

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Cabinet Member for Resources**
held on Wednesday, 30th December, 2009 at Committee Suite 1, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor F Keegan, Cabinet Member for Resources

Officers

Lisa Quinn, Borough Treasurer and Head of Assets
Diane Moulson, Democratic Services

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

2 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

3 COUNCIL TAX BASE 2010/11

The Cabinet Member considered a report on the Council Tax Base for Cheshire East with a view to making a recommendation to Council.

In accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 1992, Cheshire East Council was required to agree its Tax Base before 31 January 2010 so that the information could be provided to Cheshire Police Authority and Cheshire Fire Authority for their budget processes.

The Tax Base for the area was the estimated number of chargeable dwellings expressed as a number of Band D equivalents adjusted for an estimated number of discounts, exemptions, disabled relief and appeals plus an allowance for non-collection.

The Tax Base had been calculated on the assumption that properties remaining empty for longer than six months were allowed a discount of 25% and that properties regarded as second homes were allowed a discount of 25%. The number of band D equivalent properties for 2010/11 was 146,238.98.

It was necessary to further adjust the Tax Base for:

Changes in the Valuation List

These could arise for a variety of reasons such as appeals, disabled relief, new properties, deleted properties and changes in discount or exemption entitlements. Taking into account these factors, the Tax Base was expected to increase by 398.44 properties.

Non-collection

It was suggested that a reduction of 1% be made in the Tax Base to accommodate non-collection. This reduced the Tax Base by 1,466.37 to 145,171.05.

RESOLVED

That the Cabinet Member for Resources recommends to Council that, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 1992, the amount to be calculated by Cheshire East Council as its Council Tax Base for the year 2010/11 is:

- for the whole area – 145,171.05
- for each Parish area as set out in Appendix A to the report

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 10.10 am

Councillor Frank Keegan