

Environment and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

Date:	Tuesday, 20th March, 2018
Time:	2.00 pm
Venue:	R1 & R2 - 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.

It should be noted that Part 1 items of Cheshire East Council decision making and Overview and Scrutiny meetings are audio recorded and the recordings will be uploaded to the Council's website

PART 1 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** (Pages 3 - 6)

To give consideration to the minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2018

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.

5. **Public Speaking/Open Session**

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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. **Food Waste Recycling & Composting Plant** (Pages 7 - 12)

To receive a presentation of the Corporate Manager Commissioning – Waste and Environmental Services.

7. **Green Infrastructure** (Pages 13 - 20)

To give consideration to how the Council intends to develop and deliver a Green Infrastructure (GI) plan

8. **Flood Risk Management Update 2018**

To receive a presentation of the Flood Risk Manager – to follow

9. **Forward Plan** (Pages 21 - 32)

To give consideration to the areas of the forward plan which fall within the remit of the Committee.

10. **Work programme** (Pages 33 - 40)

To give consideration to the work programme

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Environment and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
held on Monday, 12th February, 2018 at The Capesthorne Room - Town Hall,
Macclesfield SK10 1EA

PRESENT

Councillor H Davenport (Chairman)
Councillor T Dean (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors S Hogben, O Hunter, N Mannion, M Parsons, B Roberts,
G M Walton and M J Weatherill

In attendance:

Councillor D Stockton

R Hibbert – Interim Head of Transport
A Kehoe - Head of Asset Management
P Traynor - Strategic Commissioning Manager - Highways

24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C Browne, M Hardy, and H Wells Bradshaw.

25 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2018.

RESOLVED

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

26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

27 WHIPPING DECLARATIONS

There were no whipping declarations

28 PUBLIC SPEAKING/OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public present wishing to speak

29 PERFORMANCE UPDATE - ENGINE OF THE NORTH

Consideration was given to the performance of Engine of the North, which detailed the schemes to be delivered and a programme overview and provided a financial review and performance review.

Members raised concern regarding the length of time it took to sell some of the empty council owned assets, particularly in the Crewe area. A Kehoe explained that this was due to the complexity of the sites, requiring a credible offer and legacy issues.

It was noted that Engine of the North complied with IFRS15. It was agreed that further information would be circulated to the Committee on the governance arrangements for the company and Council owned land available to sell.

RESOLVED

- That further information on the governance arrangement of EoTN and assets available to sell be circulated to the Committee.
- That an update report be received in 6 months time.

30 LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN REFRESH

Consideration was give to the pre-consultation draft of the Local Transport Plan (LTP) and the proposed approach to public consultation. The Committee made the following principal observations:

- The consultation plan should ensure that there is an effort to engage young people and students (16-25years) as it was felt that the new LTP strategy had longer term impacts on travel across Cheshire East.
- The consultation should seek to engage businesses and transport operators, especially freight and logistics companies.
- Members were concerned that the strategy did not provide sufficient clarity on investment plans. It was considered necessary to ensure that people had the opportunity to comment on their priorities for investment through the LTP.
- It was considered that the LTP should make provision for alternatives for the car, considering the need for reduced use of conventionally-powered cars to 2040.
- The LTP should be clearer on any policy commitments arising from the refresh, in particular there was reference to policies relating to transport provision for new developments.
- The High Level Parking Strategy should include a programme for the town parking studies, with a view to addressing the imbalances in parking throughout the Borough.
- Members generally welcomed the place-based approach to the LTP, whilst noting that Local Service Centres as well as Principal towns and Key Service Centres should be considered.
- There was specific reference to a number of major projects which should be stated more clearly in the LTP, including Middlewich rail station and a possible A6 Disley bypass.

It was agreed that results of public consultation and amendments to the LTP would be considered by the Committee in June 2018, and the final plan in September 2018.

The Committee also agreed that a Task and Finish Group would be established following the public consultation to review the Parking Strategy.

RESOLVED

1. That cabinet be requested to give consideration to the comments highlighted above.
2. That the results of the public consultation be considered by the Committee in June 2018, and the final plan in September 2018.
3. That a Task and Finish Group be established following the consultation to review the Parking Strategy.

