

Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

Date: Thursday, 16th July, 2015
Time: 10.00 am
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. **Minutes of Previous meeting** (Pages 1 - 4)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2015

3. **Declarations of Interest**

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in any item on the agenda.

4. **Whipping Declarations**

To provide an opportunity for Members to declare the existence of a party whip in relation to any item on the agenda.

For requests for further information

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5. **Public Speaking**

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.

Note: In order for officers to undertake any background research, it would be helpful if members of the public contacted the Scrutiny officer listed at the foot of the agenda, at least one working day before the meeting to provide brief details of the matter to be covered.

6. **Tools and Powers of the Anti Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.**

To receive a briefing/update by the Principal Manager – Kirstie Hercules

7. **Community Hubs**

To receive a briefing/update by the Principal Manager – Kirstie Hercules

8. **Forward Plan** (Pages 5 - 12)

To note the current forward plan, identify any new items, and to determine whether any further examination of new issues is appropriate.

9. **Work Programme** (Pages 13 - 18)

To give consideration to the work programme

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**Minutes of a meeting of the Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

held on Thursday, 26th March, 2015 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor G Baxendale (Chairman)
Councillor M Grant (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors W S Davies, H Gaddum, P Hayes and P Whiteley

In attendance

Councillor L Gilbert – Cabinet Member for
Councillor L Smetham – Deputy Cabinet
Dawn Clark – Area Partnerships Manager
Abigail Webb – Community Safety Development Manager

43 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor K Hickson

44 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

45 WHIPPING DECLARATIONS

There were no whipping declarations

46 PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no members of the public present who wished to speak

47 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2015.

RESOLVED

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

48 COMMUNITY HUBS

Consideration was given to a presentation about Community Hubs. It was noted that the Council had a community hubs pledge which stated how the Council would help communities to develop and operate community hubs based on what their needs were. It was explained that although each community, and therefore

community hub, was different there would be a 'base offer' of services, training and support which would help to create a community hubs brand while ensuring communities' individual needs were being met. The presentation also included an update on action that had taken place to date in the following areas:

- Wilmslow
- Knutsford
- Macclesfield
- Congleton
- Crewe
- Nantwich
- Rural.

The presentation concluded with a discussion about the next steps and how community hubs could be further developed. The following points arose:

- The concept of a community hub was fluid and not based on a single model or necessarily building based. A community hub might be based on a loose collection of organisations and buildings providing a range of services or it might be based on services provided in a single central location.
- Rural communities were harder to support than urban ones and it was difficult for people in rural areas to access services without their own transport.
- Members were pleased that more schools were engaging and allowing the use of their facilities by the wider community.
- Most registered social landlords were working with the Council on developing community hubs but there weren't many private landlords contributing. This might be an area where the Council could generate greater input.
- Local Area Partnership (LAP) Managers should consult their local ward members regularly to benefit from members' knowledge about things that were happening in their wards.

RESOLVED

That the presentation be noted and an update be scheduled to be received in six months time.

49 DOMESTIC HOMICIDE REVIEW

The Committee received an update on a domestic homicide review which was taking place following a murder case in Cheshire East in June 2014. During the case it transpired that the killer had issues with alcohol and had interactions with several health and care services, and the police prior to the incident. A review panel had been set up to look at the case and reviewed interactions services across health, care and police had with the killer. An action plan was being developed in order to address some of the issues which had been raised by the review.

RESOLVED

That the update be noted and that an update be received in six months

50 FORWARD PLAN

Consideration was given to the areas of the forward plan which fell within the remit of the Committee.

RESOLVED

That the forward plan be noted.

51 WORK PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to the work programme. It was agreed that:

- An update on Community Hubs be received in six months time.
- An update on the Domestic Homicides Review action plan be received in six months time.
- An item to consider how to tackle the issues with parking outside schools and on pavements be added to the work programme subject to confirmation that it falls within the Committee's remit.

RESOLVED

That the work programme be amended to reflect the items highlighted above.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 11.50 am

Councillor G Baxendale (Chairman)

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FORWARD PLAN FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31ST OCTOBER 2015

This Plan sets out the key decisions which the Executive expects to take over the period indicated above. The Plan is rolled forward every month. A key decision is defined in the Council's Constitution as:

“an executive decision which is likely –

- (a) to result in the local authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the local authority's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
- (b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising one or more wards or electoral divisions in the area of the local authority.

For the purpose of the above, savings or expenditure are “significant” if they are equal to or greater than £1M.”

