

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **New Delivery Vehicles and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
held on Thursday, 8th January, 2015 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor W Livesley (Chairman)
Councillor K Edwards (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors G Barton, H Davenport, R Fletcher, M Hardy, A Martin and
B Murphy

C Allman – Programme Manager
I Bunn – Principal Building Control and Planning Systems Manager
L Butcher – Executive Director of Strategic Commissioning
A Dunstone – Contract and QA Manager
R Kemp – Commissioning Manager – Waste and Environment
D Laycock – Project Manager

39 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence

40 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

41 WHIPPING DECLARATIONS

There were no whipping declarations.

42 PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no members of the public present wishing to speak

43 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 DECEMBER 2014

Consideration was given to the minutes of the last meeting.

RESOLVED

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

44 DEVELOPING THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES HUB

Consideration was given to a presentation on developing the Environmental Services hub. The presentation outlined:

- The approach
- Key principals
- The need for change
- Key work streams
- Proposed services to be delivered
- Progress to date
- Benefits for Environmental Services
- Benefits from partnering with Bentley
- Key issues

It was intended for the hub to be based in Middlewich, land had been purchased, however planning permission was still required. The site provided excellent links to the rest of Cheshire East, the hub would be a waste transfer site and the headquarters for ANSA.

It importance of working closely with Bentley was noted as the migration was two phased, the timeframe was ambitious and planning permission had still to be sought by both Bentley and the Council.

The authority was committed to providing one Environmental Services Hub for the Borough as it was not practicable to provide two for a borough the size of Cheshire East, Members requested to receive evidence to prove that one hub would be cost effective.

With regard to the lessons learnt, it was agreed that there needed to be full communication with Members and the public. It was noted that an engagement strategy was currently being developed.

RESOLVED

That Members receive a cost/benefit analysis of providing one hub for the whole of the Cheshire East.

45 PLANNING SUPPORT COMPANY

Further to the meeting held on 4 December 2014, the Committee received additional information on the Building Control and Planning Support high level process.

Councillor M Hardy had met with finance officers to discuss the evidence relating to mitigating loss and a cumulative surplus of £90K over 5 years. He felt that the financial need to form a company was proven and the suggested profit over 5 years was conservative, however the management fee should be reviewed annually.

Members agreed that the support services costs appeared to be high, however noted, savings would be made through the transition period and that to compete with the private sector the company would need to be commercial.

Members agreed that the constitution needed to be revised to allow the Council to be more agile.

RESOLVED

1. That the update be received
2. That the final proposals be supported to the Committee prior to Cabinet.

46 ASSESSMENT OF WASTE COLLECTION COMPLIANCE WITH NEW LEGISLATION (TEEP)

Consideration was given to the Assessment of Waste Collection of compliance with new legislation (TEEP). Under the revised Waste Framework Directive in respect to the Waste (England and Wales) regulations 2011, Regulation 13 required the separate collection of recyclable glass, metal, paper and plastic from householders from January 2015. Therefore as a Council that collects dry recyclables in one silver bin, it would need to be demonstrated that it would be unnecessary and uneconomic to switch to a separate collection and that the quality of the processed recycling streams being produced through the contract with UPM was of the same as if it had been kerbside sorted. The report demonstrated that there was no necessity to collect the materials separately and that it was not technically, environmentally and economically practicable (TEEP) to do so. It was highlighted that this would need to be reviewed if the Council decided to collect food waste.

RESOLVED

That Cabinet be recommended to accept the TEEP Assessment.

47 FORWARD PLAN

Consideration was given to the areas of the forward plan which fall within the remit of the Committee.

RESOLVED

That the forward plan be noted.

48 WORK PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to the work programme.

RESOLVED

That an update on the energy company be brought to the next meeting.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 4.15 pm

Councillor W Livesley (Chairman)