The meeting commenced at 10.30 am and concluded at 12.40 pm

Councillor H Davenport (Chairman)

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**Food Waste
Recycling &
Composting
Plant**

Ralph Kemp
Corporate Manager Commissioning –
Waste and Environmental Services





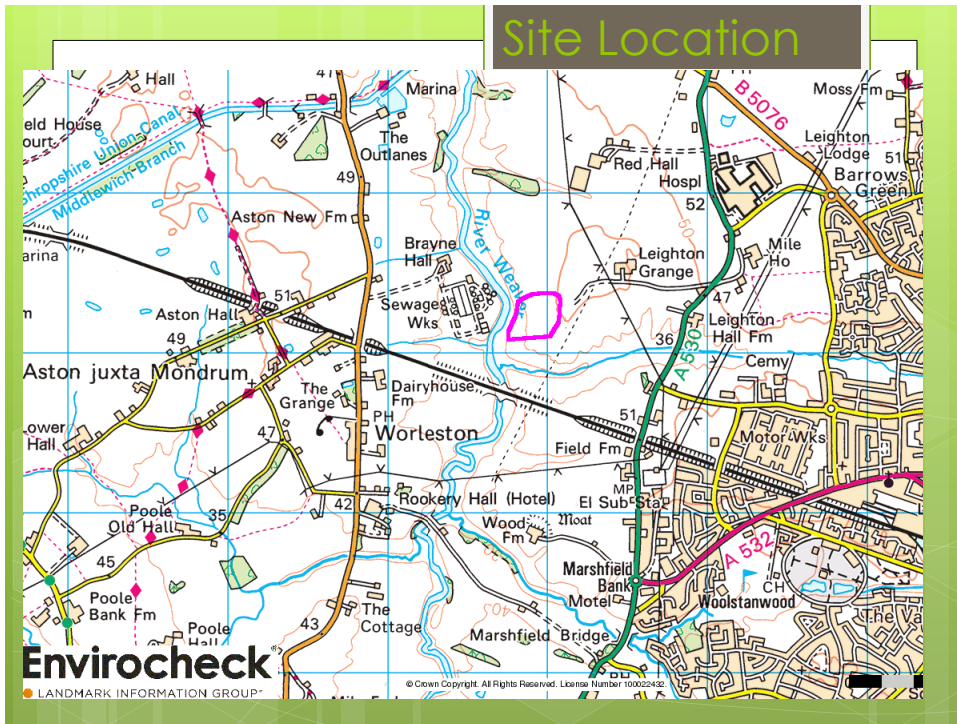
Current Provision

- 38,000 t/a Garden Waste Recycled.
- Delivered to and composted at:
 - Whittakers Green Farm, Nantwich
 - Higher Smallwood Farm, Stoke-On-Trent
 - Field Farms, Sandbach



Proposals for Change

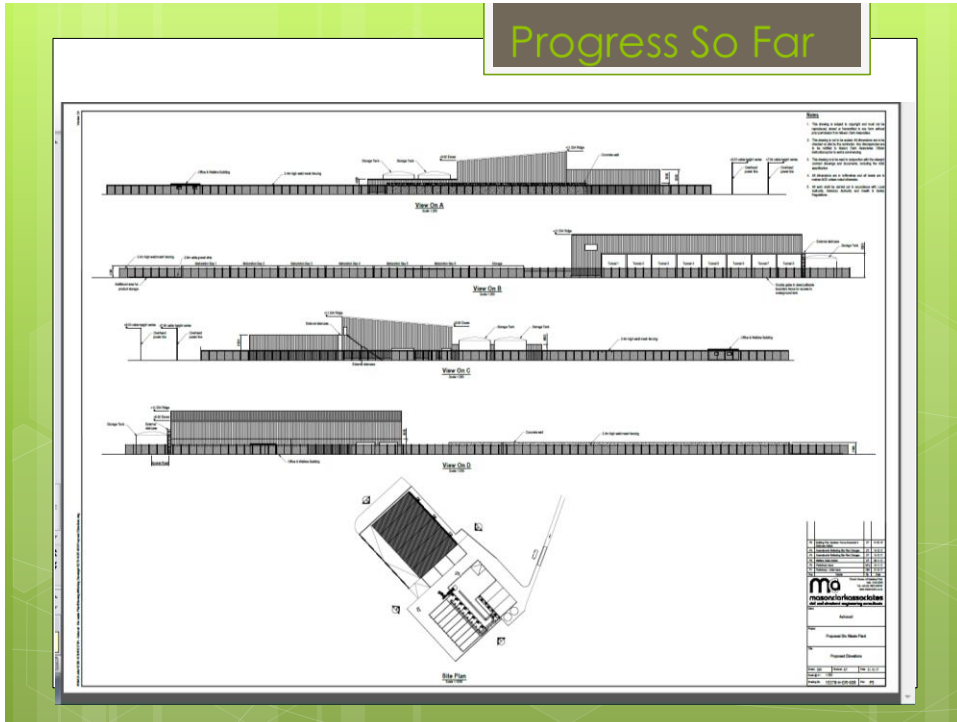
- Waste strategy 2030
- Further feasibility on mixed food and garden waste.
- Cabinet approval to procure a processing solution for mixed food and garden waste



