

Cabinet Member for Performance and Capacity

Agenda

Date: Monday, 15th November, 2010
Time: 10.00 am
Venue: The Assembly Room - Town Hall, Macclesfield SK10 1DX

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**

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**

In accordance with Procedure Rules Nos.11 and 35 a period of 10 minutes is allocated for members of the public to address the meeting on any matter relevant to the work of the meeting. 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. Members of the public are not required to give notice to use this facility. However, as a matter of courtesy, a period of 24 hours' notice is encouraged.

Members of the public wishing to ask a question at the meeting should provide at least three clear working days' notice in writing and should include the question with that notice. This will enable an informed answer to be given.

4. **Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (Pages 1 - 4)**

To consider a report which seeks approval for the publication of the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment as part of the evidence base for the Cheshire East Local Development Framework.

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5. **Community Grants** (Pages 5 - 10)

To determine the award of Community Grants to voluntary and community organisations which meet the criteria approved by Cheshire East Council.

(There are no Part 2 items)

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Cabinet Member for Performance and Capacity

Date of Meeting: 15th November 2010
Report of: Strategic Director - Places
Subject/Title: Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment
Portfolio Holder: Councillor David Brown

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 This report seeks agreement to the publication of the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment as part of the evidence base for the Cheshire East Local Development Framework.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Cabinet Member for Performance and Capacity approve
- (1) the publication of the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment;
and
- (2) the use of the document as part of the evidence base for the Cheshire East Local Development Framework.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendation(s)

- 3.1 The Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) is a key component of the evidence base; and to inform the development of housing policy within the Cheshire East Local Development Framework. This assessment is required by national planning policy, set out in Planning Policy Statement 3: Housing (PPS3).

4.0 Wards Affected

- 4.1 All

5.0 Local Ward Members

- 5.1 All

6.0 Policy Implications

- 6.1 The Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment is a technical document that assesses the potential of sites for housing development and will form part of the evidence base for the Cheshire East Local Development Framework. It does not

include any recommendations about the selection of potential sites for future housing development.

- 6.2 The Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment also includes an assessment of the 5 year supply of sites, which is reported in the AMR. The Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment currently identifies that the Council has less than a 5-year supply of identified 'deliverable' housing sites. This has led to the Council producing a Draft Interim Planning Policy on the Release of Housing Land, which is currently subject to consultation.

7.0 Financial Implications

- 7.1 None.

8.0 Legal Implications

- 8.1 This report has to meet the requirements of Planning Policy Statement 3: Housing, paragraph 55 states that Local Planning Authorities should:

- Identify specific, deliverable sites for the first five years of a plan that are ready for development, and to keep this up to date over time in response to market information;
- Identify specific, developable sites for years 6–10, and ideally years 11–15, in plans to enable the five year supply to be updated;
- Where it is not possible to identify specific sites for years 11–15 of the plan, indicate broad locations for future growth; and
- Not include an allowance for windfalls in the first 10 years of the plan unless there are justifiable local circumstances that prevent specific sites being identified.

- 8.2 Paragraph 57 goes on to states that 'once identified, the supply of land should be managed in a way that ensures that a continuous five year supply of **deliverable** sites is maintained ie at least enough sites to deliver the housing requirements over the next five years of the housing trajectory.

9.0 Risk Management Implications

- 9.1 The Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment has been undertaken following the methodology set out in Government guidance. Consultation has been undertaken with the Housing Market Partnership and with the Housing Market Partnership Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment Task Group on more detailed issues in relation to the specific sites. Therefore there is unlikely to be any risk associated with the publication of this document.

10.0 Background and Options

- 10.1 The primary role of the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment is to:
- Identify sites with potential for housing;
 - Assess their housing potential; and
 - Assess when they are likely to be developed.

- 10.2 The Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment is an important evidence source to inform plan-making, but does not in itself determine whether a site should be allocated for housing development. The Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment provides background evidence on the potential availability of land in Cheshire East for housing and the choices available for delivering housing, through the Local Development Framework, particularly the Site Allocations and Policies document.
- 10.3 The study includes sites that have been put forward by landowners and developers, with a capacity for 10 or more dwellings (generally sites of approx 0.3ha or more), both previously developed (PDL) and greenfield, within settlements and adjacent to their limits. The Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment has been undertaken to:
- Provide a consistent assessment of potential sites that have been submitted by land owners and developers;
 - Consider factors affecting the developability of the site (e.g. flood risk, access);
 - Assess the sustainability of the site in terms of accessibility to services; and
 - Consider the deliverability of the site in terms of the need for / timescales for delivering infrastructure required (e.g. highway schemes).
- 10.4 The decision making process for the allocation of sites for housing and other development will be the Cheshire East Local Development Framework Core Strategy and Site Allocations and Policies DPDs. The Cheshire East Core Strategy will consider options for the future development strategy for the Borough and may allocate strategic sites for development based on the evidence set out in this Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment. The Cheshire East Sites and Policies Document will then allocate specific sites to deliver the Core Strategy.
- 10.5 Planning permission will also be required for development. Planning applications will continue to be treated on their own individual merits. They will be determined in accordance with planning policies contained within the adopted Development Plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.
- 10.6 A housing requirement of 1,150 net additional new dwellings per annum has been agreed by the Council, on the 18th October 2010, on an interim basis pending the preparation of the Local Development Framework Core Strategy. This equates to a 5 year supply figure of 5,750.
- 10.7 Just under 1,800 sites were considered as part of the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment, of these approximately 1,250 sites are considered suitable for housing during the next 15 years. The Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment also identified 5,147 deliverable dwellings that were expected to come forward within the 1-5 year period, this equates to 4.48 years supply.

