

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **New Delivery Vehicles and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
held on Thursday, 2nd October, 2014 at Macclesfield Library - Macclesfield

PRESENT

Councillor W Livesley (Chairman)
Councillor K Edwards (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors G Barton, H Davenport, R Fletcher, M Hardy, A Martin and B Murphy

In attendance

Councillor D Topping – Portfolio Holder for Strategic Commissioning
L Butcher - Executive Director of Strategic Commissioning
A Dunstone - Waste Monitoring and Evaluation Officer

10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

12 DECLARATIONS OF PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations of a party whip

13 PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no members of the public present wishing to speak

14 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 4 September 2014.

RESOLVED

That the minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

15 WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Further to the meeting held on 4 September 2014, consideration was given to the Municipal Waste Management Strategy 2030, outlining the key aims and

objectives for future waste management in Cheshire East, the public consultation on the objectives and steps that would be needed to implement them.

During consideration of the strategy the following points were raised:

- The core aim of the strategy was to gain energy from waste rather than bury it; several options to achieve this were outlined in the strategy. Members felt that this aim should be made clearer.
- It was noted that in the short term, there were no plans to close any of the Household Waste Recycling Centres sites. However, in an ever changing market, the authority needed to be flexible and consider all viable options up to 2030.
- The Strategic Environmental Assessment had gone out to consultation, all comments received had been positive.
- A feasibility study was currently being undertaken on the possible location of the anaerobic digester.
- With regard to commercial opportunities, it was agreed that a robust business case was required. Members requested to receive a copy of the SWOT analysis.
- It was important to ensure that the service to Cheshire East residents remained excellent and focused. There was currently no drive to expand the service.
- A strategic review of the HWRC's contract which terminated in 2018 was required.
- With regard to table 5.2 on page 62 of the report (optimisation of HWRC network), Members raised significant doubts regarding the statement 'Highly viable option being considered and introduced elsewhere'.

RESOLVED

That Cabinet be recommend to approve the draft Municipal Waste Strategy 2030

16 FORWARD PLAN

Consideration was given to the forward plan. With regard to key decision CE14/15-24, Highway Services Contract – Service Period Extension, Members requested that the report be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee prior to Cabinet. It was also agreed that an update on the permit to work scheme for utility companies be considered at that meeting and the Commissioning Manager be invited to attend.

RESOLVED

1. That Key Decision CE14/15-24, Highway Services Contract – Service Period Extension be considered at the Committee scheduled to be held on 6 November 2014.
2. That an update on the permit to work scheme for utility companies be considered at the meeting scheduled to be held on 6 November

2014 and the Commissioning Manager be invited to attend that meeting.

17 **WORK PROGRAMME**

Consideration was given to the work programme. It was agreed that the options appraisal for Planning Support Company would be considered at the meeting scheduled to be held on 6 November 2014.

RESOLVED

That the options appraisal for Planning Support Company be considered at the meeting scheduled to be held on 6 November 2014.

The meeting commenced at 10.30 am and concluded at 11.55 am

Councillor W Livesley (Chairman)