Progress So Far

- Procurement Complete
- Contract Signed with Biowise for the Construction and operation of an In-Vessel Composting Facility.
- Pre Application meetings and Initial consultation with Leighton Parish Council undertaken.
- Planning application ref: 18/0552N registered 9 Feb 2018 Committee date 16th May 2018

Progress So Far



Progress So Far



The application site area is approximately 1.2 hectares. The application proposes to develop an organic waste in vessel composting (IVC) facility to manage up to 75,000 tonnes per annum of compostable municipal green and food waste. This would involve a mixture of in-vessel composting (IVC) within a purpose built building, and external aerated maturation using a system of forced aeration static windrows.

Progress So Far



The process would involve reception of waste in a sealed negative pressure building, shredding and mixing of waste, then storage of waste in an enclosed composting tunnel before being transferred to an outdoor aerated static pile composting facility for stabilisation/maturation and then screening. Any unsuitable material would be sent off site to be re-processed into a biomass fuel for energy and/or heat recovery.

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BRIEFING REPORT

Environment and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny

Date of Meeting: 20 March 2018

Report Title: Green Infrastructure

Portfolio Holder: Cllr Don Stockton, Portfolio Holder Environment

Author: Brendan Flanagan, Head of Service Rural & Cultural Economy

Senior Officer: Frank Jordan, Executive Director Place

1. Introduction and Policy Context

- 1.1. The purpose of this briefing report is to outline how the Council intends to develop and deliver a Green Infrastructure (GI) plan for the Borough as part of its policy development on the Environment. This will provide a strategic overview, mapping out the opportunities to gain the green infrastructure benefits related to Connectivity, life chances, environment and economy.
- 1.2. In a Cabinet report (6th December 2016), principles relating to Quality of Place were adopted as an overarching strategy for the Council. Quality of Place is a measure that focuses on the connection of environment and place, the quality of the built and natural environment and its interaction with people living in the area. A Green infrastructure Plan will contribute to protecting and enhancing the environment that makes Cheshire East special which is an important contributor to our Quality of Place and the economy it supports.
- 1.3. The Local Plan has a number of policies that specifically deal with Green infrastructure and identifies a strategic need to secure improvements to the built and natural environment.
- 1.4. Recent research undertaken by the Cheshire & Warrington LEP, when developing the Strategic Economic Plan, also supports the economic argument for the importance of our environment and green infrastructure as part of Quality of Place.
- 1.5. A Green Infrastructure plan also relates to national policy. For example, the Government recently published 'A Green Future', its 25 year plan to improve the environment. The development of a Green Infrastructure plan is therefore timely, both in the context of the Cheshire East Local Plan and emerging Government policy.

2. Background

- 2.1. Green infrastructure encompasses all the 'green' (such green spaces and green ways) and 'blue' (such as waterways) elements that contribute to the wellbeing of people and environment, quality of place and the economy. A Green infrastructure plan would enable the prioritised delivery of a network of multi-functional green spaces, both urban and rural, that are capable of delivering a wide range of environmental and quality of life benefits for local communities. It is an approach that is already embedded in the Cheshire East Local Plan and at a national level in the National Planning Policy Framework. Cheshire East already has a distinct natural environment that contributes to the creation of an attractive and successful place.
- 2.2. The Council published its Green Space Strategy in 2013. It stated that Cheshire East Council would like to achieve: 'A network of clean, green, sustainable, attractive, well maintained, safe areas for all ages, for formal and informal recreational activities, more formal outdoor sports or for sitting and relaxing, which are easily accessible and are well designed to avoid conflict and build community cohesion, whilst enhancing our day to day environment'.
- 2.3. Local Plan strategic priorities on promoting economic prosperity, protecting and enhancing environmental quality and creating sustainable communities identified that these would be delivered by '...securing improvements to the built and natural environment', 'improving links between existing and new neighbourhoods by giving priority to walking, cycling...' and 'providing new and maintaining existing high quality and accessible green infrastructure to create networks of greenspace for people, flora and fauna and allow species adaptation and migration'.
- 2.4. Green infrastructure provides an approach that promotes the value of the natural environment (which can be defined through 'Natural Capital') to Quality of Place, wellbeing of communities and the wider economy.