- 10.8 Therefore there are currently insufficient 'deliverable' sites to meet the five year supply requirement, consequently the Council is introducing the Interim Planning Policy on the Release of Housing Lane, to identify broad locations for future housing growth, pending the preparation of the Local Development Framework which will allocate areas and sites for future development.. This guidance, which is subject to consultation, has identified two broad locations for housing growth within the Borough: adjacent to the settlement of Crewe; and as part of mixed developments in town centres and regeneration areas to support the provision of employment, town centre and community uses.
- 10.9 It is anticipated that these broad locations will provide an additional 1,350 dwellings to the 5 year supply and consequently the 5 year supply total is increased to 6,097. This equates to 5.3 years supply.
- 10.10 This document will be reviewed and updated annually.

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 COUNCIL

Cabinet Member for Performance and Capacity

Date of meeting: 14th October 2010
Report of: Head of Policy & Performance
Title: Community Grants
Portfolio Holder: Councillor David Brown

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 To determine the award of Community Grants to voluntary and community organisations which meet the criteria approved by Cheshire East Council. The Council recognises the valuable input that the voluntary and community sector brings to the quality of life in the community. Funding is focused on those organisations that complement the aims and objectives of the Corporate Plan.
- 1.2 The Report covers the third round of grants for 2010/11, and makes Recommendations totalling £13,367 in line with Cheshire East Council's Policy for the Allocation of Grants.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the following Community Grants be awarded/declined/deferred:

1)	Congleton Amateur Operatic Society be	awarded £250
2)	The Tatton Singers be	awarded £250
3)	Middlewich Concert Orchestra be	awarded £250
4)	Wilmslow Business Group be	awarded £250
5)	Cheshire Youth Pantomime Society be	awarded £250
6)	Breeze CIC be	awarded £500
7)	Rode Heath Bowling Club be	awarded £500
8)	West Park Ladies Bowling Club be	awarded £500
9)	Crewe Youth Ten Pin Bowling Club be	awarded £300
10)	South Cheshire Swimming Development Forum	awarded £400
11)	Just Drop-In Youth and Advice be	awarded £500
12)	Mid-Cheshire Riding for the Disabled be	awarded £500
13)	Wilmslow Parish Hall Committee be	awarded £250
14)	Danebank Community Pre School be	awarded £192
15)	Knowledge Information Sharing Support Group be	awarded £500
16)	Marthall Mums & Toddlers Group be	awarded £470
17)	Cre8 Youth & Community Programme be	awarded £500
18)	Crewe F.C. be	awarded £225
19)	All Saints Church Hall, Weston be	awarded £780
20)	Bollinbrook Pre-School be	awarded £1500
21)	Good Companions Bowling Club be	awarded £1500
22)	Wrenbury Bowling Club be	awarded £1500
23)	St. Georges Street Baptist Church be	awarded £1500

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations (Details of Grants)

3.1 EVENTS (UP TO £250)

Congleton Amateur Operatic Society (CGA.91)

The Tatton Singers (CGA.103)

Middlewich Concert Orchestra (CGA.108)

Wilmslow Business Group (CGA.111)

Cheshire Youth Pantomime Society (CGA.96)

The above events are all annual productions/events, some with quite high costs and receive income from ticket sales as well as refreshments, programmes etc. These events are important to Cheshire East district as they do make a difference to local residents by way of enabling them to see local talent performing at reasonable prices. It is recommended that they all be awarded a grant of £250 and that their profit/loss for the events be monitored

3.2 ACTIVITIES (up to £500)

Breeze CIC (CGA.81)

The project is to set up an allotment area for people suffering mental health problems with the intention of contracting with local health and mental health services etc. to provide specific courses. The total project cost is £2,612 and they have applied to the Town Council and have some of their own funds. It is recommended that they be awarded £500.

Rode Heath Bowling Club (CGA.92)

The project is to purchase and erect a shelter for players as there is no outside facility at the moment and this would greatly assist the players during matches. The total project cost is £2343 and they will be using their own funds but would like a grant from Cheshire East Council to assist. It is recommended they be awarded £500.

West Park Ladies Bowling Club (CGA.93)

The team wish to purchase a uniform with logos etc. to improve the image of the club when playing in matches and attract more new younger members. They are running on limited funds and the total project cost is £742. It is recommended they be awarded £500.

