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CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Annual Council Meeting**
held on Wednesday, 12th May, 2010 at Tatton Park, Knutsford and
reconvened on Thursday 13th May, at Congleton Town Hall

PRESENT

Councillor M Simon (Chairman 12 May)

Councillor G Baxendale (Chairman 13 May/Vice-Chairman 12 May)

12 May

Councillors E Alcock, C Andrew, A Arnold, Rachel Bailey, Rhoda Bailey, A Barratt, T Beard, D Beckford, S Bentley, S Broadhurst, D Brown, S Conquest, J Crockatt, H Davenport, M Davies, S Davies, R Domleo, B Dykes, P Edwards, P Findlow, W Fitzgerald, R Fletcher, D Flude, S Furlong, H Gaddum, L Gilbert, J Goddard, J Hammond, M Hardy, D Hough, O Hunter, T Jackson, J Jones, S Jones, F Keegan, A Knowles, A Kolker, W Livesley, J Macrae, A Martin, M Martin, P Mason, R Menlove, G Merry, A Moran, B Moran, H Murray, D Neilson, M Parsons, A Ranfield, B Silvester, L Smetham, D Stockton, D Thompson, C Thorley, A Thwaite, D Topping, R Walker, G M Walton, J Weatherill, R West, R Westwood, P Whiteley, S Wilkinson and J Wray

13 May

Councillors E Alcock, C Andrew, A Arnold, M Asquith Rachel Bailey, Rhoda Bailey, A Barratt, C Beard, T Beard, D Bebbington D Beckford, S Bentley, D Brickhill, S Broadhurst, D Brown, D Cannon S Conquest, J Crockatt, H Davenport, M Davies, S Davies, R Domleo, B Dykes, P Edwards, P Findlow, W Fitzgerald, R Fletcher, D Flude, S Furlong, H Gaddum, L Gilbert, J Goddard, J Hammond, M Hardy, O Hunter, T Jackson, J Jones, S Jones, F Keegan, A Knowles, A Kolker, W Livesley, J Macrae, A Martin, M Martin, P Mason, R Menlove, G Merry, A Moran, B Moran, H Murray, J Narraway D Neilson, M Parsons, A Ranfield, B Silvester, L Smetham, D Stockton, D Thompson, C Thorley, A Thwaite, D Topping, R Walker, G M Walton, J Weatherill, R West, R Westwood, P Whiteley, S Wilkinson and J Wray

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Barton, C Beard, D Bebbington, D Brickhill, D Cannon, E Gilliland, M Hardy, M Hollins, E Howell, S McGrory, J Narraway, R Parker and C Tomlinson.

2 PRAYERS

The Reverend Charles Razzall said prayers at the request of the Chairman.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor R West declared a personal interest in agenda item 5 (Appointment of Deputy Mayor 2010/11) by virtue of being the person nominated.

4 ELECTION OF MAYOR 2010/11

Council was requested to elect a Mayor for the Borough of Cheshire East for 2010/11, who would also act as chairman of the Council for that period.

It was proposed by Councillor R Domleo, seconded by Councillor D Hough, and

RESOLVED

That Councillor G Baxendale be elected Mayor of the Borough of Cheshire East for the year 2010/11 and chairman of the Council for that period.

The Chief Executive escorted the Mayor into the meeting.

The Mayor completed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was then invested with the Chain of Office. The Mayor thanked the Council for electing him to this office and informed Members that his wife, Felicity Baxendale, was to be his consort; she was then invested with the Chain of Office.

The Mayor announced that his Chaplain for the coming year would be Father William Kilkenny.

5 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2010/11

Council was requested to appoint a Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Cheshire East who would also act as vice-chairman of the Council for that period.

It was proposed by Councillor F Keegan, seconded by Councillor A Arnold, and

RESOLVED

That Councillor R West be appointed as Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Cheshire East for the year 2010/10 and vice-chairman of the Council for that period.

The Deputy Mayor thanked the Council for appointing him to this office and informed Members that his wife, Joanna West, would act as his Deputy Mayoress; she was then invested with the Chain of Office.

6 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR

Councillor W Fitzgerald paid tribute to the retiring Mayor and consort, Councillor M Simon and Mr M Simon, for the dedicated work they had undertaken during their term of office, the large number of engagements they had attended and the money they had raised for charity. The Mayor presented badges to Councillor Simon and Mr Simon, together with a commemorative gift. Councillor Simon gave a speech of thanks.

7 ANY OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications to be given.

8 PRESENTATION OF GRANT OF ARMS

Members were informed that the Council had been awarded a Grant of Arms. The Grant of Arms was presented to the Mayor by the Deputy Youth Mayor, Jack Victor.

9 RECONVENING OF MEETING - 2PM, THURSDAY 13 MAY 2010

Council agreed that the meeting would stand adjourned until 13 May 2010 at 2.00 pm, at Congleton Town Hall.