3. Briefing Information

- 3.1. Green infrastructure relates to multi-functional spaces, both urban and rural, which are capable of delivering a wide range of environmental and quality of life benefits for local communities.
- 3.2. The Local Plan has a number of policies that specifically deal with Green infrastructure. For example, Policy SE6 seeks to link the various assets of Cheshire East's unique landscape, safeguarding a network of green infrastructure assets that should be retained and enhanced. This includes the need to create or add to the networks of multi-functional Green Infrastructure and securing new provision to help address identified shortages. There are also policies related to a number of specific sites regarding the creation of green spaces and green infrastructure links that should be integrated into development proposals. Further work is now on-going as part of the second stage of the Local Plan to develop a Landscape Strategy and to refresh the Greenspace strategy. The Green Infrastructure Plan will be part of the evidence base underpinning a GI policy within stage two of the Plan, the Site

Allocations Development Plan Document. It may also lead in the future to Supplementary Planning Documents, should that need be identified and can help identify any evidential gaps that might support future plans.

- 3.3. A Green Infrastructure Plan will be linked to existing Council plans and strategies, particularly in the context of economic strategy, Health and Wellbeing and Regeneration plans. It will also link into key spatial strategies including the emerging Crewe Masterplan where the re-establishment of green infrastructure within the town is key to the vision for the town. It also needs to take account of Green infrastructure planning at sub-regional level and integrate with partners that could help to 'join the dots' in a collaborative approach. To do this effectively and to increase the resource available, opportunities will be sought to find potential partners with whom the Council can collaborate or to identify complementary projects that support wider delivery.
- 3.4. In developing a plan for Cheshire East that takes account of opportunities for collaboration and partnerships, a GI plan can provide a strategic context for other organisations that have influence over or are providers of Green Infrastructure. It can also address the part that Cheshire East Council plays in policy and delivery. The council clearly has a direct role in delivering and influencing Green Infrastructure in the borough, not only through planning policy and strategy implementation, but through responsibility for and management of its own estate.
- 3.5. This provides a direct stake in our ability to maximise long-term benefits for the environment, economy and communities of Cheshire East. However, the process of Green Infrastructure planning can also give Cheshire East Council a strategic leadership role in working with other organisations that share the same goals and aspirations, providing a framework that is of value to those interested in our green infrastructure, from conservation organisations, developers, businesses and council services to individual households and neighbourhood groups. It will also highlight opportunities for further engagement, such as the Northern Forest, that might otherwise be missed.
- 3.6. The Green Infrastructure plan would therefore serve to integrate the Local Plan policies with other existing strategies and plans while providing a strategic context for partners. This would assist the Council to deliver its objectives and the full range of benefits available. It will create a delivery plan that helps to focus resources and delivery to best effect. Priorities for action would be addressed across a number of themes with their perceived benefits (fig 1). These are likely to include:
- Connectivity: Green corridors to connect areas of habitat that provide multifunctional benefits including biodiversity, access, informal recreation, health & wellbeing, landscape value, risk mitigation and economic.
 - Life Chances and Choices: Linking people to places closer to nature through walking and cycling, perceived access and interpretation. Improved

contribution of to air, water, soils and personal wellbeing. Securing opportunities for outdoor recreation and getting closer to nature with associated health and wellbeing benefits. Promoting these benefits to health commissioning bodies.

- Environment: Bridging any distinction between ‘urban’ and ‘rural’ in the quality and benefits available to residents, wildlife and landscape. Raising awareness of the value of the landscape of Cheshire East, increasing people’s interest in its future. Addressing the need to improve ‘carrying capacity’ or ‘spreading the load’ for existing ‘honeypot’ sites. Securing green infrastructure in support of landscape improvement or improved design quality for new developments across the borough.
- Economy: Securing and enhancing investments by connecting them into a wider environmental benefits network. Maintaining and enhancing perception of place as a reason to live, work, visit or invest. Valuing ‘Natural capital’ as part of economic strategy or investment decisions.

