

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Corporate Scrutiny Committee**
held on Tuesday, 1st November, 2011 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3,
Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor J P Findlow (Chairman)
Councillor D Newton (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors G Barton, G Baxendale, B Burkhill, S Corcoran, W S Davies,
F Keegan, G Morris, D Neilson and D Topping

Apologies

Councillor B Moran

142 **ALSO PRESENT**

Councillor P H Mason - Procurement and Shared Services Portfolio Holder

143 **OFFICERS PRESENT**

Lisa Quinn - Director of Finance and Business Services
Jackie Gray – Shared Services manager
Mark Nedderman – Senior Scrutiny Officer

144 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 October 2011 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

145 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

146 **PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION**

There were no members of the public present at the meeting who wished to address the Committee.

147 **SHARED SERVICES**

Lisa Quinn, and Jackie Gray, attended the meeting and gave a presentation on Shared Services.

In October 2010, the Committee had received an introductory briefing on the Shared Service arrangements put in place between Cheshire East (CE) and Cheshire West and Chester (CWaC) Councils post Local Government Review. At that time the Committee had been made aware of:

- 32 sharing arrangements in place and current status
- Underpinning legal agreements
- Governance arrangements
- Key achievements
- Developments to move the Shared Services forward

During the last year, it had been decided to put in place separate alternative arrangements in each Council for several of the transitional Shared Services. It was therefore anticipated that by the end of the year only ten Shared Services would remain.

Jackie explained the process to be followed to create a Separate Legal Entity (SLE) involving ICT, HR and Occupational Health, which was anticipated to seek approval in December 2011, with a view to introduction in April 2012.

Any remaining shared services would be subject to a continual improvement programme. In addition opportunities would be explored to share services with partners including the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA).

RESOLVED – That the presentation be noted.

148 **WORK PROGRAMME PROGRESS REPORT**

The Committee considered a report of the Borough Solicitor containing the Committee's Work programme for 2011/2012.

The Committees attention was drawn to the two issues added to the work programme on 4 October 2011 relating to:

- Political management arrangements – to explore the range of options likely to be available to local authorities in the Localism Bill;
- Agency staff – to be consulted on the procurement of temporary agency staff.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the report be received;
- (b) That items relating to Political Management Arrangements and Agency staff be placed on the agenda for the next meeting to be held on 25 November 2011.

149 **FORWARD PLAN - EXTRACTS**

The Committee considered items listed in the current forward plan.

RESOLVED – That the Forward Plan be received and noted.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 3.30 pm

Councillor J P Findlow (Chairman)