10 PRAYERS

The Mayor's Chaplain, Father W Kilkenny said prayers, at the request of the Mayor.

11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors G Barton, E Gilliland, M Hollins, D Hough, M Howell, G Mcgrory and C Tomlinson.

12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

13 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 APRIL 2010

RESOLVED

That the minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

14 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor informed Members that, since this was his first formal business meeting, he was not be able to report to them upon previous civic activities. However, they could be assured that he would give a good account of his engagements in the future.

There were three other important matters that he wished to bring to the attention of Members as follows :-

1. Firstly the Cheshire East's new staff recognition scheme, aspire4excellence was launched on the 5th May. Using the authority's aspire values, the scheme asked staff and Members to nominate colleagues who have demonstrated exceptional standards of work, through the aspire values. Both individuals and teams could be nominated and nominations would be judged by a panel, made up of HR officers and employees. Nomination forms could be found in Council buildings, or were available on the Cheshire East Website.
2. The second Tatton Park Biennial of Contemporary Art had opened to the public on Saturday 8 May and over 20 artists had been commissioned, to

develop new works for the park, formal gardens and mansion. One artist has gone more than the extra mile for his work. Neville Gabie had travelled thousands of miles to Greenland to 'harvest' an iceberg. This two ton block of ice would be housed in a glass structure and kept frozen, using solar power and pond water throughout the five month run of the contemporary art event. The Biennial was open until 26th September and the Mayor encouraged Members to support the exhibition.

3. Wrist bands, in support of the Mercian Regiment, could be purchased from the Council's Tourist Information Centres, if Members would like to make a donation.

15 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public present, wishing to use the public speaking facility.

16 POLITICAL REPRESENTATION ON THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES

Consideration was given to a report relating to political representation on the Council's Committees.

It was proposed by Councillor Fitzgerald, seconded by Councillor Domleo and

RESOLVED

That the political group representation, as set out in Appendices One and Two to the report, as submitted and the methods, calculations and conventions used in arriving at them as outlined in the report be adopted.

17 APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS TO DECISION-MAKING AND OTHER BODIES

Consideration was given to the proposed memberships of the Council's decision-making bodies and the appointment of those bodies.

The political groups' nominations of Members to the Council's decision-making and other bodies had been circulated to Members in advance of the meeting and copies were also circulated at the meeting.

Council was notified of a change, by the Independent Group Leader, to the list as circulated, to replace Councillor S McGrory with Councillor P Edwards on the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Fitzgerald, seconded by Councillor Domleo and

RESOLVED

That the nominations made by the Group Leaders to the bodies listed in Appendix Two of the previous agenda item and as circulated prior to the meeting be appointed, subject to the replacement of Councillor S McGrory with Councillor

P Edwards on the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee. (Updated list attached to these minutes).

18 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN

Consideration was given to the appointment of Chairmen and Vice-chairmen of the Council's decision making and other bodies.

The Political Group Leaders' nominations of chairmen and vice-chairmen to the Council's decision-making and other bodies had been circulated to Members in advance of the meeting and copies were also circulated at the meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor Fitzgerald, seconded by Councillor Domleo and

RESOLVED

That the chairmen and vice-chairmen to the Council's decision-making and other bodies, listed in the previous agenda item, as circulated in advance of the meeting and as attached be appointed.

19 LEADER'S REPORT TO COUNCIL - CABINET APPOINTMENTS

In accordance with Cabinet Procedure Rule 1, the Leader of the Council, Councillor Fitzgerald, presented to Council information about executive functions in the forthcoming year, including the names, addresses and electoral divisions of those Members appointed to the Cabinet, as attached.

20 QUESTIONS

No questions had been submitted by Members of the Council.

21 DESIGNATION OF STATUTORY ROLES

Consideration was given to the designation of the statutory roles of the Director of Adult Social Services and Director of Children's Services.

It was proposed by Councillor Fitzgerald, seconded by Councillor Domleo and

RESOLVED

1. That the transfer of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the Director of Children's Services from the Strategic Director (People) to the Head of Children and Family Services, with effect from 1st June 2010, until 1st September 2010, when it will transfer to the new post of Director of Children's Services, be approved.
2. That the transfer of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the Director of Adult Social Services from the Strategic Director (People) to the Head of Adult Services, with effect from 1st June 2010, until 1st September 2010, when it will transfer to the new post of Director of Adult Services, be approved

3. That the Borough Solicitor be authorised to incorporate these revised designations into the Council's Constitution and to make such consequential amendments as he considers necessary.

The meeting commenced at 11.15 am and concluded at 12.20 pm on 12 May
and commenced at 2pm and concluded at 2.25pm on 13 May.