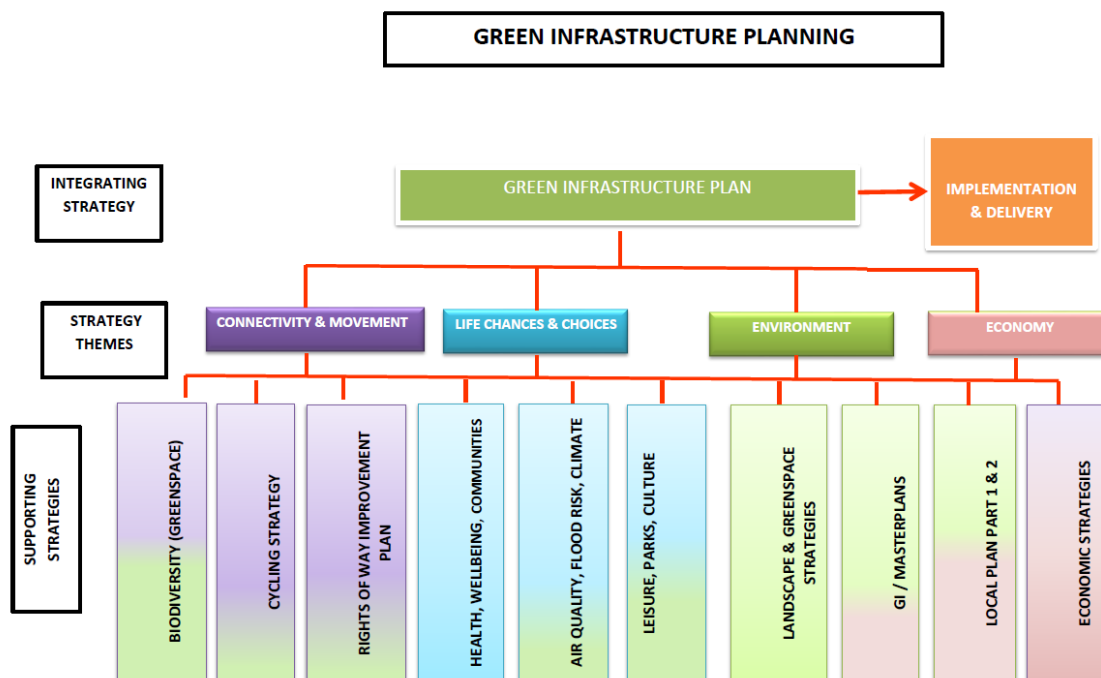


Figure 1: Green Infrastructure planning

- 3.7. Some of the contributing strategies and plans are already in place, including the Cycling Strategy, Health and Wellbeing Strategy, Parks Strategy and Rights of Way Improvement Plan and stage 1 of the Local Plan. There are a number of other work streams currently in hand, which will help to inform the Green Infrastructure plan including the emerging Crewe Masterplan. There is a need therefore to identify and complete all contributing reports and strategies and also to fill any substantial gaps that may exist.

