

Environment and Prosperity Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

Date: Tuesday, 21st December, 2010
Time: 10.30 am
Venue: Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road,
Sandbach CW11 1HZ

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**

A total period of 15 minutes is allocated for members of the public to make a statement(s) on any matter that falls within the remit 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

4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** (Pages 1 - 6)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2010 as a correct record

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. **Cheshire East Local Development Framework Annual Monitoring Report 2009/10** (Pages 7 - 18)

To receive a report on the findings of the Annual Monitoring Report 2009/10.

6. **Work Programme** (Pages 19 - 26)

To give consideration to the work programme

7. **Forward Plan** (Pages 27 - 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 Tuesday, 23rd November, 2010 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3,
Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor G M Walton (Chairman)
Councillor A Martin (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors W S Davies, H Davenport, R Fletcher, L Gilbert, M Hollins,
M Parsons, M J Simon, C G Thorley and M J Weatherill

In attendance

Councillors L Smetham and L Thompson

J Goodman, J Lees, G Roberts, A Ross and C Simpson

Apologies

Councillors S Broadhurst

45 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/WHIPPING DECLARATIONS

None

46 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/ OPEN SESSION

In accordance with the constitution Mr P Smith, addressed the Committee in relation to item 5 – Draft Local Transport Plan Strategy Consultation. He raised strong concerns regarding the fact that the information points in bus stations were to be closed, which was contrary to the aims of the policy.

47 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 26 October 2010.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

48 DRAFT LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN STRATEGY CONSULTATION

Consideration was given to the report outlining the draft Local Transport Plan (LTP) strategy which set out the proposed priorities for transport. The strategy would be directly linked to the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) and

showed how transport contributes to the achievement of wider ambitions for the area. It was reported that a five week period of public consultation on the draft strategy began on the 19th October 2010.

Section 10 of the report outlined the following 7 key themes of “Ambition for All”, which Members were requested to comment upon:

- To ensure a sustainable future
- To create conditions for business growth
- To drive out the sources of poor health
- Nurture strong communities
- Support our children and young people
- Prepare for an increasingly older population
- Unlock the potential of our towns

Members made the following comments and observations on the key themes:

- With regard to the bus service, it was questioned how the balance between the need for the service and the cost of running the service could be addressed in rural areas, as some buses appeared to be infrequently used. It was reported that the buses may be empty for operational reasons; however access to services was currently being investigated with a view to working closer with operators to ensure value for money was being achieved.
- With regard to Policy S3 – Public Transport (Integration and Facilities), Members agreed that the reopening of Middlewich Station should be included.
- With regard to the proposed budget cuts, it was agreed that the Scrutiny Committee should be involved in scrutinising any possible cuts to services at the earliest opportunity.
- It was agreed that the possibility of being able to use bus passes for other forms of transport such as private taxis, should be investigated.
- It was agreed that the possibility of the general public being able to fill any empty seats on school buses should be investigated.
- Members raised strong concerns that the information points at bus stations were due to be closed and requested that this be reconsidered.
- It was noted that the DFT were still minded to support the Crewe Green Link Road, however a final decision would not be made until December 2011.
- Members agreed that Public Transport Liaison Committees should be reintroduced as they form a vital part of the democratic process.

RESOLVED

That Cabinet be informed of the above comments and observations when its gives consideration to the Local Transport Plan Strategy.

49 ALL CHANGE FOR CREWE VISION

The Committee gave consideration to a presentation on “All Change for Crewe” which informed the Committee that:

Over a year ago Cheshire East embarked on establishing its approach for shaping the future of Crewe, a Consultancy team led on a comprehensive programme, including:

- Extensive consultation with key stakeholders, including LAP, internal officers and delivery partners
- Compilation of an evidence base, detailing the economic challenges in particular
- Development of a strategic framework identifying where Crewe should be – in local, sub-regional, regional and national terms
- Devised an action plan

Since then the public funding environment had changed, so actions needed to be readjusted but not the ambition. This approach encompassed everyone, including local businesses, in harnessing skills, knowledge, networks and drive to deliver this ambition

- Not just the obvious economic actions, but wider ones that contribute to confidence in Crewe as a place to live, work, visit and invest
- Not just longer-term strategic actions, but the need to deliver more tangible projects in the short – medium term too
- And need to connect these as part of the ‘All Change for Crewe’ story.

