

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Cabinet Members for Children & Family Services and Procurement, Assets & Shared Services**
held on Tuesday, 22nd December, 2009 at Committee Suite 2, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach. CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillors Paul Findlow and Peter Mason

Also in attendance

Councillor Rhoda Bailey

Officers

Lorraine Butcher
Peter Hall
Fintan Bradley
Peter Davies
Paul Mountford
Stuart Harradine
Paul Carter
Marc Jones
Paul Mossman

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

2 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

3 RESHAPING OF CHILDREN CENTRE FOOTPRINTS

The Cabinet Member for Children and Family Services considered a report on progress to date in implementing the Sure Start Children Centre programme in Cheshire East. The report sought approval for changes to the children centre footprints in order that they aligned with the new Local Area Partnership boundaries. The changes would result in a reduction in the number of footprints and total number of designated centres from 20 to 19 and would support a more sustainable model of children centre delivery in the authority.

RESOLVED

That

(1) the Cabinet Member for Children and Family Services approves

- the reshaping of the children centre footprints so that they are as coterminous as possible with Local Area Partnerships boundaries;
- the removal of the current Holmes Chapel footprint and integration with the current Middlewich footprint to create a new Middlewich and Holmes Chapel footprint / phase 3 centre; and
- the establishment of a linked/satellite site within the Congleton Town children centre footprint which has a population above the recommended limit of 1200 children aged 0-5; and

(2) the Cabinet Member notes that a service delivery model for rural areas will be further developed, and specifically to support Crewe Rural Children's Centre (which is to be renamed Nantwich Rural Children's Centre).

4 STATUTORY PROCESS TO REDUCE THE AGE RANGE OF ASH GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

The Cabinet Member for Children and Family Services considered a proposal to withdraw the proposed change to the age range from 3-11 to 4-11 year old at Ash Grove Primary School and Nursery, Wilmslow.

RESOLVED

That the proposal to change the age range from 3-11 to 4-11 year old at Ash Grove Primary School and Nursery, Wilmslow be withdrawn.

5 CREWE BUSINESS PARK – PLOT 4B: CONSENT TO ASSIGN AND VARY AGREEMENT FOR LEASE

The Cabinet Member for Procurement, Assets and Shared Services considered a request by OCC Estates Limited to take an assignment of the existing Agreement for Lease dated 19 May 2006 between Crewe & Nantwich Borough Council and Provincial Land Limited ("Agreement for Lease"), and agree to a variation to the Agreement to deal with changes in relation to phasing and the timing of completion of development phases in respect of Plot 4b, Crewe Business Park.

RESOLVED

That

- (1) approval be given to the proposed assignment of the Agreement for Lease to OCC Estates Limited, on terms and conditions to be determined by the Borough Solicitor, Borough Treasurer and Head of Assets; and
- (2) approval be given to a variation of the Agreement for Lease to deal with changes in relation to phasing and the timing of completion of development phases, on terms and conditions to be determined by the Borough Solicitor, Borough Treasurer and Head of Assets.

6 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

That that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items pursuant to Section 100(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 and the public interest would not be served in publishing the information.

7 SITE ISSUES – LEASE OF LAND TO PRIVATE PROVIDER AT DEAN OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL, WILMSLOW

The Cabinet Member for Children and Family Services considered a report which sought permission to renew two leases to a private provider at Dean Oaks Primary School, Wilmslow. The renewal of the original leases had been authorised by Cheshire County Council in June 2004.

RESOLVED

That permission be granted to issue two renewal leases to the private provider referred to in the report, subject to the terms set out therein.

8 AGREEMENT TO DECLARE SURPLUS TO CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES REQUIREMENTS AND TRANSFER OF LAND AT MIDDLEWICH HIGH SCHOOL

The Cabinet Member for Children and Family Services and the Cabinet Member for Procurement, Assets and Shared Services considered a request by Oakapple Primary Care Properties Ltd (OPC) to take a transfer of land currently forming part of the Middlewich High School site in exchange for a transfer to the Council of land adjacent to the school known as Dyers Field. The Council would receive a capital sum, the amount of which was to be negotiated, in addition to the provision of a new synthetic sports pitch on the Dyers Field land.

RESOLVED

That

- (1) the Cabinet Member for Children and Family Services declares surplus to Children and Family Services requirements the area of land shown edged red on the plan circulated at the meeting, the land currently forming part of the Middlewich High School site; and
- (2) the Cabinet Member for Procurement, Assets and Shared Services approves the transfer of the land to Oakapple Primary Care Properties Ltd (OPC) in exchange for the land shown edged blue on the plan circulated at the meeting, on terms and conditions to be determined by the Borough Treasurer and Head of Assets and the Borough Solicitor on the basis set out in the report.

9 REQUEST FOR LICENCE TO ASSIGN EXISTING LEASE AGREEMENTS – BROOKS LANE, MIDDLEWICH

The Cabinet Member for Procurement, Assets and Shared Services considered a request by Barry & Wilkinson (Tyres) Ltd that the Council consent to their assigning their interest in the remainder of the term under current leases dated 13th November 1979 and 7th November 1987, respectively relating to land off Brooks Lane, Middlewich. The Cabinet Member also considered a request from Barry & Wilkinson to grant a Licence to Underlet.

RESOLVED

That

- (1) approval be granted to Barry & Wilkinson Ltd to assign their current lease to Extrasmooth Ltd, and then to Superscore Ltd as part of a corporate reorganisation; and
- (2) approval be granted for a Licence to Underlet by Superscore Ltd to the proposed Undertenant, Micheldever Tyre Services Ltd.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 10.50 am

Councillors Paul Findlow and Peter Mason