

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Cabinet Member for Finance**
held on Monday, 16th March, 2015 in Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor P Raynes

Officers in attendance:

Paul Carter – Senior Valuer

Cherry Foreman – Democratic Services Officer

48 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

49 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

50 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

No members of the public were present.

51 COMMUNITY CENTRE AT ST JOHNS WOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE, KNUTSFORD

It was reported that on 1 August 2011 approval was granted by the Cabinet Member for Prosperity to transfer School Sites to the relevant Academy Trusts once an Academy Order had been issued by the Secretary of State. The St Johns Wood Millennium Community Centre, located on the school site, fell outside this approval as the community centre had not previously been held by the Council for use by the school.

The building, which adjoins the school, has now ceased to be used as a Community Centre and is therefore proposed to be leased to the Adelaide Academy Trust as part of the academy lease. A scheme of works, funded by the Council (Children's & Families) is to be completed within the former community centre and this will facilitate the provision of additional Special Educational Needs places at the school which is both desirable, in terms of locality, and is also cost effective.

In response to points raised by email by Councillor Gardiner, a local ward member, it was confirmed that an older persons luncheon club, which currently met in the Centre, would not be affected. In addition planning approval would be required in respect of the access to the sports hall outside school hours.

RESOLVED

That the St Johns Wood Millennium Community Centre, shown edged red on the plan attached to the report, be disposed of on a 125 year lease to the Adelaide Academy Trust for a consideration of £1 which is less than best consideration. This lease will be aligned to the statutory 125 year lease of St Johns Wood Special School to the Adelaide Academy Trust.

The meeting commenced at 12.00 pm and concluded at 12.25 pm