The presentation also outlined:

- Why there was a need for change in Crewe
- The key economic challenges
- The strategic vision
- The priority projects
- Delivering the vision
- Key progress
- Next steps with regard to governance, funding, public engagement and a script that will be circulated to all key stakeholders to facilitate an ambassadorial role.

Members agreed that an important priority for Crewe should be to improve the schooling and raising young people’s aspirations. It was highlighted to Members that this was also a key issue discussed with the Senior Management Team and that educational attainment in Crewe is a priority for the Children and Families Service.

Members requested that a programme of key actions over the short, medium and long term be developed and circulated to the Committee and that a further update be received in the future.

RESOLVED

1. That the presentation be received.
2. That education be considered a key priority.
3. That a programme of key actions be circulated to the Committee
4. That an update be brought back to the Committee at a future date.

Councillors Thorley, Weatherill and Fletcher left the meeting during consideration of the above item.

50 MACCLESFIELD ECONOMIC MASTER PLAN

The Committee received a presentation on the Macclesfield Economic Master Plan which informed the Committee that Cheshire East Council had commissioned a consultancy team, led to develop an Economic Masterplan for Macclesfield, with the core focus on Macclesfield Town Centre, and direct reference to the Wilson Bowden Development Agreement that is in place and the South Macclesfield Development Area (SMDA). The presentation also outlined:

- The process to date
- Feedback on the consultation, option 4 (retail, leisure, housing, new football stadium and new link road) being the preferred option for the SMDA.
- Action plans
- Key messages and actions
- Preferred options and testing
- Accessibility
- Planning evidence
- Market perspective
- Next steps and time frame
- Marketing and visioning messages
- Recommended next steps
- Short term goals
- conclusions

Members discussed the plans for the football stadium within the SMDA, and the desire for a theatre, although it was unknown where this would be located.

With regard to town centre management, Members commented that there was a large amount of litter around Macclesfield Town Hall and requested that this issue be rectified.

It was agreed that an update would be brought back to the Committee in due course.

RESOLVED

1. That the presentation be received.
2. That an update be brought back to the Committee in due course.

Councillors Hollins and Parsons left the meeting during consideration of the above item.

51 FORWARD PLAN

Consideration was given to the extracts of the forward plan which fall within the remit of the Committee.

RESOLVED

That the extracts be noted

52 WORK PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to the work programme. It was agreed that the LTP Implementation Plan would be considered at the Scrutiny Committee scheduled to be held on 8 February 2011.

RESOLVED

That the LTP Implementation Plan be considered at the Scrutiny Committee scheduled to be held on 8 February 2011.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 12.05 pm

Councillor G M Walton (Chairman)

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Environment and Prosperity Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting:	21 st December 2010
Report of:	Pamela Cunio, Principal Planning Officer
Subject/Title:	Cheshire East Local Development Framework Annual Monitoring Report 2009/10
Portfolio Holder	Councillor David Brown

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out the findings in the Annual Monitoring Report 2009/10. The Annual Monitoring Report sets out information on the implementation of the local development scheme and the extent to which the policies set out in local development frameworks are being achieved during the period 1st April 2009 to 31st March 2010.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Environment and Prosperity Scrutiny Committee note for information the findings in the Annual Monitoring Report 2009/10.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 Every planning authority has to make an annual report to the Secretary of State containing information on the implementation of the local development scheme and the extent to which the policies set out in local development schemes are being achieved. The report is going to the Strategic Planning Board on 5th January and will subsequently be signed off by the Portfolio Holder for Performance and Capacity in due course.

Monitoring is very important in order to establish what is happening now, what may happen in the future and then compare these trends against existing policies and targets to determine whether any changes are necessary. It provides a crucial method for feedback within the process of policy making and implementation whilst also identifying key challenges and opportunities enabling adjustments and revisions to be made as necessary through the Local Development Framework (LDF) process.

4.0 Wards Affected

- 4.1 All Wards.

5.0 Local Ward Members

5.1 All.

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

6.1 The report contains statistical evidence on the performance of existing development plan policies which will be crucial in the formulation and process of policy making and implementation of the Local Development Framework.

7.0 Financial Implications

7.1 N/A

8.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

8.1 Submission of an annual report containing prescribed information regarding:
a) implementation of the Local Development Scheme and
b) the extent to which the policies set out in Local Development Documents are being achieved is a statutory requirement imposed by s35 Planning & Compensation Act 2004.

