

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

PLACES ADVISORY PANEL

Date of meeting: 12 November 2008
Report of: John Knight - Prosperity Block Lead
Title: Proposed Places Structure

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To inform members of the approval of the Places Structure for Cheshire East.

2.0 Decision Required

- 2.1 To note the Places Structure and arrangements for supporting the Places Advisory Panel.

3.0 Financial Implications for Transition Costs

- 3.1 None.

4.0 Financial Implications 2009/10 and beyond

- 4.1 The detailed Structure will now be developed over the next few weeks, alongside the Budget preparation work.

5.0 Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Council will need to ensure that all the services within the Places block can be accommodated within the new Structure in order to fulfil its statutory duties.

6.0 Risk Assessment

- 6.1 Detailed risk assessments will need to be undertaken as detailed structures are evaluated.

7.0 Background and Options

- 7.1 A draft Places Structure was circulated to staff and many comments were received. These were reviewed and many have been reflected in the final Structure which is attached to this report.
- 7.2 There will be four Heads of Service who will be responsible for the following areas of business:-

- Environmental Services
- Safe & Stronger Communities
- Planning & Policy
- Regeneration

7.3 Recruitment to those posts is currently underway and it is intended that these third tier managers will be appointed during November. The structure also shows fourth tier managers who will report into them (e.g. Refuse and Cleansing Manager, Highway Operations). The Heads of Service, together with the Strategic Director, will take the lead in supporting the work of this Panel, the Portfolio Holders with responsibilities within Places, Cabinet and Council on place making and management matters. Until these posts are filled, interim arrangements have been established by the Chief Executive to provide appropriate support in the short-term including policy and budget development.

7.4 The Officer Places Steering Group which has been co-ordinating the transition to the new Directorate is also being reorganised to align the block work to the functional structure.

8.0 Reasons for Recommendation

8.1 To confirm that the Places Structure has been agreed.

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