

Environment and Prosperity Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

Date: Tuesday, 7th June, 2011
Time: 2.00 pm
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 - 4)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2011 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. **Scrutiny Toolkit**

To receive a briefing session on the Scrutiny Toolkit and role of the Committee.

6. **Options for Revised Public Transport Criteria**

To give consideration to the options for revised public transport criteria – report to follow.

7. **Work Programme** (Pages 5 - 10)

To give consideration to the work programme.

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**Minutes of a meeting of the Environment and Prosperity Scrutiny
Committee**

held on Tuesday, 22nd March, 2011 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,
T Jackson, M Parsons, M J Simon, C G Thorley and M J Weatherill

In attendance

Councillors R Menlove and L Smetham

Officers

A Fisher, J Goodman, R Kidd, P Sherratt, C Simpson

Apologies

Councillors S Broadhurst

86 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/WHIPPING DECLARATIONS

Councillors R Fletcher, C Thorley, T Jackson and A Martin declared a personal declaration in item 5 – Fees and Charges relating to Tatton Park due to being a Member of the National Trust. Councillor G Walton declared a Personal interest in the same item due to being the Chairman of the Tatton Park Board.

87 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/ OPEN SESSION

There were no Members of the public present wishing to address the Committee.

88 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2011.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to Councillor Davenport's apologies being recorded due to Council business.

89 FEES AND CHARGES

Consideration was given to the fees and charges which fall within the remit of the Committee.

Members noted that there were gaps in the table and agreed that all sections should be completed whether or not there had been an increase in the fees and charges.

Members made the following comments with regard to Refuse and Recycling:

- It was noted that there had been an increase in the one off special collection rate which would recover the cost of the bin and service provision over a 20 year period.
- It was agreed that the authority should advertise the fact that it sells composters at a cost of £14.00.

With regard to Markets, it was agreed that this was an area that could be managed by the Town and Parish Councils and that the increase in charges was in line with the surrounding boroughs.

With regard to Cemeteries and Crematoriums, it was noted that the increase in fees reflected the pressures of the service and would cover the cost of new machinery provisions.

With regard to Planning, it was noted that the complainant was required to pay £500.00 for lodging a high hedge complaint, Members agreed that there should be a means of the recovering the costs if the complaint was successful.

With regard to Car Parking, the Committee agreed that it would review the proposed charges for 2012/13 prior to them being implemented.

RESOLVED

That the fees and charges which fall within the remit of the Committee be accepted subject to the issues highlighted above being addressed.

90 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR CHESHIRE EAST

Consideration was given to a report outlining the developments and progress in relation to the Draft Economic Development Strategy for Cheshire East since it was last considered by the Committee on 8 June 2010. The changes raised some fundamental questions as to what should be the scope and content of the final version of the document. Consultation with external partners and other organisations took place in the summer and work had continued on developing a Local Economic Assessment to inform the Strategy.

Comments were made with regard to Crewe Vision and the Macclesfield Masterplan. It was agreed that the public perception of AstraZeneca was that it was closing down; however this was not the case and in fact 400 additional staff were to be employed.

With regard to Cheshire East's Strategic Objectives and Priorities, it was agreed that broadband needed to be rolled out to the rural areas that a map outlining where broadband was currently available would be circulated to Members.

RESOLVED

1. That the changes to the draft Economic Development Strategy be noted.
2. That Cabinet be recommended to approve the revised document.
3. That a map outlining the areas that have broadband be circulated to the Committee.

91 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.

92 WORK PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to the work programme. It was agreed that due to the election period and lack of business, the meeting scheduled to be held on 26 April 2011 would be cancelled.

RESOLVED

1. That the work programme be noted
2. That the meeting scheduled to be held on 26 April 2011 be cancelled.

The meeting commenced at 10.30 am and concluded at 12.05 pm

Councillor G M Walton (Chairman)

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CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: ENVIRONMENT AND PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 7 June 2011
Report of: Borough Solicitor
Subject/Title: Work Programme update

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 To review items in the 2011 Work Programme, to consider the efficacy of existing items listed in the schedule attached, together with any other items suggested by Committee Members.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the work programme be received and noted.

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 for Transition Costs

- 7.1 None identified at the moment.