Councillor G Baxendale CHAIRMAN

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS AND CHAIRMEN/VICE-CHAIRMEN **2010/11**

This schedule lists all those bodies which fall to the Council to be appointed. Executive bodies are therefore excluded. The number of seats and political proportionality for each body are indicated in brackets.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (14) (10:2:1:1)			
Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Labour	Independent
R Westwood (C)	D Neilson (V C)	D Flude	M Parsons
A Barratt	J Goddard		
D Beckford			
T Jackson			
A Kolker			
W Livesley			
G Merry			
A Ranfield			
M Simon			
J Wray			

HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (14) (10:2:1:1)			
Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Labour	Independent
B Silvester (C)	S Jones	D Flude	A Moran
C Beard (VC)	C Tomlinson		
C Andrew			
G Baxendale			
S Bentley			
S Furlong			
W Livesley			
A Martin			
M Simon			
A Thwaite			

ENVIRONMENT AND PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (14) (10:2:1:1)			
Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Labour	Independent
G Walton (C)	R Fletcher	C Thorley	M Parsons
E Gilliland (V C)	S Broadhurst		
G Barton			
S Davies			
H Davenport			
L Gilbert			
M Hollins			
T Jackson			
M Simon			
J Weatherill			

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (14) (10:2:1:1)			
Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Labour	Independent
H Murray (C)	E Alcock	D Flude	P Edwards
W Livesley (VC)	D Hough		
A Barratt			
J Crockatt			
M Davies			
S Furlong			
M Hardy			
J Jones			
S Wilkinson			
J Wray			

CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (14) (10:2:1:1)			
Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Labour	Independent
A Thwaite (C)	J Narraway (VC)	S Conquest	P Edwards
G Barton	A Arnold		
G Baxendale			
D Brickhill			
J Crockatt			
H Davenport			
M Davies			
P Findlow			
D Topping			
S Wilkinson			

CHESHIRE AND WIRRAL COUNCIL'S JOINT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (6) (4:1:1:0) <i>(C & VC to be decided by the Committee)</i>			
Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Labour	Independent
C Andrew	S Jones	D Flude	
C Beard			
W Livesley			
M Simon			

REGULATORY AND OTHER COMMITTEES

GOVERNANCE AND CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE (14) (10:2:1:1)			
Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Labour	Independent
P Findlow (C)	S Jones	R Cartlidge	A Moran
D Brickhill (VC)	D Cannon		
M Asquith			
C Beard			
W Livesley			
R Parker			
D Topping			
R West			
P Whiteley			
J Wray			

STRATEGIC PLANNING BOARD (14) (10:2:1:1)			
Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Labour	Independent
H Davenport (C)	A Arnold	C Thorley	P Edwards
J Hammond (VC)	D Hough		
Rachel Bailey			
D Brown			
M Hollins			
W Livesley			
J Macrae			
G Walton			
S Wilkinson			
J Wray			

NORTHERN PLANNING COMMITTEE (15) (12:3:0:0)			
Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Labour	Independent
B Moran (C)	J Narraway		
R West (VC)	D Neilson		
C Andrew	C Tomlinson		
J Crockatt			
M Davies			
H Gaddum			
E Gilliland			
M Hardy			
O Hunter			
T Jackson			
L Smetham			
D Thompson			

SOUTHERN PLANNING COMMITTEE (15) (11:2:1:1)			
Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Labour	Independent
G Merry (C)	E Howell	T Beard	S McGrory
L Gilbert (VC)	S Jones		
D Bebbington			
S Davies			
B Dykes			
S Furlong			
J Jones			
A Kolker			
M Simon			
R Walker			
J Weatherill			

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE (7) (5:1:1:0)			
Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Labour	Independent
S Wilkinson (C)	D Cannon	R Cartlidge	
R Walker (VC)			
Rachel Bailey			
S Davies			
J Wray			

LICENSING COMMITTEE (15) (11:2:1:1)			
Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Labour	Independent
P Whiteley (C)	C Tomlinson	T Beard	M Parsons
B Dykes (VC)	J Goddard		
Rhoda Bailey			
D Bebbington			
H Davenport			
S Davies			
L Gilbert			
E Gilliland			
M Hardy			
A Ranfield			
J Wray			

GENERAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE (5) To be appointed by the Committee

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE (3) To be appointed by the Committee

STAFFING COMMITTEE (7) (5:1:1:0)			
Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Labour	Independent
D Topping (C)	R Fletcher	D Flude	
R Domleo (VC)			
W Fitzgerald			
B Moran			
F Keegan			

APPEALS COMMITTEE (7) (5:1:1:0)			
Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Labour	Independent
S Bentley (C)	R Fletcher	M Martin	
J Crockatt (VC)			
M Asquith			
L Gilbert			
M Simon			

