

## **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Assets**  
held on Monday, 21st September, 2015 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3,  
Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

### **PRESENT**

Councillor D Stockton

### **Officers in attendance:**

Paul Carter – Senior Valuer

Adrian Williams – Senior Valuer

Julie Zientek - Democratic Services

### **23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

### **24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **25 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION**

No members of the public were present.

### **26 TRANSFER OF COMMUNITY CENTRE ST JOHNS WOOD SCHOOL, KNUTSFORD**

Blanket approval was granted on 1 August 2011 by the then Cabinet Member for Prosperity to transfer School Sites to the relevant Academy Trusts once an Academy Order had been issued by the Secretary of State; the St Johns Wood Millennium Community Centre located on the school site falls outside this blanket approval as the community centre had not previously been held by the Council for use by the school.

The building has now ceased to be used as a Community Centre and it was, therefore, proposed to be leased to the Adelaide Academy Trust as part of the academy lease.

A scheme of works, funded by the Council (Children's & Families) had been completed within the former community centre to facilitate the provision of additional Special Educational Needs places at the school. The Local Authority was obliged to fund the provision of a certain number of Special Educational Needs places and these were currently provided out of the Borough. Such provision was desirable in terms of locality and it was also cost effective. Further works were to be undertaken within the Sports Barn facility at the School Site to enable the Sports Barn be made available for out of school hours community use after completion of the academy lease.

## **RESOLVED**

That the St Johns Wood Millennium Community Centre, shown edged red on the plan attached to the report, be included as part of the site of the St Johns Wood Special School within the academy lease to the Adelaide Academy Trust upon the conversion of the school to academy status. The lease is substantially in the DfE model form of academy lease which provides for the grant of a term of 125 years at a peppercorn rent.

### **27 OPEN ARMS YOUTH PROJECT, WILMSLOW**

It was reported that the Open Arms Youth Project only had two years remaining on their existing twenty year lease and so were currently unable to sub-let part to the Riverside Housing Association for five years. A simultaneous surrender and grant of a new twenty year lease would allow the Open Arms Youth Project to sub-let part of their building to the Riverside Housing Association for a five year term.

The Open Arms Youth project were keen to further develop a range of activities to improve the facilities and services for youth provision to the local community and act as an integral delivery centre as part of the Community Hub. They would vacate their current office situated nearby which would then be used as an affordable housing unit.

The opportunities for the local community would be greatly enhanced by retaining an estate based housing service and extend the use of the venue by hosting a range of additional facilities and services to form a robust community hub.

## **RESOLVED**

That approval be given to simultaneously accept the surrender of the Open Arms Youth Project's lease and grant the Open Arms Youth Project a new twenty year lease on terms and conditions to be agreed by the Executive Director of Economic Growth and Prosperity.

The meeting commenced at 1.30 pm and concluded at 1.40 pm