

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

CABINET

Date of meeting:	3 March 2009
Report of:	Interim Monitoring Officer and Chief Finance Officer
Title:	Section 24 Applications for Consent

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The Borough Solicitor will report orally on a S24 Specific Consent issued under delegated powers since the last Cabinet meeting in respect of Brine Leas.

2.0 Decision Required

- 2.1 To note a S24 Specific Consent issued under delegated powers since the last Cabinet meeting in respect of Brine Leas.

3.0 Financial Implications for Transition Costs

- 3.1 None for transitional costs in 2008-09.

4.0 Financial Implications 2009/10 and beyond

- 4.1 The financial implications for S.24 decisions will form part of the overall financial position of the existing Cheshire East Authorities as at 31 March 2009. This financial position will be inherited from 1 April 2009.

5.0 Legal Implications

- 5.1 See 6.1 below.

6.0 Risk Assessment

- 6.1 There is a risk of certain transactions by existing authorities being void if the necessary consents are not obtained for these from the Shadow authorities; however, the general and specific consent procedure and guidance have been put in place to mitigate this risk and ensure that appropriate consents are sought and given where needed.

7.0 Background and Options

- 7.1 On 21 May 2008 Cabinet agreed a General Consent for existing East Cheshire authorities to enter into land transactions and contracts to values which were set out in the report. It also delegated power to the Monitoring Officer and Chief Finance Officer for Cheshire East to give Specific Consents in relation to applications to proceed with transactions in excess of these amounts, with a discretion reserved to those officers to refer the matters back to members where they see fit.

8.0 Overview of Day One, Year One and Term One Issues

8.1 Not applicable.

9.0 Reasons for Recommendation

9.1 To inform Members of a S24 Specific Consent issued under delegated powers since the last Cabinet meeting in respect of Brine Leas.

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Background Documents:

Documents are available for inspection at:

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