

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Cabinet Member for Prosperity**
held on Friday, 30th April, 2010 at Room S1/2 - Westfields, Middlewich Road,
Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor J Macrae, Cabinet Member for Prosperity

In attendance

Councillor Diane Thompson, Cabinet Support Member

Officers

Karen Carsberg, Strategic Housing Manager
Paul Mountford, Legal and Democratic Services

15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

16 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

No members of the public were present.

17 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd February 2010 be approved as a correct record.

18 HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY

The Cabinet Member considered a report seeking authority to proceed with the formal consultation on the draft homelessness strategy.

Under the Homelessness Act 2002, Local Authorities were required to have a strategy in place to prevent and deal with homelessness. The strategy was not only for preventing homelessness but also for ensuring the availability of sufficient accommodation for people who were or could become homeless, and for securing the provision of satisfactory support for people who were or could become homeless or who had been homeless and needed support to prevent them becoming homeless again.

The Council, as local housing authority and social services authority, had to take its homelessness strategy into account in the exercise of its functions.

Before adopting a homelessness strategy the Council was required to consult such public or local authorities, voluntary organisations and/or other persons as it considered appropriate. The consultation period would be for 12 weeks. The strategy would be updated in the light of the consultation and would then be submitted to Cabinet for approval.

RESOLVED

That approval is given to proceed with the public consultation on the draft homelessness strategy for Cheshire East.

19 COMMITMENT OF CAPITAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD FROM FORMER DISTRICT AUTHORITIES FOR HOUSING PROJECTS

This item was deferred as the decisions required had already been dealt with in part and the remaining proposals needed to be reviewed in the light of further advice from the Borough Solicitor and Borough Treasurer.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 10.20 am

Councillor Jamie Macrae (Cabinet Member)