

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Cabinet Member for Strategic Communities**
held on Monday, 8th July, 2013 in the Fred Flint Room, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor D Brown.

Councillor in attendance:

Councillor L Smetham.

Officers in attendance:

Tom Evans – Planning Officer

Adrian Fisher – Strategic Planning and Housing Manager

Cherry Foreman – Democratic Services

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

No members of the public were present.

4 BRERETON NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA APPLICATION

On 19 June 2013 the Strategic Planning Board recommended that the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Communities approve the Brereton Neighbourhood Area Application.

This application is submitted by Brereton Parish Council to designate the entirety of Brereton Parish as a neighbourhood area for the purposes of preparing a neighbourhood plan. A neighbourhood area is the geographic boundary within which a future neighbourhood plan will take effect.

A neighbourhood plan allows communities to allocate land and write policies relating to the development of land; it must conform to the Local Plan of the host local authority, will be subject to an independent examination and be put to a local referendum; once formally adopted a neighbourhood plan holds equal weight to a local plan for decision making purposes.

On considering an application to designate a neighbourhood area, a local authority must give regard to the desirability of designating the whole of the area applied for. The Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 allow a local council

to apply for the entirety of their parish to be designated as a neighbourhood area. The application submitted by Brereton Parish satisfies the necessary criteria.

A question was raised concerning the implications for future revenue collection from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). It was confirmed that the CIL Regulations of 2013 required local authorities to pass on 15% of CIL collected within the boundary of a local council, Town or Parish, to the local council; if however, the local council had an adopted Neighbourhood Plan then the 15% was increased to 25% where development took place within the designated Neighbourhood area.

RESOLVED

That approval be given to the recommendation of the Strategic Planning Board on 19 June 2013 that Brereton Parish be designated a Neighbourhood Parish Area.

The meeting commenced at 10.10 am and concluded at 10.20 am

Councillor (none)