Reports relevant to key decisions, and any listed background documents, may be viewed at any of the Council's Offices/Information Centres 5 days before the decision is to be made. Copies of, or extracts from, these documents may be obtained on the payment of a reasonable fee from the following address:

Democratic Services Team
Cheshire East Council
c/o Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach Cheshire CW11 1HZ
Telephone: 01270 686472

However, it is not possible to make available for viewing or to supply copies of reports or documents the publication of which is restricted due to confidentiality of the information contained.

A record of each key decision is published within 6 days of it having been made. This is open for public inspection on the Council's Website, at Council Information Centres and at Council Offices.

This Forward Plan also provides notice that the Cabinet, or a Portfolio Holder, may decide to take a decision in private, that is, with the public and press excluded from the meeting. In accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, 28 clear days' notice must be given of any decision to be taken in private by the Cabinet or a Portfolio Holder, with provision for the public to make representations as to why the decision should be taken in public. In such cases, Members of the Council and the public may make representations in writing to the Democratic Services Team Manager using the contact details below. A further notice of intention to hold the meeting in private must then be published 5 clear days before the

meeting, setting out any representations received about why the meeting should be held in public, together with a response from the Leader and the Cabinet.

The list of decisions in this Forward Plan indicates whether a decision is to be taken in private, with the reason category for the decision being taken in private being drawn from the list overleaf:

1. Information relating to an individual
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including to authority holding that information)
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under the authority
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal and professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings
6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes (a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime

If you would like to make representations about any decision to be conducted in private at a meeting, please email:

Paul Mountford, Democratic Services Officer paul.mountford@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Such representations must be received at least 10 clear working days before the date of the Cabinet or Portfolio Holder meeting concerned.

Where it has not been possible to meet the 28 clear day rule for publication of notice of a key decision or intention to meet in private, the relevant notices will be published as soon as possible in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution.

The law and the Council's Constitution provide for urgent key decisions to be made. Any decision made in this way will be published in the same way.

Forward Plan

Key Decision and Private Non-Key Decision	Decisions to be Taken	Decision Maker	Expected Date of Decision	Proposed Consultation	How to make representation to the decision made	Private/ Confidential and paragraph number
CE 14/15-33 Strategic Asset Management Plan	To accept the new Strategic Asset Management Plan and authorise the officers to take all necessary actions to implement it.	Cabinet	21 Jul 2015		Julian Cobley	No
CE 15/16-3 Local Plan Strategy - Council Response to Inspector's Letter	To approve the Council's response to the Inspector's letter dated 12 th November 2014 detailing his interim views on the legal compliance and soundness of the submitted Local Plan Strategy. This will include details on potential changes to the Local Plan Strategy; the new evidence gathered during the suspension period and other related documents.	Cabinet	July 2015			No

Key Decision	Decisions to be Taken	Decision Maker	Expected Date of Decision	Proposed Consultation	How to make representation to the decision made	Private/ Confidential and paragraph number
CE 15/16-4 Authorisation Request to Proceed with Three Year Commission for Whole Family Domestic Abuse Services	To seek approval of a procurement process to secure comprehensive services for the prevention of and early response to medium risk domestic abuse as it impacts individuals, families and communities of Cheshire East and the authorisation of officers to taken all necessary actions to implement the proposal.	Cabinet	21 Jul 2015			No
CE 15/16-5 Cheshire Skills and Growth	To consider alternative delivery models for services that seek to stimulate skills and growth.	Cabinet	21 Jul 2015			No
CE 14/15-38 Cheshire East Housing Strategy 2016-2021	Initially to authorise officers to release a draft version of the Strategy for public consultation. Subject to the consultation response, ratify the Strategy and authorise officers to implement all initiatives and actions contained therein.	Cabinet	11 Aug 2015		Karen Carsberg	No

Key Decision	Decisions to be Taken	Decision Maker	Expected Date of Decision	Proposed Consultation	How to make representation to the decision made	Private/ Confidential and paragraph number
CE 14/15-42 Cheshire East Indoor Facility and Playing Pitch Strategies	To adopt both the Indoor Facility and the Playing Pitch Strategies in support of the Council's Local Plan.	Cabinet	8 Sep 2015		Mark Wheelton	No
CE 15/16-6 Sydney Road Bridge Replacement Scheme	Sydney Road Bridge crosses the West Coast Main Line (Crewe to Manchester line). The existing bridge is a narrow signal controlled single carriageway structure. The scheme seeks to increase capacity at this pinch point by replacing the existing structure with a wider structure capable of allowing two-way traffic. The report will outline the work required to move the scheme forward through the statutory process and to authorise officers to take all necessary actions to implement the proposal.	Cabinet	8 Sep 2015			No

