

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Jobs, Regeneration and Assets Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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

PRESENT

Councillor H Wells-Bradshaw (Chairman)

Councillors D Bebbington, S Brookfield, C Browne, B Dooley and B Roberts

Apologies

Councillor T Dean

47 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 October 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

48 ALSO PRESENT

Karen Whitehead - Housing Standards & Adaptations Manager

49 DECLARATIONS OF PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations of the existence of a party whip.

50 PUBLIC SPEAKING OPEN TIME SESSION

There were no members of the public present who wished to speak.

51 HOUSES OF MULTIPLE OCCUPATION (HMOS)

The committee considered a report of the Executive Director of Place relating to the existing and proposed legislation concerning Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMOs)

HMOs formed an important part of the rapidly growing private sector rented housing market, providing accommodation for tenants who were unable to afford and rent a self-contained property.

HMOs were defined in sections 254 and 257 of the Housing Act 2004 and could be a whole building or part of a building.

Some larger HMOs required a licence. This currently related to HMOs which had three or more storeys, with five or more occupants forming more than one household.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the report be received;
- (b) That the work currently underway by officers within the Places Directorate to establish whether there is sufficient evidence to consider additional or selective licensing of HMOS in the Borough be noted and, the Scrutiny Manager be requested to write to the Director of Place and Housing and Planning Portfolio Holder to inform them of this committee's intention to set up a task and finish group to review HMO arrangements in the borough and to enquire as to whether the work of officers in this regard could be fed into the work of the task and finish group.

52 WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee reviewed its work programme.

RESOLVED – That the work programme be received and noted.

53 FORWARD PLAN

The Committee considered the current forward plan.

RESOLVED – That the forward plan be received and noted.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 3.00 pm

Councillor H Wells-Bradshaw (Chairman)