

Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

Date: Thursday, 19th November, 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 the Last Meeting** (Pages 1 - 2)

To give consideration to the minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 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. **Community Hubs**

Presentation and discussion around progress to date, feedback from recent visits to pilot sites and how best to take forward our approach to develop Community Hubs across Cheshire East.

7. **Work Programme** (Pages 3 - 8)

To give consideration to the work programme

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
held on Thursday, 24th September, 2015 at The Capesthorne Room - Town Hall, Macclesfield SK10 1EA

PRESENT

Councillor G Baxendale (Chairman)

Councillors M Beanland, S Pochin and M Warren

In attendance

K Evans – Licensing Team Leader

21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E Brooks, M Grant and J Rhodes.

22 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meetings held on 16 July and 26 August 2015.

RESOLVED

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

23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

24 WHIPPING DECLARATIONS

There were no whipping declarations

25 PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no members of the public present wishing to speak.

26 REVISED STATEMENT OF GAMBLING PRINCIPLES

The Committee were informed that the Gambling Act 2005 requires Local Authorities to prepare and publish a statement of the principles that they propose to apply when exercising their functions under the Act during the three year period to which the statement applies. As the statement of principles forms part of the Council's Policy Framework, there was a requirement to consult with the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

It was agreed that the document was now more usable and should be recommended to Cabinet for approval.

RESOLVED

That Cabinet be recommended to approve the revised Statement of Gambling Principles.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 10.45 am

Councillor G Baxendale (Chairman)

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: 19 November 2015
Report of: Corporate Resources and Stewardship
Subject/Title: Work Programme update

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 To review items in the 2015/2016 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 Members are 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. 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.

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;

10.2 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

| Formal meeting | Informal meeting | Formal meeting | Informal meeting | formal meeting | Informal meeting |
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| Date:19.11.2015 Time: 10.00am Venue: Committee Suite, Westfields | Date:10.12.2015 Time: 10.00am Venue: Committee Suite, Westfields | Date:21.01.2016 Time: 10.00am Venue: Committee Suite, Westfields | Date:18.02.2016 Time: 10.00am Venue: Committee Suite, Westfields | Date: 17.03.2015 Time: 10.00am Venue: Committee Suite, Westfields | Date:21.04.2015 Time: 10.00am Venue: Committee Suite, Westfields |

Essential Items

| Item | Description/Purpose of reports/Comments | Lead Officer/ Organisation/Portfolio Holder | Suggested by | Current Position | Key Dates/Deadlines |
|------------------------------|--|--|--------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Sexual and Domestic Violence | To review what Cheshire East does to ensure women's safety in respect of rape and domestic violence | S Cordon L Gilbert | Committee | Task and Finish group | Ongoing |
| Community Hubs | To receive an update and examine the reasons for delay in implementation. | K Hercules L Gilbert | L Gilbert | Arrange visits to two pilot schemes | 19 November 2015 |
| Enforcement Service | To scrutinise the review of the enforcement service and examine the performance of the service to ensure that improvements have been made. | S Cordon L Gilbert | L Gilbert | | 21 January 2016 |

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| Enforcement Policy | To review the draft enforcement policy | S Cordon L Gilbert | L Gilbert | | TBC |
| Community Strategy | Is this still fit for purpose? | S Cordon L Gilbert | S Cordon | | 21 January 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 | | 17 March 2016 |
| Cultural Strategy | To examine the strategy prior to being submitted to cabinet | B Flannigan S Gardiner | L Gilbert | | TBC |

Monitoring Items

| Item | Description/Purpose of reports/Comments | Lead Officer/ Organisation/Portfolio Holder | Suggested by | Current Position | Key Dates/Deadlines |
|---|---|---|--------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Tatton Park Enterprises and Tatton Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To receive the quarterly performance monitoring report. • To gain an understanding of what is available to members of the public. • To gain an understanding of the vision for the future | Councillor L Gilbert B Flanagan | Committee | Arrange visit to Tatton Park | 4 December 2015 |

Possible future/ desirable items

Libraries
 Management of Community Buildings
 Human Trafficking/ Honour based crime