

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Local Service Delivery Committee (Macclesfield)

held on Tuesday, 22nd October, 2013 at The Capesthorne Room - Town Hall,
Macclesfield SK10 1EA

PRESENT

Councillor L Jeuda (Chairman)
Councillor L Roberts (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors C Andrew, L Brown, K Edwards, A Harewood, J Jackson,
B Murphy and D Neilson

Officers in attendance

Brian Reed, Head of Governance and Democratic Services
Mark Averill, Service Leader, Cheshire East Highways
Witek Wojas, Street Lighting Operations Manager
Rob McGarry, Streetscape Technical Support Manager
John Leach, Market Manager

Apologies

Councillors Carter, D Druce and M Hardy.

22 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2013

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting be approved as a correct record. However, the minutes had noted that the Economic Development and Regeneration Manager had undertaken to circulate details of the Economic Regeneration Team, but that this had not happened. It was agreed that he would be reminded of the need to do so.

23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

24 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

Ms Bernadette Burgon, an allotment holder at Maple Avenue allotment site, used public speaking time to raise the issue of Cheshire East Council allotments, and the difficulties faced in securing tenants for vacant plots. Ms Burgon said that Cheshire West and Chester Council was working to form a federation of allotment holders, and had secured assistance from the National Society of Allotments and Leisure Gardeners.

It was agreed that the information presented by Ms Burgon should be brought to the attention of the officers of the Council who manage its allotments.

25 STREET LIGHTING

Mark Averill, Service Leader, Cheshire East Highways, reported to the Committee upon street lighting arrangements in the Borough, including the various approaches adopted to reduce carbon usage.

Discussion took place and Mr Averill agreed to circulate to members of the Committee a recent press article which had a bearing on issues relating to crime, together with a map of lighting arrangements in each Member's area.

Mr Averill was thanked for his presentation and it was agreed that the press article and lighting maps would be circulated as suggested.

26 MARKETS

Rob McGarry and John Leach from the Markets Service reported to the Committee upon market provision and arrangements within the Borough. They circulated budgetary information and a "Macclesfield Market-Positioning Statement 2013".

Discussion took place.

Agreed: that market arrangements in Macclesfield should form a major item for discussion on the Committee's Work Plan.

27 WORK PLAN

The Committee considered a report of the Head of Governance and Democratic Services which set out potential areas of work which might be appropriate for consideration at future meetings of the Committee.

The report invited the Committee to consider whether the work areas referred to in the report correctly represented those which it wished to pursue, and then to prioritise them.

RESOLVED

That the next meeting of the Committee should consider the following items as a priority:

- a. Presentation on allotments: this will concentrate upon the number location and take-up of allotments in the unparished area; how the existence of vacant allotments might be publicised; whether there are any mechanisms for allotments

to be run locally; and whether there might be opportunities for allotment federations, in conjunction with the National Society of Allotments and Leisure Gardeners.

- b. Presentation on markets: this will address the following issues (ensuring that papers relating to the subject-matter are issued with the agenda):
 - i. How arrangements worked, and what issues arose, in respect of markets at Alsager, Sandbach and Nantwich;
 - ii. Budgetary matters (with finance officers in attendance);
 - iii. How the Macclesfield market might be promoted;
 - iv. How the market in the Grosvenor Centre operates and is managed.

The meeting commenced at 5.30 pm and concluded at 7.30 pm

Councillor L Jeuda (Chairman)