STANDARDS COMMITTEE (8) (5:1:1:1)			
Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Labour	Independent
Rhoda Bailey	J Goddard	M Martin	M Parsons
B Dykes			
J Hammond			
M Hollins			
L Smetham			

LAY MEMBERS APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (7) (5:1:1:0)			
Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Labour	Independent
R Parker (C)	D Cannon	S Conquest	
C Beard (VC)			
A Barrett			
L Smetham			
D Thompson			

LOCAL AUTHORITY SCHOOL GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS PANEL (7) (5:1:1:0)			
Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Labour	Independent
D Thompson(C)	S Jones	M Martin	
G Merry (VC)			
B Dykes			
H Gaddum			
T Jackson			

CIVIC SUB-COMMITTEE (8) (5:1:1:1)			
Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Labour	Independent
P Findlow (C)	S Jones	R Cartlidge	A Moran
A Kolker			
W Livesley			
D Topping			
P Whiteley			

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WILMSLOW COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE (6) (4:1:1:0)			
Conservative	Liberal Democrat	Labour	Independent
J Crockatt (C)	S Jones	R Cartlidge	
P Whiteley (VC)			
G Barton			
D Stockton			

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Appointments to the Cabinet**Details of the Leader's appointments to the Cabinet and the functions delegated to Cabinet Members**

CABINET MEMBER	ADDRESS	WARD	PORTFOLIO
H Gaddum	Westfields Middlewich Road Sandbach CW11 1HZ	Macclesfield Forest	<u>Children & Family Services</u> Education Welfare of Children and Families
R Domleo	Westfields Middlewich Road Sandbach CW11 1HZ	Congleton Town West	<u>Adult Services</u> Care for Elderly and Vulnerable People (and Deputy Leader)
A Knowles	Westfields Middlewich Road Sandbach CW11 1HZ	Bucklow	<u>Health & Wellbeing</u> Leisure and Cultural Services Public Health
R Menlove	Westfields Middlewich Road Sandbach CW11 1HZ	Wilmslow South	<u>Environmental Services</u> Street scene Waste Management Highways Maintenance Parking
J Macrae	Westfields Middlewich Road Sandbach CW11 1HZ	Bucklow	<u>Prosperity</u> Transportation & major highways Economic Development Development Control Building Control Tourism
Rachel Bailey	Westfields Middlewich Road Sandbach CW11 1HZ	Cholmondeley	<u>Safer & Stronger Communities</u> Neighbourhood and Community Cohesion Police Liaison Emergency Planning Licensing
F Keegan	Westfields Middlewich Road Sandbach CW11 1HZ	Alderley	<u>Resources</u> Finance, Legal & Democratic, IT
P Mason	Westfields Middlewich Road Sandbach CW11 1HZ	Congleton Town East	<u>Procurement, Assets & Shared Services</u> HR
D Brown	Westfields Middlewich Road Sandbach CW11 1HZ	Congleton Town East	<u>Performance & Capacity</u> Information and Intelligence Customer Service Local Development Framework Corporate Plan Community Plan

The extent of the authority delegated to individual Cabinet Members and Officers, including the limitation on their authority, accords with the decisions of Council on 24th February 2009 under Agenda Item 8: “Adoption of the Constitution and the Council’s decision-making and overview and scrutiny arrangements” (Minute 80 refers), and with the decisions of Council on 30th September 2009 under Agenda Item 8: “Referral to the Council of recommendations from Governance and Constitution Committee”.

Cabinet Support Members

Five non-executive Members provide support for individual Cabinet Members in the performance of their functions. The Cabinet Support Members are as follows

CABINET SUPPORT MEMBERS	ADDRESS	WARD	RESPONSIBILITY
Rhoda Bailey	Westfields Middlewich Road Sandbach CW11 1HZ	Sandbach East and Rode	Children’s Services
O Hunter	Westfields Middlewich Road Sandbach CW11 1HZ	Knutsford	Adult and Health Services)
L Smetham	Westfields Middlewich Road Sandbach CW11 1HZ	Macclesfield Forest	Sustainable Communities
D Stockton	Westfields Middlewich Road Sandbach CW11 1HZ	Wilmslow North	Environment and Prosperity
D Thompson	Westfields Middlewich Road Sandbach CW11 1HZ	Bollington & Disley	Environment and Prosperity

RESPONSIBILITIES OF INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBERS

The responsibilities of individual Cabinet Members will remain the same as is currently set out in the Council's Constitution, with the following exceptions:

Waste PFI-to be removed from the Environmental Services Portfolio and allocated to Procurement, Assets and Shared Services Portfolio

Area and Neighbourhood Working-to be removed from the Performance and Capacity Portfolio and allocated to Safer and Stronger Communities Portfolio

HR Strategy and Transactional HR-to be removed from the Resources Portfolio and allocated to the Procurement, Assets and Shared Services Portfolio

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