

# **Cabinet Member for Prosperity**

## **Agenda**

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**Date:** Monday, 22nd August, 2011  
**Time:** 9.00 am  
**Venue:** Committee Suite 1 & 2, Westfields, Middlewich Road,  
Sandbach CW11 1HZ

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The agenda is divided into 2 parts. Part 1 is taken in the presence of the public and press. Part 2 items will be considered in the absence of the public and press for the reasons indicated on the agenda and at the foot of each report.

### **PART 1 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT**

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Declarations of Interest**

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests in any item on the agenda.

3. **Public Speaking Time/Open Session**

In accordance with Procedure Rules Nos.11 and 35 a period of 10 minutes is allocated for members of the public to address the meeting on any matter relevant to the work of the meeting. Individual members of the public may speak for up to 5 minutes but the Chairman or person presiding will decide how the period of time allocated for public speaking will be apportioned where there are a number of speakers. Members of the public are not required to give notice to use this facility. However, as a matter of courtesy, a period of 24 hours' notice is encouraged.

Members of the public wishing to ask a question at the meeting should provide at least three clear working days' notice in writing and should include the question with that notice. This will enable an informed answer to be given.

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4. **Crewe Heritage Centre** (Pages 1 - 10)

The Cabinet Member for Prosperity to give further consideration to a proposal to declare the site of the Crewe Heritage Centre surplus to the requirements of the Council and to offer a 125 year lease for sale on the open market with a restrictive covenant which will preserve the site for the rail heritage of Crewe.

The Cabinet Member for Prosperity, at a meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2011, considered the report attached as Appendix 1. Having considered the report, and a letter from the Chairman of Crewe Heritage Trust dated 21<sup>st</sup> June 2011 which was read at the meeting, the Cabinet Member resolved as follows:

“That the Cabinet Member for Prosperity agrees that the site of the Crewe Heritage Centre be declared surplus to the requirements of Cheshire East Council and that a 125 year lease be offered for sale on the open market with a restrictive covenant to preserve the site for the rail heritage of Crewe, the lease to be subject to such terms and conditions as are determined by the Assets Manager, Borough Solicitor and Head of Regeneration.”

The Cabinet Member’s decision was subsequently called in by eight Members, as provided by the Scrutiny Procedure Rules, and was considered at a meeting of the Environment and Prosperity Scrutiny Committee on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2011. Having considered the matter, the Scrutiny Committee decided to offer advice to the Cabinet Member. The Scrutiny Committee’s minutes are attached as Appendix 2.

**RECOMMENDED**

That the Cabinet Member for Prosperity give further consideration to this matter in light of the call-in and the advice offered by the Environment and Prosperity Scrutiny Committee.

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**(There are no Part 2 items)**