Crewe Youth Ten Pin Bowling Club (CGA.94)

The project is to purchase a second portable bowling lane and accessories which can be used at various youth clubs and activity days in the Cheshire East area. The equipment is already well used and a second lane would enable them to increase membership. The total project cost is £377 and as the club only have a small amount of funds they can only contribute £77. It is recommended they be awarded the £300 requested.

South Cheshire Swimming Development Forum (CGA.100)

The project is to purchase equipment for land training as they are unable to get sufficient pool time. The group are asking for the full amount, they do have their own funds but a lot of this is taken up on pool hire etc. The total project cost is £493 and it is recommended they be awarded £400

Just Drop in Youth Info and Advice (CGA.99)

The group have been refurbishing a room at the Centre to use as a "cyber café" and they are now in the process of purchasing computers. They have secured funding from external sources and will contribute from their own funds. The total project cost is £6,530 and it is recommended they be awarded £500

Mid-Cheshire Riding for the Disabled (CGA.98)

The project is to construct a new ramp to enable disabled riders to have easier access. The total cost is £1224 and it is recommended they be awarded £500.

Wilmslow Parish Hall Committee (CGA.107)

The project is to purchase speakers and microphones for the hall. The Committee are looking for the full amount from the Council but as they do have adequate funds it is recommended they be awarded match funding. The total project cost is £500 and it is recommended they be awarded £250.

Dane Bank Community Pre-School (CGA.106)

The project is to purchase wooden troughs and planters to enable the children to plant bulbs etc. to improve the entrance area. It is recommended that the pre-school purchase the troughs and they be awarded match funding of £192 to purchase the planters.

Knowledge Information Sharing Support Group (CGA.105)

The project is a mentoring programme for young people to help and encourage them to develop their own enterprises and train them in all aspects of gaining business skills. It is recommended they be awarded £500.

Marthall Mums and Toddlers (CGA.104)

This is a new group and as such do not have sufficient funds to equip the play area. Their project is to purchase toys and a shed for storage. The total project cost is £575 for which they have a small amount of funding and it is recommended they be awarded the remainder of £470.

Cre8 Youth and Community Programme (CGA.109)

The project is to run weekly activities teaching young people to repair and refurbish bikes also to cover training costs for volunteers. The total project cost is £1952 and it is recommended they be awarded £500.

Crewe F.C. (CGA.110)

The club want to purchase a football for each player, first aid kits and flyers to advertise. The total project cost is £483. They do have adequate funds to cover this and it is recommended they be awarded £225 to cover the cost of first aid kits and 50% of the footballs.

3.3 FACILITIES (up to £1,500)

All Saints Church Hall, Weston (CGA.102)

The project is to renovate toilet area to improve the quality of the facilities at the hall which is the only community building in the village. They do have restricted funds for building/repair work . The total cost of the project is £1,561 and it is recommended they be awarded match funding of £780.

Bollinbrook Pre-School (CGA.24)

The project is to build a new centre using recycled shipping containers. They have applied for funding but are awaiting outcomes. The total cost of the project is £49,350 and it is recommended they be awarded £1,500 on condition that they secure the funding from the main external source.

Good Companions Bowling Club (CGA.95)

The project is to replace the old wooden pavilion with a new brick built facility. The pavilion is regularly used and they have secured the majority of funding from other external sources as well as their own funds. The total project cost is £35,000 and it is recommended they be awarded £1,500

Wrenbury Bowling Club (CGA.97)

The project is to complete the last stage in their renovations and is to renew window frames and improve wheelchair access. Also their mower has just broken and requires replacing so their funds are depleted. The group have successfully increased junior membership. The total project cost is £6,821 and it is recommended they be awarded £1,500

St. Georges St. Baptist Church (CGA.101)

The project is to improve access into and through the building, toilet facilities and kitchen improvements. The church is well used by a variety of community groups. They are using a lot of their own funds and have applied to WREN. The total project cost is £187,000 and it is recommended they be awarded £1,500

4.0 Wards Affected

4.1 All wards within Cheshire East Council

5.0 Local Ward Members

5.1 All Wards within Cheshire East Council

6.0 Policy Implications

6.1 Positive impact

7.0 Financial Implications 2010/11 and beyond (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)

- 7.1 All of the proposed grants can be funded from within existing budgets approved as part of the Council's Budget for 2010/11

8.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

- 8.1 In awarding grants, the Council must ensure that in each case it has the legal power to fund the proposed scheme. In all cases there is a condition requiring a report back to the Council on the expenditure of the grant. Consideration should also be given in each case to the imposition of other appropriate conditions.
- 8.2 The Council's legal powers for awarding these grants are contained in various statutes, including Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, and Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000. In addition, the Council should ensure that there is a transparent process and policy in respect of determining the level of grant subsidy to any community group.

9.0 Risk Management

- 9.1 None

10.0 Background and Options

- 10.1 Applications received and allocated in accordance with Cheshire East Council's Policy for the Allocation of Community Grants.

11.0 Overview of Year One and Term One Issues

- 11.1 Allocation of grants for 2010/11 only.

12.0 Access to Information

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

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