

## **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Cabinet Member for Finance**  
held on Monday, 2nd March, 2015 in Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields,  
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

### **PRESENT**

Councillor P Raynes.

### **Officers in attendance:**

Steve Plack – Senior Surveyor

Rachel Graves – Democratic Services Officer

### **44 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

### **45 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **46 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION**

No members of the public were present.

### **47 SALE OF LAND AT 70 BIRTLES ROAD, MACCLESFIELD**

Consideration was given to the disposal of this property and land which was surplus to the requirements of Cheshire East Borough Council and had been actively marketed, seeking unconditional bids, for a period of over 6 months. It is situated within a predominantly residential area and pre marketing it was considered residential development would achieve best value in line with current planning requirements. The proposed disposal is unconditional and it will be a matter for the buyer to ensure that it secures planning permission for its proposed future use.

Bartholomew Homes submitted the highest fully funded unconditional offer for the site; they have provided a plan of their proposed scheme of 21 residential dwellings.

Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972 provides that a local authority may dispose of land in any manner they see fit subject to it obtaining the best price reasonably obtainable for the transaction. In this case the Council has marketed the property and the Council's Property Services Manager can certify that the sale price represents best consideration.

### **RESOLVED**

That the unconditional offer from Bartholomew Homes be accepted, and that Legal Services be instructed to proceed to legal completion on terms and

conditions to be agreed by the Assets Manager and the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer.

The meeting commenced at 12.00 pm and concluded at 12.10 pm