

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Cabinet

Date of meeting: 21 April 2009
Report of: Democratic Services Manager
Title: Notices of Motion

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To report the referral to Cabinet of three Notices of Motion.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Cabinet note the referral of the Notices of Motion by Council and await further detailed reports by Officers to its next or appropriately timed meeting.

3.0 Financial Implications for Transition Costs

- 3.1 None

4.0 Financial Implications 2009/10 and beyond

- 4.1 None

5.0 Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Constitution requires that Notices of Motion be referred to Cabinet.

6.0 Risk Assessment

- 6.1 None

7.0 Background/Context

- 7.1 The Notices of Motion referred by Council are set out below.

1. Notice of Motion: Contractors Supplying Services to Cheshire East Council

At the Council meeting on 2 April 2009, consideration was given to the following Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor David Neilson and seconded by Councillor John Goddard:

“That this Council asks all contractors supplying services to Cheshire East for a Assurance that they will not use companies that sell illegal,

sensitive personal data, like “The Consulting Association”, to vet potential staff.”

Council resolved that the motion stand referred to Cabinet.

2. Notice of Motion: Fairtrade Status for Cheshire East

At the Council meeting on 2 April 2009, consideration was given to the following Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Shirley Jones and seconded by Councillor Ainsley Arnold:

“That this Council recognises the significant work undertaken by the councils forming Cheshire East towards gaining Fairtrade Status. That this Council will set up a member working group to carry forward the Fairtrade agenda and the promotion of Fairtrade products within council premises to achieve Fairtrade status for Cheshire East.”

An amendment, to replace the above wording with the following wording was moved by Councillor RWJ Fitzgerald and seconded by Councillor P Mason and was declared carried:

“This Council supports Fair Trade principles and requests that an appropriate report be brought forward in due course.”

Council resolved that the motion, as amended, stand referred to Cabinet.

3. Notice of Motion: Sustainable Communities Act

At the Council meeting on 2 April 2009, consideration was given to the following Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Rod Fletcher and seconded by Councillor David Neilson:

“Council regrets that Cheshire East is not one of the eighty listed authorities that have signed up to the Sustainable Communities Act. THIS ACT HAS ALL PARTY SUPPORT. The philosophy behind the act being that as there are so many centrally imposed duties on councils, accepting this act will enable them to be more accountable to their electorate on a local basis. Council asks the Cabinet to reconsider their position and sign up to the act for the benefit of the people of Cheshire East.”

An amendment to replace the above wording with the following wording was moved by Councillor D Brown and seconded by Councillor B Silvester and was declared carried:

“This Council supports the principle of the Sustainable Communities Act 2008 and requests the Council’s officers to bring a report forward at a future date”.

Council resolved that the motion, as amended, stand referred to Cabinet.

- 7.2 The Officers are considering the matters raised by the Notices with a view to submitting detailed reports to the Cabinet's next or appropriately timed meeting. Members are asked at this stage to note the referral of the Notices and to await the further reports.

8.0 Reasons for Recommendation

- 8.1 To report the referral of three Notices of Motion by Council and to advise Members to await detailed officer reports which will enable Cabinet to make informed judgements on the issues in question.

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Background Documents: None