

0000CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

held on Thursday, 21st April, 2016 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor G Baxendale (Chairman)
Councillor C Andrew (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors M Beanland, M Grant, J Rhodes and M Warren

In attendance

D Coyne – Local Engagement Officer
K Hercules - Principal Manager - Local Area Working

51 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E Brooks and S Pochin

52 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2016

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

53 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

54 WHIPPING DECLARATIONS

There were no whipping declarations

55 PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no members of the public wishing to speak

56 DELIVERING DIFFERENTLY IN NEIGHBOURHOODS

Dan Coyne, Local Engagement Officer attended the meeting to update Members on Delivering Differently in Neighbourhoods (DDiN) pilot scheme which ended on 31 March 2016.

Macclesfield was one of 24 national pilots as part of DCLG's programme Delivering Differently in Neighbourhoods, for which the Council received a £90,000 grant.

The aim of the programme was to provide financial support for 12 months and expert advice to local authorities to redesign services to be delivered at neighbourhood level with the involvement of local people and organisations. DCLG believed that by delivering locally and involving communities in the design and delivery of services, authorities would be able to:

- Tailor services to match local need, delivering better outcomes for local communities
- Achieve efficiencies by eliminating wasteful activity and duplication of effort.
- Increase community resilience and manage down demand.

The programme aimed to gather evidence of effective neighbourhood delivery models, including case studies and cost benefit analyses, and disseminate this more widely. A copy of the case study was circulated to Members.

D Coyle delivered a presentation which covered:

- Cheshire East Community Hub agenda
- Community hub franchise
- Delivering Differently in Macclesfield
- Cost benefit analysis
- Macclesfield Community Hub Network
- How the £90,000 grant was spent
- Participatory budgeting
- Applying the model across Cheshire East

The new adopted model had been selected to ensure that decisions were made locally through continuous resident consultation; the creation of neighbourhood partnerships ensured sustainability and an overarching community interest company which could bring external funding to each community which was unavailable to local authorities. The local estate based partnerships consisted of residents, PCSO's, church groups, community groups, Police, fire services, housing providers, Councillors and Macclesfield Town Football Club.

To assist third sector involvement a knowledge hub, similar to Facebook had been introduced which allowed members to share information, documents, minutes and agendas, as well as provide support and a forum for discussion.

Participatory budgeting involved residents suggesting health related projects and ideas, which would then be voted on by the public. The winning suggestion would receive funding to implement the project. It was agreed that further information on participatory and how it could be rolled out would be considered at a future meeting.

RESOLVED

That the scheme be supported and consideration be given to the model being applied across Cheshire East.

57 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK AND FINISH GROUP - FINAL REPORT

The Committee received the report of Domestic Violence Task and Finish Group for approval to be submitted to Cabinet. Councillor G Baxendale, chairman of the Task and Finish Group, provided an overview of the review and explained the Group's recommendations which were contained in the report. Councillors thanked the officers who had contributed to the work.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Group's report be received;
- (b) That the recommendations contained in the Group's report be approved;
- (c) That Group's report be submitted to Cabinet on 3 May 2016 ; and
- (d) That a response to the Group's recommendations be requested from Cabinet at the Committee's next formal meeting.

58 WORK PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to the work programme. It was agreed that a progress report on community hubs and the roll out of participatory budgeting would be considered at a future meeting of the Committee.

It was also agreed that a report on the current enforcement system and how it works be brought to a future meeting of the committee.

RESOLVED

That the work programme be amended to reflect the above issues

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 11.30 am

Councillor G Baxendale (Chairman)