- 3.8. To ascertain how the Council can work with others to integrate strategies and projects, work has commenced on identification of potential 'partner' or cross-boundary projects that could contribute to or be linked through a Green Infrastructure Plan. This will lead to the development of a high level, strategic plan that takes into account other work streams and addresses any gaps in order to assist implementation, mapping the potential to achieve improvements in Green Infrastructure and identifying priority areas of focus. This plan would be consulted on prior to seeking Council approval.
- 3.9. A Green Infrastructure Plan would provide a strategic framework to address known needs and opportunities to gain the green infrastructure benefits related to the themes of connectivity, life chances, environment and economy. It can establish principles that would contribute to the evidence base for the second stage of the Local Plan. It will map the distribution of green infrastructure and incorporate defined proposals and priorities for areas of intervention, retention or enhancement that can be addressed as and when resources become available. It will also strengthen the case for high quality design, mitigation and public benefit related to development proposals to ensure that the borough's Quality of Place aspirations are met.
- 3.10 It is intended that for each of the themes it will be possible to understand where the Council, its partners and other stakeholders may be able to make contributions to retain or enhance Green Infrastructure and its related benefits. The Plan is likely therefore to include a range of proposals and actions, covering commitments from the Council and a range of potential partners.
- 3.11 In some cases funding might already have been committed for an action. In other instances the action may highlight the need for a new area of work, part of which will be to identify and secure funding for its delivery. This will involve reviewing funding opportunities that already exist or opportunities that emerge throughout the life of the Plan. For some other actions, however, there will not be an existing or identified source of funding. In this case, while an action may be identified as part of a 'menu of opportunities', implementation may wait on new funding becoming available or be reliant on the Council and its partners working together to establish new funding mechanisms.
- 3.12 In order to complete a Green Infrastructure Plan, a number of pieces of existing work must be completed. This includes completion of a refreshed Greenspace strategy and the Landscape Character Assessment together with the related Landscape Strategy and Local Landscape Designation review. Initial consultation with potential partners will also be undertaken during March/April 2018 in order to align this work with other related initiatives. It is hoped therefore to complete the Plan once the first draft of the Local Plan stage 2 has been completed for consultation. The current timescale therefore assumes that a Green Infrastructure Plan would be completed by the end of 2018.

4. Implications

4.1 Legal Implications

There are no direct legal implications.

4.2 Financial Implications

There are currently no additional costs in developing the Green Infrastructure plan. The only costs are staff time and work related to the evidence base, which are contained in existing base budgets of Place directorate.

The implication of developing a strategic plan will highlight needs and opportunities that will guide priorities for expenditure in the future (and not just from one service) or may require funding/budgets to be reorganised to have better effect.

4.3 Human Resources Implications

None

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FORWARD PLAN FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30TH JUNE 2018

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, Executive 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 17/18-14 Congleton Leisure Centre	To recommend to Cabinet the appointment of the preferred bidder for the redevelopment of Congleton Leisure Centre; to submit the awarded design to planning; and subject to this, to commence construction and the redevelopment of the facility.	Cabinet	13 Mar 2018		Mark Wheelton	Partly exempt - para 3
CE 17/18-27 North West Crewe Package - Procurement Strategy	To authorise the Executive Director Place, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment, to approve the preferred procurement strategy for North West Crewe and to authorise the officers to take the necessary actions to commence the procurement process.	Cabinet	13 Mar 2018		Chris Hindle	N/A

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 17/18-28 Available Walking Routes Phase 2A	<p>§ To confirm that the route between Mobberley and Knutsford Academy and Knutsford Academy, The Studio is deemed an 'available' walking route. Therefore free home to school transport will be withdrawn for current and new pupils living in Mobberley within 3 miles of the Academy, effective from 1 September 2018.</p> <p>§ To acknowledge the feedback from the public engagement and agree that the proposed withdrawal of transport shall be amended to address some of the concerns raised.</p> <p>§ To agree that a subsidy of £192 per annum be paid to all affected families for the remainder of their child's attendance at their respective schools.</p>	Cabinet	13 Mar 2018		Jacky Forster	N/A

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 17/18-29 Education Travel Policy	To note the outcome of the consultation in respect of the revised suite of travel policies; and to agree that the revised travel policies be implemented with effect from 1 st September 2018.	Cabinet	13 Mar 2018		Jacky Forster	N/A
CE 17/18-35 Review of Council Wholly-Owned Companies and Alternative Service Delivery Vehicles	To consider proposals following a comprehensive review of the Council's wholly-owned companies and alternative service delivery vehicles.	Cabinet	13 Mar 2018		Chris Allman	Partly exempt

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 17/18-36 North West Crewe Package - Land Assembly and Compulsory Purchase Order Strategy	To authorise the Executive Director of Place, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, to proceed with the land assembly strategy required to deliver the North West Crewe scheme. The North West Crewe Package forms an important part of the Council's vision and strategy for sustainable economic growth as set out in the Local Plan and unlocks a number of housing and employment sites by improving traffic movements and transport links in northern Crewe.	Cabinet	13 Mar 2018		Chris Hindle	N/A
CE 17/18-37 A Dynamic Purchasing System for Care and Support for People with a Learning Disability and/or Mental Health	To seek approval to establish a dynamic purchasing system for the future procurement of care and support services for individuals eligible for adult and children's social care support, including those in transition to adulthood who have a learning disability and/or mental health.	Cabinet	13 Mar 2018		Nichola Glover-Edge	N/A

