

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Constitution Committee**
held on Wednesday, 9th October, 2013 at West Committee Room - Municipal
Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe, CW1 2BJ

PRESENT

Councillor A Martin (Chairman)
Councillor D Marren (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors C Andrew, G Baxendale, P Groves, S Hogben, W Livesley,
R Menlove, A Moran, P Whiteley and S Corcoran (for Councillor Newton)

In attendance

Councillor J P Findlow

Officers

Suki Binjal, Interim Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer
Julie Zientek, Democratic Services Officer

Apologies

Councillors S Jones, B Murphy, D Newton and G Wait

13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

14 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

15 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 19th September
2013 be approved as a correct record.

16 REVIEW OF POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICERS

The Committee considered a report regarding a proposed new section of
the Constitution dealing with the Powers and Responsibilities of Officers
and Proper Officer Provisions.

A member working group appointed by the Constitution Committee had
undertaken considerable work on the officer scheme of delegation, with
the aim of introducing greater transparency and member involvement in
delegated decision-making.

The Interim Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer reported that the scheme would be amended to reflect the restructuring of the Council's senior management once this had been finalised. In addition, the Constitution including the Contract Procedure Rules and the Finance Procedure Rules would be considered by the member working group appointed by the Constitution Committee.

RESOLVED – That Council be recommended:

1. To approve the Scheme of Delegation to Officers as amended; and
2. To authorise the Interim Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer, with the agreement of the Chairman of the Constitution Committee, to incorporate the new Management Structure into the Scheme of Delegation to Officers when all necessary aspects of the structure are settled and the scheme as amended be submitted to the Constitution Committee for final confirmation in accordance with paragraph 7.9 of the approved Scheme of Delegation as amended.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 10.50 am

Councillor A Martin (Chairman)