

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Cabinet Members for Prosperity and Performance & Capacity** held on Tuesday, 24th November, 2009 in the Fred Flint Room, Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

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

Also in attendance

Councillor Betty Howell, Local Ward Member

Officer present

Paul Mountford, Legal and Democratic Services

Apologies

Brian Reed, Democratic Services Manager

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

2 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

Mr T Lightfoot and Mrs C Lightfoot spoke in support of the Crewe and Nantwich Twinning Association's application for grant funding, due to be considered later in the meeting.

3 REQUEST FOR GRANT BY CREWE AND NANTWICH TWINNING ASSOCIATION

The Cabinet Member for Performance and Capacity considered an application from the Crewe and Nantwich Twinning Association (CANTA) for grant funding in the current financial year.

Cabinet had considered a report on twinning on 14th July and had asked the Cabinet Member to advise it upon how twinning for the new authority should be taken forward. It was acknowledged that a review of twinning arrangements would take between 12 and 18 months to complete. In the meantime, the Council could expect to receive requests for grants relating to twinning. These would need to be determined prior to implementation of the Council's review recommendation.

Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council used to provide an annual grant to CANTA in the sum of £5,000.

Cheshire East Council had a net budget of just over £17,000 for the whole of the Borough; this included a specific budget for the £5,000 previously paid to CANTA.

Councillor Betty Howell attended both as a Local Ward Member and as Cheshire East Council's representative on CANTA. Councillor Howell, who declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest as the Council's representative on the body, spoke in support of the grant application.

RESOLVED

That a grant of £5,000 be awarded to the Crewe and Nantwich Twinning Association (CANTA) in the current financial year.

4 APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATION – LGA URBAN COMMISSION

The Cabinet Member for Prosperity considered the appointment of a representative to the LGA Urban Commission.

At its meeting on 3 March 2009, the Cabinet had made appointments to all outside organisations on the Category 1 Schedule (high level strategic or statutory organisations). Councillors B G Silvester and J Macrae had been appointed to the LGA Urban Commission.

The LGA Urban Commission provided the forum within the Local Government Association (LGA) for member authorities whose areas were wholly or partly urban.

Councillor Macrae had since resigned from the appointment and a replacement was required. Councillor P Mason had expressed a willingness to be appointed.

RESOLVED

That

- (1) Councillor Peter Mason be appointed to the LGA Urban Commission, with immediate effect, to replace Councillor Jamie Macrae; and
- (2) the appointment terminate on 5 May 2011 (the date of the local elections).

5 ASSISTED PURCHASE SCHEME

This item was withdrawn and would be considered at a future date.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 10.25 am

Councillor David Brown