9.0 Risk Management

9.1 To comply with Section 35 of The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

10.0 Background and Options

10.1 This is the second Annual Monitoring Report for Cheshire East Council. Every local planning authority has to make an annual report to the Secretary of State containing information on the implementation of the local development scheme and the extent to which the policies set out in local development frameworks are being achieved. However at present the existing Development Plan for Cheshire East consists of:

- North West of England Plan Regional Spatial Strategy to 2021 (2008)
- Cheshire 2016 Structure Plan Alteration (2006)
- Cheshire Replacement Minerals Local Plan (1999)
- Cheshire Replacement Waste Local Plan (2007)
- Congleton Borough Local Plan First Review (2005)
- Borough of Crewe and Nantwich Replacement Local Plan (2005)
- Macclesfield Borough Local Plan (2004).

- 10.2 The Executive Summary to the Annual Monitoring Report is set out in Appendix 1. It gives the extent of development and progress throughout the Borough highlighting the main conclusions from each of the chapters.
- 10.3 This is the second Annual Monitoring Report that Cheshire East Council has produced and progress is being made on the preparation of the Local Development Framework with consultation on the Core Strategy Issues and Options being underway. In addition three Supplementary Planning Documents have been adopted during the period. The saved policies of the Local Plans continue to withstand the test of the appeal procedures with the more general policies being tested the most however national policy, namely Green Belt, has been challenged the most.
- 10.4 The area continues to be affected to some extent by the national economic climate with the number of houses built remaining low and economic floorspace completions falling to almost half the rate of the previous monitoring period. However the number of vacant shops in town centres has reduced, unemployment rates remain below the regional level and Cheshire East's top attractions have had a steadily increasing number of visitors.
- 10.5 The number of affordable dwellings built has been increasing each year since 2006 with 334 being completed in this monitoring period. In addition a significant number of all the houses built this year have been smaller sized 1 and 2 bedroom properties.
- 10.6 Local Planning Authorities are required to identify and maintain a rolling 5-year supply of deliverable housing sites. The Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment identified 4.48 years supply. Consequently the Council intend to identify broad locations for future housing growth. The Council has agreed to introduce an interim statement on the release of housing land following consultation. The statement suggests that this will provide the authority with a 5.3 years supply of deliverable housing sites.
- 10.7 The natural environment and heritage assets continue to be well managed throughout the Borough and work continues on the management of climate change. While there has been a drop in demand for materials for the construction sector, standards of development/ energy efficiency is improving. Waste management is moving away from landfilling in favour of recycling/composting.
- 10.8 It is imperative that the Council continue this monitoring. Monitoring provides a crucial method for feedback within the process of policy making and implementation whilst also indentifying key challenges and opportunities enabling adjustments and revisions to be made as necessary through the Local Development Framework (LDF) process on which work is progressing well.

11.0 Access to Information

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

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Cheshire East Local Development Framework

Annual Monitoring Report 2009/10

December 2010

Chapter 1 Executive Summary

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1.1 This is the second Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) produced by Cheshire East Council to comply with the requirements of Section 35 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

Local Development Scheme

1.2 The following progress has been made with the preparation of the Local Development Framework:

- The Evidence Base to support the LDF, particularly the Core Strategy, has been put together over the last year.
- The Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report for the Core Strategy was undertaken between 27th April and 1st June 2009.
- The first stage of consultation on the Core Strategy Issues and Options Paper (Regulation 25 Consultation) was undertaken between November/December, for a 6 week period.
- Three Supplementary Planning Documents have been adopted: Alsager Town Centre, Local List, and Smallwood Village Design Statement.

Communities

1.3 The numbers of houses built remains low, with only 634 net dwellings being completed in 2009/10, whilst the affordability of housing remains a significant issue within Cheshire East, with house prices remaining high. On the positive side there has been an increase in the numbers of affordable dwellings built and a significant number of the dwellings built have been smaller sized 1 and 2 bedroom properties.

1.4 The Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment identified 5,147 deliverable dwellings that were expected to come forward within the 1-5 year period, this equates to 4.48 years supply. Therefore there are currently insufficient 'deliverable' sites to meet the five year supply requirement. The Council intend to identify broad locations for future housing growth which will provide an additional 1,350 dwellings to the 5 year supply and consequently increase the 5 year supply total is increased to 6,097 dwellings. This equates to 5.3 years supply.

1.5 The population of Cheshire East is forecast to continue to grow, with an increasing number of people in the 65 or older age category, a likely result of the high life expectancy and good health in the area and as well as the general age profile of the Borough.