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 In reviewing the work programme, Members must pay close attention to the Corporate Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy.
- 10.2 The schedule attached, has been updated in line with the Committees recommendations on 22 March 2011. Following this meeting the document will be updated so that all the appropriate targets will be included within the schedule.
- 10.3 In reviewing the work programme, Members must have regard to the general criteria which should be applied to all potential items, including Task and Finish reviews, 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
- 10.4 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

11.0 Access to Information

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

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Issue	Description/Comments	Suggested by	Portfolio Holder	Corporate Priority	Current Position	Date
Options for revised public transport criteria	To follow from the update on the LTP – to include an update on the criteria for bus subsidies.	Caroline Simpson	Macrae	The growth and development of a sustainable Cheshire East	On target	7 June 2011
Renewable Energy	To consider the potential for the development of renewable energy in Cheshire East by 2030 to help deliver the Council's targets for carbon reduction.	Chairman	Menlove	To enhance the Cheshire East Environment	Deferred	TBA
Development Management Transformation Project and Member Group	The basic platform is now in place, however the data still needs to be transferred, which should be completed by March. The Committee have requested assurance that the systems are now in place.	Chairmen's Group/Committee	Macrae/Brown	Being an excellent Council and working with others	Deferred	TBA
Gypsy and Traveller Policy	To give consideration to the draft policy	Macrae	Macrae/Bailey	The growth and development of a sustainable Cheshire East	Deferred	TBA
Update on Macclesfield Economic Master Plan	To receive an update on the proposals	Committee	Macrae	The growth and development of a sustainable Cheshire East	Deferred	TBA
5 Year Carbon Management Plan	To give consideration to the 5 Year Carbon Management Plan	Portfolio Holder	Menlove	To enhance the Cheshire East Environment	On target	21 June 2011
Sustainable	To give consideration to a	Interim meeting	Macrae	The growth and	On target	21 June

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Towns Benchmarking	report on Sustainable towns benchmarking			development of a sustainable Cheshire East		2011
Cheshire East Housing Strategy	To give consideration to Cheshire East's Housing Strategy	Adrian Fisher	Macrae	The growth and development of a sustainable Cheshire East	Deferred	21 June 2011
Home Improvement Agencies	To give consideration to the future delivery of Home Improvement Agency Services across Cheshire East.	Adrian Fisher	Macrae	The growth and development of a sustainable Cheshire East	On target	21 June 2011
Congleton Town Centre	To receive an update on the progress made on Congleton town centre.	Committee	Macrae	The growth and development of a sustainable Cheshire East	On target	5 July 2011
Waste Needs Assessment	To receive a report detailing the amount of various types of waste that will be generated in Cheshire East by 2030, the capacity required for dealing with these waste streams and the type of waste management facilities required.	Chairman	Menlove	To enhance the Cheshire East Environment	On target	5 July 2011
Update on all change for Crewe	To receive an update on the proposals	Committee	Macrae	The growth and development of a sustainable Cheshire East	On target	5 July 2011
Local Sustainable Transport Fund	To give consideration to the Local Sustainable Transport Fund	Macrae	Macrae	The growth and development of a sustainable Cheshire East	On target	5 July 2011
Localism Bill and Policy Implications	To receive a briefing on the parts of the Localism Bill which fall within the remit of	A Fisher/C Simpson	Macrae	The growth and development of a sustainable	On target	13 September 2011

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	the Committee			Cheshire East	
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Possible Items to Monitor or consider at future Meetings

Crewe Crematorium – Cllr Menlove
Performance Management – Cllr Brown
Street Naming and Numbering Policy – Cllr Menlove
Visit to Macclesfield Silk Heritage Trust Sites and Crewe Railway Heritage
SEMMMS – Cllr Macrae

Planning Tour of completed planning developments – September 2011

Dates of Future Environment and Prosperity Scrutiny Committee Meetings

7 June 2011, 21 June 2011, 5 July 2011, 13 September 2011, 25 October 2011, 22 November 2011, 20 December 2011, 24 January 2012, 21 February 2012, 20 March 2012 and 24 April.

Dates of Future Cabinet Meetings

6 June 2011, 4 July 2011, 1 August 2011, 5 September 2011, 3 October 2011, 31 October 2011, 28 November 2011, 5 December 2011, 9 January 2012, 6 February 2012, 5 March 2012, 2 April 2012 and 30 April 2012.

Dates of Future Council Meetings

21 July 2011, 13 October 2011, 15 December 2011, 23 February 2012, 19 April 2012 and 16 May 2012.

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