

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Cabinet Member for
Children and Family Services**
held on Tuesday, 7th December, 2010 at Fred Flint Room, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillors H Gaddum

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Rhoda Bailey

Cabinet Support Member

OFFICERS

Lorraine Butcher	Director of Children's Services
Mark Thornton	Project Adviser – Services for Children & Families
Jayne McLaughlin	Senior Lawyer – Corporate & Commercial Team
Suzanne Antrobus	Senior Lawyer – Regulatory Team
Carol Jones	Democratic Services Officer

15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

16 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item, pursuant to Section 100(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 and the public interest would not be served in publishing this information.

17 EIC LIMITED - CHILDCARE IN CREWE

The Cabinet Member for Children and Family Services was of the opinion that this matter constituted urgent business and could be dealt with at this meeting in accordance with Section 100(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972. The reason for the urgency was as follows:

To consider and determine the Council's response to the impending loss of childcare provision at three establishments in the Crewe area.

It was reported that the Chairman of the relevant Scrutiny Committee had been consulted and had waived the call-in provisions in relation to this decision.

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Director of Children's Services which gave details of the impending loss of childcare provision at three establishments in the Crewe area.

RESOLVED:

That the Cabinet Member for Children and Family Services approves the following:

- (1) the Council does not pursue the purchase of EiC Ltd;
- (2) the current procurement process to secure an alternative provider continue;
- (3) in the interim, the Council's Children's Centres on the three sites provide those services relating to the Free Early Education Entitlement and for the provision of the two year old pilot; and
- (4) Officers be authorised to carry out all necessary actions to implement the decisions above.

The meeting commenced at 4.30 pm and concluded at 4.42 pm

Councillor H Gaddum