CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the
Cabinet Member for Children and Family Services, and Rural Affairs
held on Tuesday, 18th March, 2014 at Committee Suite 2, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach. CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillors Rachel Bailey

Officers in Attendance

Rachel Graves, Democratic Services Officer

28 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Rhoda Bailey.

29 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

30 **PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION**

There were no members of the public present.

31 **LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY (POST COMPULSORY EDUCATION AWARDS) REGULATIONS 1999 - ANNUAL DETERMINATION**

The Local Education Authority (Post Compulsory Education Awards) Regulations 1999 (S.I. 1999/229) required Local Authorities to make an annual determination in respect of their powers to make awards to students. The determination had to be made before the start of the following financial year. The requirement to make an annual determination applied regardless of whether a local authority had previously determined that it would not exercise its power to offer awards.

The Council had already determined not to exercise the power to offer discretionary awards for 2013/14 academic year. No financial provision had been made to make discretionary awards in the 2014/15 academic year either for a specific category or on appeal.

The effect on applicants remained unchanged since 2000/01 when the former Cheshire County Council first decided not to take up the discretionary powers and no new awards had been made since then. No discretionary awards had been made since the academic year 2003/4 when existing students already in receipt of an award were funded from a residual fund to allow them to complete their course.

RESOLVED:

That the Council does not take up the power to grant discretionary awards for the 2014/15 academic year.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 10.05 am

Councillor Rachel Bailey