

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
held on Thursday, 2nd February, 2017 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3,
Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor M Grant (Vice-Chair, in the Chair)

Councillors Rhoda Bailey, S Corcoran, B Dooley, S Pochin, J Saunders,
A Moran, L Smetham, B Walmsley, H Wells-Bradshaw and J Wray

Apologies

Councillor M Simon

50 ALSO PRESENT

Councillor Liz Durham – Children and Families Portfolio Holder
Councillor Paul Findlow – Corporate Policy and Legal Services Portfolio Holder
Councillor Peter Groves – Finance and Assets Portfolio Holder
Councillor Don Stockton – Regeneration Portfolio Holder
Councillor Paul Bates – Communities and health Portfolio Holder
Councillor Stewart Gardiner – Deputy Cabinet Member
Councillor Chris Andrew – Deputy Cabinet Member
Councillor Glen Williams – Deputy Cabinet Member
Peter Bates – Chief Operating Officer
Frank Jordan – Executive Director Place
Mark Palethorpe - Strategic Director of Adult Social Care and Health
Gill Betton – Head of Service - Children's Development & Partnerships
Alex Thompson - Head of Finance & Performance

51 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

52 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

53 DECLARATION OF PARTY WHIP

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

54 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

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

55 QUARTER 3 PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Committee considered a report of the Chief Operating Officer relating to the third quarter review of Performance 2016/17.

The report highlighted financial and non-financial pressures and performance, indicating how the Council was working to achieve the outcomes of the Corporate Plan 2016 to 2020.

Section 1 Summary of Council Performance – brought together the positive impact that service performance and financial performance had had on the six Residents First Outcomes during the year;

Section 2 Financial Stability - provided an update on the Council's overall financial position. It demonstrated how spending in 2016/17 had been funded, including: service budgets, grants, council tax and business rates, treasury management, centrally held budgets and reserves;

Section 3 Workforce Development - provided a summary of the key issues relating to the Council's workforce development plan.

RESOLVED – That the report be received and noted

56 **CORPORATE PLAN 2017/20**

The committee considered a report of the Chief Operating Officer relating to the Corporate Plan and Medium Term Financial Strategy for the Council for the years 2017/18 to 2019/20.

The report was presented in three parts:

1. Corporate Plan 2017-20;
2. Budget Consultation Responses;
3. Medium Term Financial Strategy.

The Committee considered budget proposals as they related to each of the Council's six outcomes and questioned Portfolio holders, Executive Directors and Heads of Service on various aspects of the report.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the report be received;
- (b) That the Chief Operating Officer be requested to produce a summary public document which shows how the budget consultation feedback has been reflected in the final recommended budget proposals to Council.

57 **WORK PROGRAMME PROGRESS REPORT**

The Committee reviewed its work programme.

RSOLVED – That subject to the addition of an item to receive a report in future on the procurement process in relation to a new Highways Contract, the work programme be received.

58 **FORWARD PLAN**

The Committee reviewed the forward plan.

RESOLVED – That the forward plan be received and noted.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 3.45 pm

Councillor M Grant (Vice-Chair, in the Chair)