Economy

1.6 The effects of the economic recession continued throughout most of 2009, however, there appeared to be signs of recovery during 2010 evidenced at the national level by increases in GDP and stabilising unemployment rates. Cheshire East has felt the impact of the recession, with employment floorspace completions falling to almost half the rate in the 2009/10 period compared with the previous monitoring period. Despite this, the area

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has proven itself to be resilient with unemployment rates remaining below the regional level, and GVA projections anticipating higher annual growth in Cheshire East than the expected regional rates.

1.7 It is difficult to analyse indicator results at the present time due to a lack of time-series data. Nonetheless, certain trends appear to be emerging and will require further monitoring in order to assess their implications. Supply figures were down on the previous year by around 12 ha; half of this is accounted for by completed developments, whilst the remainder is due to permissions having expired. Over 80% of the supply is for mixed use development, and four large sites account for more than half of the supply (two of these are located in Crewe). It will be important to ensure that the Council maintains a supply of sites available for employment development and addresses any deficits in employment land provision through losses of existing uses.

Town Centres

1.8 The main conclusions that can be drawn from how the Borough's retail offering has performed during 2009/10 are that there has generally been a decrease in the number of vacant shops and retail uses within the town centres; most notably shops (A1) and financial & professional (A2) uses, although there are variations within the Borough. Notwithstanding this the majority of retail and leisure development has taken place within the town centres, which is a positive outcome. There are also currently 2 major regeneration schemes in the pipeline for Crewe and Macclesfield and a smaller scheme for Congleton.

Tourism and Culture

1.9 Cheshire East boasts many cultural assets, which appear to be performing well as reflected by steadily increasing visitor numbers to the area's top attractions. In addition to built attractions the area hosts a number of festivals which are well attended and help to generate income and increase the profile of Cheshire East. The authority is proactive in developing its visitor economy, and has developed a Visitor Economy Strategy for the area. This is an important component of the Council's economic priorities as it is an important contributor to the economy, contributing to local quality of life, and has a positive impact on decisions over business location and individual choices over where to live and work. The LDF will need to reflect these trends and aspirations within its policy framework.

Minerals and Waste

1.10 A key trend for minerals is the reported reduction in production of primary land won aggregates. The drop in demand for materials from the construction sector has been the principle reason for this. Aggregate landbanks remain above the national indicators although the recent revision of regional aggregate apportionments which require less primary land-won aggregates will need to be considered in the formulation of future policy.

1.11 The key trend for waste is the continued decline in overall municipal solid waste (MSW) arisings and the move away from landfilling in favour of recycling/composting. An implication of this trend has been the extension of the consented lifespans of existing landfill facilities as capacity is being reached slower than anticipated. New permitted

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facilities are utilising methods of waste management that move away from disposal and instead recover energy and recycle. This shows consistency with existing planning policy and waste strategy.

1.12 Consistent data capture on commercial and industrial waste (CIW) and construction, demolition and excavation waste (CDEW) streams has proved problematic. However, updated figures on CIW show an overall reduction in arisings and a significant increase in recycling whilst evidence also points towards a reduction in overall CDEW arisings.

Environment

1.13 Heritage assets present within Cheshire East are being pro-actively managed through the provision of guidance to landowners; the development of guidance notes on heritage features; the creation of a Local List of Important Buildings identifying locally important structures; the development of Conservation Area Appraisals for 31 of the 76 conservation areas in Cheshire East and the implementation of planning policy relating to heritage assets.

1.14 This proactive management has ensured that no nationally designated heritage features have been lost during the monitoring period and a significant reduction in the number of assets deemed to be at risk from 51 to 38 structures has occurred between the last two monitoring periods.

1.15 The natural environment within Cheshire East is being managed through the provision of guidance to landowners and the implementation of planning policy in Local Plans.

1.16 This management has resulted in an improvement to the condition of a number of locally important habitats; although a revision of the boundaries of Folly Cottage Meadow and Wood and Brereton Plantation has reduced the overall extent of locally important habitats. Planning policies have also ensured that none of these sites have been negatively impacted by development during the 2009/10 monitoring period.

1.17 Management has also positively reduced the area of land with SSSI status in favourable, declining condition by 149ha and subsequently increased the area of land with SSSI status in unfavourable, recovering by 82ha. However, there has been a decrease of 24ha of land designated with SSSI status deemed to be in favourable condition.

1.18 Planning policies have ensured that no SSSIs have been negatively impacted by development during the 2009/10 monitoring period.

1.19 Based on these results it can be concluded that the management strategies and policies seeking to ensure the protection and maintenance of the natural environment within Cheshire East are operating successfully.

