

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 12 July 2011
Report of: Borough Solicitor
Subject/Title: Business Generation Task and Finish Group

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 This report encloses the final report of the Task and Finish Group which conducted a scrutiny review of Business Generation Centres.

2.0 Recommendations

- a) That the report of the Scrutiny Task and Finish Group be approved;
- (b) That the recommendations of the Group be endorsed, and referred to Cabinet for consideration and necessary action.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 To progress the findings of the Scrutiny Review Task and Finish Group who reviewed Business Generation Centres within Cheshire East.

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 Not known at this stage.

9.0 Risk Management

9.1 There are no identifiable risks.

10.0 Background and Options

10.1 The Committee set up a task and finish group in December 2010 as part of the asset challenge process at the suggestion of the then Procurement Assets and Shared Services Portfolio Holder holder. Although the original task was to review the 4 Council owned Business Generation Centres from an asset management point of view, the group recognised that the review could not be undertaken without taking into consideration, the Council's Economic Development Strategy. For that reason, a Member of the Environment and Prosperity committee was invited to join the Task and Finish Group.

10.2 The group carried out its investigation between December 2010 and March 2011. The group's final recommendations are included in the report attached.

11 Access to Information

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

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