within the existing terms of the Off Street Parking Places Order and under the provisions of the Traffic Management Act 2004. This is considered to be a “non-Key Decision “ within the Cheshire East definition in that it affects one Ward only and is below £100,000 in financial effect and is therefore appropriate for Portfolio Holder decision.

10.0 Risk Management

- 10.1 In present economic circumstances there is considerable risk to original forecast income levels. However imposition of charges will allow some payback of refurbishment and operational costs to

begin.

11.0 Background

- 11.1 The former Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council and Local Joint Committee gave initial approval, subject to statutory consultation, to the proposal to introduce pay and display charging on this car park.
- 11.2 Thomas Street car park remains one of a few car parks near the town centre of Crewe with no pay and display charge regime. The proposal was initially approved by Board on the grounds that as demand for parking in the town increased, regulation of this car park would be necessary to improve space availability.
- 11.3 Owing to prevailing economic conditions, Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council then decided to defer a decision on this matter for review along with all other car park charges by Cheshire East Council after April 1st 2009.
- 11.4.1 This review has taken place and the Cabinet adopted a Car Parking Strategy at its April 16th meeting. This Strategy stipulated that in principle all car parks could be considered for charging subject to the fulfilment of criteria stated within the charging policy as follows:

1.1.1 **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

Car parks currently not having charges will be reviewed and the need for application for charges considered in the light of the criteria stated above. Any charges imposed will be designed to regulate use and improve availability as well as diverting long stay away from very central locations. Income earned should cover operating and maintenance costs and allow necessary improvements to the useability, environment and security of a number of these sites. The new authority has inherited a number of off street car parks for which there is no charge. It is intended that parking charges will be considered only on those sites for which a good case can be made under the above criteria.

The reason for the particular charge regime was to accommodate the needs of many community based users of the Cumberland Sports Track.

- 1.2 Objections received during the previous consultation period are listed below. Original letters are available for inspection at Municipal Buildings, Crewe.

- 1.2.1.1 Matthew Levett, Vision Express
- 1.2.1.2 Neel Saini
- 1.2.1.3 Sam Redmond

- 1.2.1.4 Shirley Melia
- 1.2.1.5 Mr. M. Vodrey
- 1.2.1.6 Mr. C. Copeman, Vision Express
- 1.2.1.7 Amanda Yeomans

- 1.3 The majority of these concern low paid workers who would not easily afford to pay to park.
- 1.4 These objections should be considered again and a response given. Further, due to the time elapsed, this proposal must now be subject to another period of statutory consultation, and any objections arising from this period will be considered by the Portfolio Holder at a subsequent meeting.

12.0 Overview of Year One and Term One Issues

N/A

13.0 Access to Information

The Cheshire East Off Street Parking Places Order (Crewe and Nantwich) 2008

Notice of Proposal and Amendment to the Order in respect of Thomas Street Car Park Crewe.

Documents are available for inspection at: Legal Library, Municipal Buildings, Crewe The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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Report of: Strategic Director PLACES

Title: Response to the reasons for call-in.

(Cabinet Member for Environmental Services 9th July 2009)

1. Introduction

1.1 The above Cabinet Member decision was called in for further consideration by the Environment & Prosperity Scrutiny Committee on 13th July 2009.

1.2 The reason for call-in, contained within the Notice, is;

“that the decision will have a detrimental effect on the income of the shop and office workers who are employed in the Town Centre of Crewe.”

2. Response to the Reason for Call-In

2.1 The proposed charges for Thomas Street Car Park are in-line with Cheshire East’s Car Parking Strategy agreed at Cabinet on 21st April 2009. The Charging Policy contained within this Strategy states that;

“ 5.0 Local Parking Policy

5.1 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*

Car parks currently not having charges will be reviewed and the need for application for charges considered in the light of the criteria stated above. Any charges imposed will be designed to regulate use and improve availability as well as diverting long stay away from very central locations.