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Climate Change

1.20 Cheshire East is committed to the management of climate change: cause and effect and the achievement of sustainable development. This is to be achieved through ensuring the efficiency of Council activities and positively influencing development across the Borough.

1.21 Air quality within Cheshire East is being positively influenced by management activities. This is indicated by the improvement to the majority of the Air Quality Management Areas declared in Cheshire East (due to their poor air quality). However, there may be a need to ensure that air quality outside these areas is similarly maintained and improved.

1.22 Water quality has also improved. As evident in the increase in the proportion of rivers achieving a good status for both chemical and biological quality between 2004 and 2006. A key factor contributing to this is the fact that during the most recent monitoring period, no applications were granted contrary to the advice of the Environment Agency on water quality or flood risk grounds.

1.23 The standard of development completed during the 2009/10 monitoring period was of good quality, with the average energy efficiency, SAP rating, of new homes in Cheshire East exceeding the national average for England (which was 78.5 in 2008). However, there is a need to continue to improvement of the efficiency of new development in order to meet national targets relating to carbon dioxide emissions and energy usage. Equally, the results of the Building for Life Assessment, which appraises the overall quality of a housing scheme show that there is significant room for improvement.

Policy Appraisal

1.24 The main policies which seem to be performing well are those in relation to Green Belt, National policy PPG2, this is due to the fact that a high proportion of the land within the former Macclesfield borough is within the Green Belt. Also the general design policies also appear to be performing well, these were the most commonly referred to policies in dismissed appeals e.g. BE.2 (Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council Replacement Local Plan 2011) and GR2 General Design Requirements (Congleton Borough Council Local Plan First Review). The design policies will be applicable to the majority of applications for new development and as a result referred to in a lot of decisions.

1.25 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 required Local Authorities to identify which policies they would like to save prior to their replacement with additional LDF documents. Guidance advised that only those policies which did not replicate existing national policy should be saved. As part of this process many policies from the former Boroughs Local Plans were saved. Subsequently an issue has emerged in relation to the loss of a particular policy from the former Macclesfield Borough Local Plan which related to replacement dwellings in the Green Belt. As a result there have been several appeals in relation to this and most recently a Judicial Review. Consideration is currently being given to what action is required by the Council to address this situation.

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1.26 The Government revoked the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) in July 2010. This was subsequently challenged by Cala Homes with the outcome that the revocation has been quashed. The effect is that RSS remains part of the development plan until the revocation has been through the necessary statutory procedures. The implications of the revocation are listed in Chapter 4 (para 4.18), however the Council must consider which policies of RSS need to be retained should the Government decide not to put in place transitional arrangements.



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CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: ENVIRONMENT AND PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 21 December 2010
Report of: Borough Solicitor
Subject/Title: Work Programme update

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 To review items in the 2010/2011 Work Programme and to determine whether or not any additional items need to be included.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Committee note the work programme.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 It is good practice to agree and review the 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 2010/11 and beyond

- 7.1 Not known at this stage.

8.0 Legal Implications

- 8.1 None.

9.0 Risk Management

- 9.1 There are no identifiable risks.

10.0 Background and Options

- 10.1 Since the last meeting of the Committee, The Chairman has met with the Portfolio Holders to discuss the work programme and future issues for the Committee.
- 10.2 The monitoring Officer has issued advice to Overview and Scrutiny Committees on the Membership of Task and Finish Groups for those occasions when Members do not wish to set up a task and finish Group on a proportional basis as follows:
- 10.3 The constitution currently requires that Task and Finish are organised on a proportional basis, but this has proved difficult with such small numbers (they usually consist of 5 or 6 members).
- 10.4 If the constitutional requirement for proportionality were removed, there is still a statutory requirement. By virtue of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, Schedule 1, advisory committees are subject to the proportionality rules contained in the act. Unlike the constitutional requirement, however, the Act permits proportionality to be dispensed with, provided that the scrutiny committee so decides on a 'nem con' vote. Removing the requirement in the constitution would therefore provide greater flexibility.
- 10.5 In effect this means that if members are mindful to set up a Task and Finish group on a non proportionate basis, this can only be done by a 'nem con' vote ie a vote without objection, otherwise the Task and Finish Group must be set up on a proportional basis
- 10.6 In reviewing the work programme, Members must pay close attention to the Corporate Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy.
- 10.7 Members must also have regard to the general criteria which should be applied to all potential items when considering whether any Scrutiny activity is appropriate. Matters 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