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 17/18-38 Children's Home Commissioning	Cheshire East Council is looking to optimise the quality and cost-effectiveness of the Children's Residential provision it delivers for cared for children. Cabinet will be asked to delegate authority to the Acting Executive Director People in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children and Families to make the decision on award of contract for a Children's Residential Home tender.	Cabinet	13 Mar 2018		David Leadbetter	N/A
CE 17/18-41 Better Care Fund - Agreement of Section 75 for 2018/19-2019/20	That Cabinet support the Council to continue the current arrangements and enter into two new Section 75 partnership agreements from 1 st April 2018 until 31 st March 2019 with local health partners, with the option to continue for a further period of one year.	Cabinet	13 Mar 2018		Nichola Glover-Edge	N/A

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 17/18-42 Strategic School Improvement Fund - Award of Grant	To seek formal approval to receive external DfE funding to the value of £638,452 as recently awarded to Cheshire East Council as the named lead in a successful bidding process.	Cabinet	13 Mar 2018		Mark Bayley	N/A
CE 17/18-31 Recycling Bank Review	To seek authority for officers to implement the Council's recycling bank strategy.	Cabinet Member for Environment	March 2018		Ralph Kemp	N/A
CE 17/18-5 Cheshire East Council Housing Strategy 2018-2023	To consider and adopt the Cheshire East Council Housing Strategy.	Cabinet	10 Apr 2018		Karen Carsberg	N/A
CE 17/18-15 Implementation of the Homelessness Strategy 2018-2021	To approve and adopt the Homelessness Strategy, commit to the resources detailed within the Strategy for the lifetime of the Strategy, and authorise officers to deliver the actions contained within the Strategy.	Cabinet	10 Apr 2018		Lynn Glendenning	N/A

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 17/18-16 CERF Alternative Pension Scheme	To approve the appointment of an alternative pension scheme provider for the CERF group of companies; and to approve the closure of the LGPS to all new starters in the CERF group of companies from 1 st December 2017.	Cabinet	10 Apr 2018		Peter Bates, Chief Operating Officer	Fully exempt - paras 3, 4 & 5
CE 17/18-39 Highway Service Contract Procurement	To authorise the Executive Director Place to award the Highway Service Contract to the preferred bidder.	Cabinet	8 May 2018		Paul Traynor	Partly exempt
CE 17/18-45 Re-procurement of Fresh Produce	To approve the re-tendering process to award the Fresh Produce contract. A robust EU tender procedure will be undertaken and the successful provider will be identified for each lot.	Cabinet	10 Apr 2018		Mark Bayley	N/A

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 17/18-46 Energy Procurement	To authorise the Executive Director Place to take all necessary actions to implement the proposal and endorse the continued use of the flexible procurement method recommended with a fully managed service. The provision of a fully managed flexible energy procurement contract will provide significant benefits to the Council, including value for money and protection against increases in energy market prices whilst enabling the Council to benefit if prices fall.	Cabinet	10 Apr 2018		Colin Farrelly	N/A
CE 17/18-30 Cemeteries Strategy	That Cabinet be asked to consider the draft Cheshire East Cemeteries Strategy and approve it for consultation; and to agree that, subject to consideration of the outcome of the consultation, the Strategy be adopted as Council policy by delegated officer decision.	Cabinet	8 May 2018		Ralph Kemp	N/A

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 17/18-43 North West Crewe Package - Funding and Delivery Strategy Update	To update Cabinet following determination of bids for central government funding; and to authorise the Executive Director Place in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment to consider a report on the funding and delivery strategy for the package and, subject to capital finance group, to progress with the full delivery of the scheme.	Cabinet	8 May 2018		Chris Hindle	N/A
CE 17/18-44 Congleton Link Road - Final Approval to Underwrite Funding Gap, Appoint Winning Contractor and Submit Final Business Case	To seek approval to confirm the scale and formal underwriting of the funding gap for the Congleton Link Road, approve the final business case for submission to the Department of Transport, confirm the selectin of the winning contractor and undertake limited advance ecological works at risk.	Cabinet	8 May 2018		Paul Griffiths	N/A

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CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 20 March 2018
Report of: Acting Director of Legal Services
Subject/Title: Work Programme update

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 To review items in the 2018/2019 Work Programme listed in the schedule attached, together with any other items suggested by Committee Members.

