

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet Member for Prosperity and Economic Regeneration

held on Monday, 15th April, 2013 in Committee Suite 1 & 2, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor J Macrae (Cabinet Member for Prosperity and Economic Regeneration).

Councillors in attendance:

Councillors Rhoda Bailey and P Groves.

Officers in attendance:

Karen Whitehead (Private Sector Housing Manager), Martin Davis (Project Engineer) and Cherry Foreman (Democratic Services).

9 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

11 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

No members of the public were present.

12 HOME ENERGY CONSERVATION ACT FURTHER REPORT

The Cabinet Member for Prosperity and Economic Regeneration considered a report prepared in accordance with guidance issued by the Secretary of State in July 2012, setting out the measures the authority considered practicable, cost effective and likely to result in significant improvement in the energy efficiency of residential accommodation in its area.

Reports pursuant to the Home Energy Conservation Act 1995 had previously been prepared by Cheshire East's predecessor authorities, the last having been required by the Secretary of State for the period 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008. The Act recognised the ability of local authorities to use their position to improve the energy efficiency of all residential accommodation in their area.

The report now being considered was a statement of the Council's existing plans to improve energy efficiency as approved by the Sustainable

Communities Strategy and the Housing Strategy, as well as opportunities to address energy efficiency through the emerging local plan. The report set out eight commitments together with actions to deliver them and the key outcomes of the plan.

RESOLVED

That the approval be given to the publication of the Home Energy Conservation Act Further Report.

13 CONGLETON TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE STUDY REVISED OBJECTIVES

The Cabinet Member for Prosperity and Economic Regeneration considered a report seeking approval to revise the objectives of the Congleton transport infrastructure study; it also sought approval of the initial sifting exercise of possible solutions against the objectives of the study with the remaining solutions being subject to further assessment.

The original objectives of the study had been approved in September 2012 and an initial task had been to review the problems, opportunities and constraints of the study. A workshop with a wide range of internal stakeholders had confirmed the broad objectives of the study but concluded that some of the objectives could be combined to reduce the overlap of potential objectives; these had therefore been reworded and now provided the revised objectives.

The report outlined the next steps and approval stages leading to a preferred solution that would best address the study objectives.

RESOLVED

1. That approval be given to the following revised scheme objectives for the Congleton transport infrastructure study:

1	To support the economic, physical and social regeneration of Congleton by creating and securing jobs
2	To open up new development sites and improve access to Radnor Park Industrial Estate and Congleton Business Park
3	To relieve existing town centre traffic congestion / HGVs, remove traffic from less desirable roads and facilitate town centre regeneration
4	To improve strategic transport linkages across the Borough facilitating wider economic and transport benefit
5	To reduce community severance along key town centre corridors
6	To reduce traffic related pollutants within the towns declared Air Quality Management Areas

2. That the following solutions be taken forward to the second stage of detailed assessment to address the objectives of the study:

- Online improvements and widening of A34 Rood Hill, Clayton By-Pass, West Road and Holmes Chapel Road and junction improvements
- Isolated junction improvements to either A34 Rood Hill/A54 Rood Hill (signals), A34 Clayton Bypass/West Road/West Street (Rbt) or A34 West Road/A54 Holmes Chapel Road/A534 Sandbach Rd / A34 Newcastle Road (rbt)
- Network Management measures such as traffic signal optimisation
- Strategic signing strategy
- Traffic Management Strategy / Local signing strategy
- 'Partial' Link Road connecting A534/A54 to Viking Way
- 'Partial' Link Road connecting Viking Way to the A536 Macclesfield Road
- Link Road connecting A534 Sandbach Road to A536 Macclesfield Road

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 10.15 am

Councillor (none)