*The new authority has inherited a number of off street car parks for which there is no charge. **It is intended that parking charges will be considered only on those sites for which a good case can be made under the above criteria.***

- 2.2 Thomas Street Car Park is located close to the Town Centre (approx ¼ mile from Marks & Spencer store). All other Town Centre Car Parks within that radius (and beyond) are already charged.
- 2.3 Civil Enforcement of on-street parking has led to increased occupancy of Crewe's Town Centre Car Parks. There is a greater need to regulate this through the introduction of a charging regime in Thomas Street.
- 2.4 Thomas Street Car Park will now be patrolled and enforced by Civil Enforcement Officers. Their increased presence will have a beneficial effect on crime reduction and prevention and improve the security of vehicles parked there.
- 2.5 The costs of improvement works, operational costs and regular maintenance will now be borne by the users of the facilities rather than the Council Tax Payers as a whole. The planned improvements works (£90k capital investment) will not go ahead unless charging is introduced to recover these costs. (A £120k scheme has already been undertaken at this site).
- 2.6 The proposed order will amend the Borough of Crewe and Nantwich (General) (Off Street Parking Places) Order to introduce a pay and display system of car parking on Thomas Street East and West Car Parks, restrict waiting as indicated in the report and introduce further restrictions to ensure its proper management and use.
- 2.7 The hours of charging have already been adjusted to allow for the frequent use of the car park by users of the leisure and sports facilities at Cumberland Track. This concession has been made owing to the unique position of this car park in this respect and in recognition of the needs of leisure users following previous consultations.
- 2.8 The improved control of parking which should result from charging would benefit the economies of the town centre, as the principle is to remove long stay parking from very central locations, freeing up spaces for shorter stay customers and visitors. This also discourages non-essential car use in general.
- 2.9 The former Crewe & Nantwich Borough Council and Local Joint Highways Committee gave initial approval, subject to statutory consultation, to introduce Pay & Display charging on Thomas St. Car Park.
- 2.10 The forthcoming development of Lyceum Square will see a reduction of 11 shoppers spaces. Regulation of this car park is therefore necessary to improve space availability in the Town Centre.

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: ENVIRONMENT AND PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 6 August 2009
Report of: Borough Solicitor And Monitoring Officer
Subject/Title: Work Programme

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 To consider further the items proposed for inclusion in the Committee's Work Programme and determine which items should be included in the Work Programme for the current municipal year.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Committee agree its Work Programme.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 It is good practice to agree a Work Programme to enable effective management of the Committee's business.

4.0 Wards Affected

- 4.1 All

5.0 Local Ward Members

- 5.1 Not applicable.

6.0 Policy Implications including

- 6.1 Not known at this stage.

7.0 Financial Implications for Transition Costs (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)

- 7.1 None identified at the moment.

8.0 Financial Implications 2009/10 and beyond (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)

- 8.1 Not known at this stage.

9.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

9.1 None.

10.0 Risk Management

10.1 There are no identifiable risks.

11.0 Background and Options

11.1 At the last meeting of the Committee, Members considered a list of potential items for the Work Programme that had been given a priority order at the Scrutiny briefing session held on 27 April

11.2 The Committee is now invited to consider and determine a Work Programme, decide a priority order, agree timescales and methodology – for example, whether items should be dealt with by a Task/Finish Panel, at the main Committee etc.

11.3 To assist the Committee, each of the issue highlighted in the work programme should be assessed against the following criteria:

- Does the issue fall within a corporate priority
- Is the issue of key interest to the public
- Does the matter relate to a poor or declining performing service for which there is no obvious explanation
- Is there a pattern of budgetary overspends
- Is it a matter raised by external audit management letters and or audit reports.
- Is there a high level of dissatisfaction with the service

If during the assessment process any of the following emerge, then the topic should be rejected:

- The topic is already being addressed elsewhere
- The matter is subjudice
- Scrutiny cannot add value or is unlikely to be able to conclude an investigation within the specified timescale

12.0 Overview of Year One and Term One Issues

12.1 It is good practice to have a Work Programme for the Committee to consider and prioritise on a regular basis.

13.0 Access to Information

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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Environment and Prosperity Scrutiny Committee

| Issue | Priority | Comment | Date |
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| Highway Maintenance | High Council priority | To receive a presentation | 6 August |
| Waste Management (Including recycling) | High Council Priority | To receive a presentation | 6 August |
| Residential Parking Schemes | High | To receive a presentation | 6 August |
| Presentation on Strategic Housing Review (2 nd on agenda) | High | This issue is a priority for the Portfolio Holder. Policy Development | 6 August |
| Town Centres Redevelopment – Progress Report (Including Crewe Railway) | High | This issue is a priority for the Portfolio Holder | 23 September 2009 |
| Provision of Gypsy Sites | Medium | Congleton Borough Council considered this issue. However progress halted due to LGR | 23 September 2009 |
| Crematorium Crewe | | This issue is a priority for the Portfolio Holder. | TBA |
| Queens Restoration | Medium/High | To monitor the Queens Park Restoration Project | TBA |
| Budget | | | July - November |
| Climate Change | Medium Council Priority | The County Council investigated the impact of climate change in Cheshire. Two groups had been established to see how climate change could be taken forward. | 25 November 2009 |
| Air Quality | Medium | It was agreed at the Scrutiny Committee held on 19 March that this issue should be deferred for 6 months | 21 January 2010 |