2.0 Recommendations

That the 2018/2019 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.
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- 10.3 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;
- 10.4 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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Date:20.03.2018 Time: 2.00pm Venue:R1 & R2, Westfields	Date:18.06. 2018 Time: 2.00pm Venue: Committee Suite, Westfields	Date:17.09.2018 Time: 2.00pm Venue: Capesthorne Room	Date: 12.11.2018 Time: 2.00pm Venue: Council Chamber, Crewe	Date:21.01..2019 Time: 2.00pm Venue: Committee Suite, Sandbach	Date:18.03.2018 Time: 2.00pm Venue: Capesthorne Room
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Essential items

Item	Description/purpose of report/comments	Outcome	Lead Officer/ organisation/ Portfolio Holder	Suggested by	Current position	Key Dates/ Deadlines
Local Transport Plan (LTP)	To give consideration to the consultation process prior to cabinet.	Cheshire is a green and sustainable place.	Director and Acting deputy Chief Executive	Director and Acting Chief Executive	Committee Report	18 June 2018 and 17 September 2018
Food waste Collection, Organic waste Treatment Solution	To scrutinise the progress made. Report received on 21 March. Further progress reports TBA	Cheshire is a green and sustainable place	Strategic Commissioner for Waste. Portfolio Holder for Regeneration	Strategic Commissioner for Waste.	Update report	20 March 2018
Flood Risk Management	To scrutinise flood risk management in Cheshire East.	Cheshire is a green and sustainable place	Commissioning manager for Highways	Scrutiny requirement	Annual review	20 March 2018
Strategic Asset Management Plan and disposal Strategy - Refresh	To give consideration to the refresh	Responsible effective and efficient organisation	Head of Asset Management	Committee	Update received at May 2016 meeting. Item deferred due to last agenda being too large	TBA

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Household waste recycling centres review	To scrutinise the results of the consultation. Report received on 21 March. Further progress reports TBA	Cheshire is a green and sustainable place	Strategic Commissioner for Waste.	Committee		17 September 2018
Outline Green Infrastructure Strategy	To develop a strategy	Cheshire East is a green and sustainable place	Head of Rural & Cultural Economy	Portfolio Holder	Committee Report	20 March 2018
Performance Scorecard	To give consideration to the performance of the service	Cheshire East has a strong and resilient economy	Director and Acting deputy Chief Executive	Committee	Committee	Quarterly reports

Monitoring Items

item	Description/purpose of report/comments	Outcome	Lead Officer/organisation/Portfolio Holder	Suggested by	Current position	Key Dates/Deadlines
Cheshire East Engine of the North	To scrutinise the performance of EotN	Cheshire East has a strong and resilient economy	Executive Director Place	Committee	Performance report Item deferred due to last agenda being too large	18 June 2018
Monitoring Ansa and Orbitas	To scrutinise the performance of Ansa and Orbitas	Our local communities are strong and supportive/ Cheshire is a	Strategic Commissioner for Waste. Portfolio Holder for regeneration	Strategic Commissioner for Waste.	Ongoing Performance report	18 June 2018

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		green and sustainable place				
Highways Service	To scrutinise the performance of the highways service	Our local communities are strong and supportive/ Cheshire is a green and sustainable place	Strategic Commissioner for Highways	Strategic Commissioner for Highways	Ongoing Performance report Task and finish group	18 June 2018
TSSL	To Scrutinise the performance Framework and performance	Cheshire is a green and sustainable place	Chief Operating Officer. Portfolio Holder for Highways and Infrastructure	Committee	On going Performance report	Half yearly/annual
Skills and Growth ASDV	To Scrutinise the performance	Cheshire East has a strong and resilient economy & People have the life skills and education they need to thrive	Head of Investment	Committee	Performance report	Half yearly/annual
Air Quality	To scrutinise the data annually and review how the Council complies with legislation	Cheshire is a green and sustainable place	Executive Director Place	Committee	Committee report	18 June 2018

Briefing Notes to be circulated

Winter Service, Local Plan

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Possible Task and Finish groups

- parking strategy

Possible Future/ desirable items

- Strategic Infrastructure Programme
- Crewe Campus Hub
- Tatton Park – September 2018
- Charging for bins
- Cemeteries and Churchyards