

# **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the  
**Cabinet Members for Prosperity and Performance & Capacity**  
held on Tuesday, 29th September, 2009 at Committee Suite 3, Westfields,  
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

## **PRESENT**

Councillor David Brown, Cabinet Member for Performance and Capacity  
Councillor Jamie Macrae, Cabinet Member for Prosperity

## **In attendance**

Councillor Lesley Smetham, Cabinet Support Member, Sustainable  
Communities

## **Officers**

Stuart Penny, Planning Policy Manager  
Paul Urwin, Spatial Planning Officer  
Paul Mountford, Legal and Democratic Services

## **1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were declared.

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

There were no members of the public present.

## **3 DRAFT STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

The Cabinet Member for Performance and Capacity considered the draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) for the purposes of public consultation.

The SCI was a public statement of the local planning authority's procedures and intentions regarding community involvement in the production of Local Development Documents (LDDs), and Development Management decisions, giving information on when and how consultation would take place. It set out how Cheshire East Council would involve all sectors of the community in the planning process.

The draft SCI indicated that the Council would engage communities from an early stage in the preparation of LDDs and throughout the process, with consultation being tailored to engage appropriate parts of the community at various stages of plan preparation. This was considered essential to

achieve local ownership and legitimacy for the policies that would shape the future distribution of land uses and development in Cheshire East.

Councillor B Moran had submitted a number of comments on the draft SCI. The Cabinet Member asked that the document be amended as appropriate to take on board Councillor Moran's comments and to reflect the current position regarding Waste and Minerals.

RESOLVED

That

- (1) the draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) be approved for the purposes of public consultation; and
- (2) the results of the public consultation, and any recommended modifications to the draft SCI that may result, be reported to Cabinet for a resolution to adopt as part of the Council's Local Development Framework (LDF).

#### **4 CREWE AND NANTWICH AREA: DRAFT STRATEGIC HOUSING LAND AVAILABILITY ASSESSMENT**

The Cabinet Members for Prosperity and Performance and Capacity considered the draft Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) for the Crewe and Nantwich area for the purposes of public consultation.

The Council's Local Development Scheme identified the preparation of a SHLAA as one of the most important pieces of evidence needed to support the Cheshire East Core Strategy. The only area of Cheshire East where this work had yet to be done was the area of the former Borough of Crewe and Nantwich.

The SHLAA was a technical study to inform future policy development; it did not in itself constitute planning policy. The Assessment was intended to provide an indication of which land was deliverable and developable within the area of the former Crewe and Nantwich Borough.

A draft SHLAA had now been agreed with the Crewe and Nantwich SHLAA Task Group. To accord with the statutory procedures it now needed to be made available for full public consultation with stakeholders and interested parties.

RESOLVED

That the draft Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) for the Crewe and Nantwich area be approved for a statutory six week period of public consultation.

**5 DISPOSAL OF LAND AT LODMORE LANE, BURLEYDAM FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

This item had been withdrawn from the agenda and would be considered by the appropriate Cabinet Member at a later date.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 10.30 am

Councillor David Brown