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| Economic Development Strategy – Interim Statement | High | This issue is a priority for the Portfolio Holder | TBA |
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Dates of Future Meetings

6 August 2009
23 September 2009
25 November 2009
21 January 2010
25 March 2010

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: ENVIRONMENT AND PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 6 August 2009
Report of: Borough Solicitor and Monitoring Officer
Subject/Title: Forward Plan

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 To consider the forward plan in relation to the remit of this Committee

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Committee note the forward plan, identify any new items and determine whether any further examination of new issues is appropriate.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 The forward plan can be a useful tool for scrutiny to assist with identifying future items for consideration.

4.0 Wards Affected

- 4.1 All

5.0 Local Ward Members

- 5.1 Not applicable

6.0 Policy Implications

- 6.1 Not known at this stage

7.0 Financial Implications for Transition Costs

- 7.1 None identified at the moment

8.0 Financial Implications 2009/10 and beyond

- 8.1 Not known at this stage

9.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

9.1 None

10.0 Risk Management

10.1 There are no identifiable risks

11.0 Background and Options

11.1 Relevant extracts from the forward plan that relate to the area of Environment and Prosperity Scrutiny Committee are attached to this report for the Committee to note, consider any new items and decide whether any further examination of new issues as appropriate.

12.0 Overview of Year One and Term One Issues

12.1 it is good practice for scrutiny to regularly consider the Forward Plan in so far as it relates to the Committee's remit.

13.0 Access to Information

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| CE09/10-06 Crewe Green Link Road Project | To consider a highways scheme to open up a strategic employment site at Basford East, to adopt the business case, refresh a decision to make a compulsory purchase order, and to note the financial implications and risk. | Cabinet | 6 Oct 2009 | Statutory consultations have been carried out and will continue at each stage of the process. | John Nicholson, Strategic Director Places |
| CE09/10-22 East Cheshire Bus Contract | To consider service provision across Cheshire East to deliver efficiency targets and to align spending on passenger transport with the budget. | Cabinet | 11 Aug 2009 | Full statutory consultation will take place prior to implementation including with service users, Members, Parish and Town Councils and Bus Operators. | John Nicholson, Strategic Director Places |
| CE09/10-23 A537 Cat and Fiddle Motorcycle Casualty Reduction Scheme | Acceptance of grant from the Department of Transport for the scheme to reduce the number of casualties. | Cabinet | 11 Aug 2009 | With Portfolio Holder and officers. | John Nicholson, Strategic Director Places |

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| CE09/10-24 Acquisition of Site for Waste Transfer Station Facilities | Purchase of a site in Macclesfield for use as a waste transfer station. | Cabinet | 11 Aug 2009 | Financial, legal and property officers. | John Nicholson, Strategic Director Places |
| CE09/10-17 Community Transport Programme | To determine the future basis for procurement and integration of community transport and other pre booked passenger transport services. | Cabinet | 11 Aug 2009 | Consultation with Portfolio Holder and officers. More detailed consultation with local stakeholders and wider public will follow Cabinet review. | John Nicholson, Strategic Director Places |
| CE09/10-18 Tatton Biennial | To endorse the proposal for 2010-2012 and agree to enter into a contract with external funding agencies. | Cabinet | 11 Aug 2009 | With local and regional stakeholders. | John Nicholson, Strategic Director Places |

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| CE09/10-21 Community Transport Strategy | To determine the future basis for procurement and integration of community transport and other pre booked transport services. | Cabinet | 6 Oct 2009 | Consultation and stakeholder engagement was included within the preparation of the community transport strategy produced by Cheshire County Council and adopted by this Council. Current consultation is being carried out with the two main service providers. | John Nicholson, Strategic Director Places |
| CE09/10-26 Connect 2 - European Regional Development Fund | To enter into a contract with the North West Development Agency to develop pedestrian and cycle links between Nantwich and employment sites in Crewe. | Cabinet | 8 Sep 2009 | Local consultation has taken place as part of the development of the proposal and will continue prior to implementation. | |

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