Key Decision	Decisions to be Taken	Decision Maker	Expected Date of Decision	Proposed Consultation	How to make representation to the decision made	Private/ Confidential and paragraph number
CE 15/16-7 Congleton Link Road - Procurement Strategy	The Congleton Link Road focuses on development and growth within Congleton, securing employment opportunities, attracting investment and easing long standing traffic congestion and associated environmental issues in the town. The report will outline the work undertaken to identify the procurement process to appoint a contractor in order to construct the scheme. The report will also seek authority for the officers to undertake all necessary actions to implement the proposal.	Cabinet	8 Sep 2015		Paul Griffiths	No

Key Decision	Decisions to be Taken	Decision Maker	Expected Date of Decision	Proposed Consultation	How to make representation to the decision made	Private/ Confidential and paragraph number
CE 15/16/8 Poynton Relief Road - Procurement Strategy	The Poynton Relief Road forms an important part of the Council's strategy of enabling job creation, delivering housing growth and addressing long standing traffic congestion and environmental issues in the town, as well as delivering an important part of the wider SEMMMS Strategy. The report will outline the work undertaken to identify the procurement process to appoint a contractor in order to construct the scheme. The report will also seek authority for the officers to undertake all necessary actions to implement the proposal.	Cabinet	13 Oct 2015		Paul Griffiths	No
CE 15/16-9 Medium Term Financial Strategy 2016-19	To approve the Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2016-19, incorporating the Council's priorities, Budget, Policy Proposals and Capital Programme.	Council	25 Feb 2016		Alex Thompson	No

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CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 16 July 2015
Report of: Head of Corporate Resources and Stewardship
Subject/Title: Work Programme update

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 To review items in the 2014/2015 Work Programme listed in the schedule attached, together with any other items suggested by Committee Members.

2.0 Recommendations

That the 2015/2016 work programme be reviewed.

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 - Carbon reduction - Health

- 6.1 Not known at this stage.

7.0 Financial Implications

- 7.1 Not known at this stage.

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 The schedule attached contains the recommendations of the 2014/15 Committee on potential items for the new civic year 2015/16.

10.2 Under normal circumstances Members would be asked to review the schedule attached to this report, and if appropriate, add new items or delete items that no longer require any scrutiny activity. However, the Committee has not yet had an opportunity to meet relevant portfolio holders and heads of service to discuss priorities for the forthcoming year. There is an informal meeting taking place with Cabinet on 7 July and it is hoped that progress will be made at that meeting and a clear way forward will be established for all Overview and Scrutiny Committees to develop work programmes.

10.3 When selecting potential topics, Members should have regard to the Council's new three year plan and also to the general criteria listed below, which should be applied to all potential items when considering whether any Scrutiny activity is appropriate.

10.4 The following questions should be asked in respect of each potential work programme item:

- 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;

10.5 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 Access to Information

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

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Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

Essential Items

Item	Description/Purpose of reports/Comments	Lead Officer/ Organisation/Portfolio Holder	Suggested by	Current Position	Key Dates/Deadlines
Review of women's safety	To review what Cheshire East do to ensure women's safety in respect of rape, domestic violence and internet trolling	S Cordon L Gilbert	Committee	Task and Finish group	June 2015
Community Safety Partnership Plan and Performance	Revised plan to be considered. Protocol between SCEP and Committee to be circulated.	S Cordon Cllr L Gilbert	S Cordon/K Hercules		TBC
Cheshire Sub Regional Review of Community Safety	To comment on the review. What do we want for Cheshire East?	S Cordon Cllr Gilbert	S Cordon		TBC
Community Strategy	Is this still fit for purpose?	S Cordon Cllr D Brown	S Cordon		TBC
Revised Statement of Gambling Principle's	Part of the Budget and Policy Framework. To give consideration to the revised statement, prior to Cabinet.	K Evans L Gilbert	K Evans		24 September 2015

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Monitoring Items

Item	Description/Purpose of reports/Comments	Lead Officer/ Organisation/Portfolio Holder	Suggested by	Current Position	Key Dates/Deadlines
Tatton Park Enterprises	To receive the quarterly performance monitoring report	Councillor L Gilbert L Butcher/B Flanagan	Committee		Ongoing
Domestic Homicide Reviews	To scrutinise the outcomes of the action plan	S Cordon J Gibson Cllr Gilbert	S Cordon		September 2015
Tools and powers of the Anti – Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014	Monitoring Report on how the powers are being used and whether or not the legal department have the resources to deal with them	S Cordon Cllr L Gilbert	K Hercules		July 2015

Possible future/ desirable items

- Community Hubs – update and progress
- Review of Library Services for the modern day (Cllr Gilbert)