11 Access to Information

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Environment and Prosperity Scrutiny Committee Work Programme – December 2010

Issue	Description/Comments	Suggested by	Portfolio Holder	Corporate Priority	Current Position	Date
Annual Monitoring Report (AMR)	To give consideration to the Monitoring Report	Portfolio Holder (Macrae)	Macrae/Brown	The growth and development of a sustainable Cheshire East	On target	21 December 2010
Economic Development Strategy	Members gave consideration to the draft strategy on 8 June 2010 and requested to receive the final draft prior to it being submitted to Cabinet for approval	Committee	Macrae	The growth and development of a sustainable Cheshire East	Delayed	25 January 2011
Development Management Transformation Project and Member Group	To receive an update on the review of the computer systems, processes and culture. The basic platform is now in place, however the data still needs to be transferred, which should be completed by March 2011	Chairmen's Group	Macrae/Brown	Being an excellent Council and working with others	Delayed	25 January 2011
Economic Recovery Task Group - Presentation	To receive an update of the Economic Recovery Task Group	Portfolio Holder	Macrae/Brown	The growth and development of a sustainable Cheshire East	On target	25 January 2011
Tatton Vision and Business Plan	To receive an update on Tatton Vision	Portfolio Holder	Macrae	The growth and development of a sustainable Cheshire East	On target	25 January 2011
Local Transport Plan Implementation Plan	To give consideration to the Local Transport Plan prior to it being submitted to Cabinet for approval	Committee	Macrae	The growth and development of a sustainable Cheshire East	On target	8 February 2011

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Street Lighting Pilot	To receive an update on a project to have reduced/no lighting in residential areas, plus reduced lighting output when the traffic flows allow on major roads.	Portfolio Holder	Menlove	The growth and development of a sustainable Cheshire East	On target	8 February 2011
Interim Affordable Housing and Numbers	To consider the interim statement prior to it being considered by the Strategic Planning Board	Committee	Macrae	To grow and develop a sustainable Cheshire east	On target	8 February 2011
Future Housing Provisions	To consider the interim statement prior to it being considered by the Strategic Planning Board	Committee	Macrae	To grow and develop a sustainable Cheshire east	On target	8 February 2011

Possible Items to Monitor or consider at future Meetings

Carbon Reduction Commitment – June 2011 - Cllr Menlove
 Highway Assessment Management Plan and Network Management – Cllr Macrae/Menlove
 Crewe Crematorium – Cllr Menlove
 Updates on Highway Maintenance Term Contract Review (Cabinet Panel), Scrutiny Working group to decide a suitable date
 Budget
 Highway Policies – Cllr Menlove, special meetings TBA
 Performance Management – Cllr Brown
 Street Naming and Numbering – Cllr Menlove
 Waste Collection and Route Optimisation and Transfer Points – Cllr Menlove
 Update on All change for Crewe – Cllr Macrae - May
 Update on Macclesfield Economic Master Plan – Cllr Macrae - May
 Presentation on Strategic Housing Policies – Cllr Macrae – TBA

Dates of Future Environment and Prosperity Scrutiny Committee Meetings

21 December 2010, 25 Jan 2011, 8 Feb 2011, 22 March 2011, 26 April 2011.

Environment and Prosperity Scrutiny Committee Work Programme – December 2010

Dates of Future Cabinet Meetings

20 Dec 2010, 17 Jan 2011, 14 Feb 2011, 14 March 2011, 11 April 2011.

Dates of Future Council Meetings

24 February 2011, 21 April 2011, 18 May 2011

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CE10/11-57 Local Transport Plan Strategy	To approve the local transport plan strategy following public consultation.	Cabinet	17 Jan 2011	With Parish Councils, transport and environmental groups, neighbouring authorities, bus and train operators, Local Area /Partnership meetings.	John Nicholson, Strategic Director Places
CE10/11-60 Visitor Economy Strategy for Cheshire East	To endorse the strategy for adoption by the Council as a framework to deliver services and agree policy relating to the visitor economy.	Cabinet	17 Jan 2011	Public consultation via the website and with key representative tourism organisations.	John Nicholson, Strategic Director Places
Draft Local Transport Plan - Implementation Plan	To approve the draft Local Transport Implementation Plan following public consultation.	Cabinet	14 Mar 2011	Public consultation to include transport and environmental groups, neighbouring authorities, Parish Councils, bus and train operators, Local Area Partnerships.	John Nicholson, Strategic Director Places

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