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CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Informal **Environment and Prosperity Scrutiny Committee**

held on Wednesday, 13th May, 2009 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor G M Walton (Chairman)
Councillor E Gilliland (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Rachel Bailey, H Davenport, R Fletcher, R Menlove, M Parsons,
L Smetham and C Thorley

Apologies

Councillors S Broadhurst, M Hardy and M Hollins

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/ PARTY WHIP

None

2 SCRUTINY UNCOVERED

The Committee watched a DVD explaining the role of Select Committees in Parliament. The DVD featured Members of both houses reflecting on their experiences, along with clerks and members of the public called to give evidence. The DVD highlighted the role that Select Committees played in the scrutiny of Government.

3 REMIT OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

The Committee considered a paper relating to the remit of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees based upon recommendations made by Scrutiny Members at the training day held on 27 April 2009. It was noted that the remits would be reviewed in 12 months time.

RESOLVED

That the remit of the Environment and Prosperity Scrutiny Committee be noted and reviewed in 12 months time

4 DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered a draft work programme, which was based upon matters referred to the Committee by the Shadow Scrutiny Committee. The list of items within the work programme had been discussed by Members at a training session held on 27 April 2009, at which, an initial attempt had been made to prioritise items.

Members acknowledged that the list of matters within the work programme was not exhaustive and that a more comprehensive list would be submitted to the first formal meeting of the Committee following discussions between the Chair and Vice Chairman, relevant Portfolio Holders and senior officers over the next few days.

It was agreed that at its next meeting the Committee would receive a position statement with regard to waste management, car parking and highway maintenance. It was also agreed that as the review relating to Crewe gateway included the railway station, the review relating to the development of railway stations would be deleted from the work programme.

RESOLVED

That the work programme be amended to reflect the above issues.

The meeting commenced at 10.30 am and concluded at 11.40 am

Councillor G M Walton (Chairman)