

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet Member for Housing, Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration, with the Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Care

held on Thursday, 13th February, 2014 in The Kim Ryley Room - Westfields,
Middlewich Road Sandbach

PRESENT

Councillor J Clowes (Chairman)
Councillor D Stockton.

Councillor in attendance:

Councillor P Groves

Officers in attendance:

Karen Carsberg – Strategic Housing Manager
Duncan Whitehead – Housing policy Manager
Cherry Foreman – Democratic Services Officer)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Peter Groves declared a personal interest by virtue of being a Member of the Board of Wulvern Housing.

3 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

No members of the public were present.

4 THE VULNERABLE PERSONS HOUSING STRATEGY

It was reported that work was underway to construct a Vulnerable Persons Housing Strategy for Cheshire East Borough Council to ensure that appropriate accommodation with care was engendered in the local area.

The Strategy divided vulnerable people into eight primary groups, these being older people, learning disabilities, mental health issues, cared for children/care leavers, drug and alcohol issues, physical and sensory disabilities, domestic abuse and homelessness. Extensive research and consultation had been conducted across Council services and wider partners, resulting in the production of the draft Strategy which highlighted a variety of strategic priorities for each client group.

Finalising the Vulnerable Persons Housing Strategy would be the catalyst enabling the Council to map the current picture of accommodation supply and demand by client group and to baseline a picture of vulnerable persons housing within the Borough. The information would be used as a basis for developing an

optimal model of accommodation and support provision across all vulnerable client groups, to inform Cheshire East's commissioning cycle and development priorities, integrate effective and appropriate housing into a multi-disciplinary and cross-agency approach for improving well-being for vulnerable people, and to provide an evolving evidence base to inform planning decisions and emergent policies in which it was expected to be integrated where appropriate to ensure that needs were met and future provision ensured.

Public consultation was required to ensure that the findings and priorities identified within the Strategy were representative of the views of affected constituents and wider stakeholders, and that the Council was transparent and participatory in the formation of its strategic direction.

RESOLVED

1. That approval be given to the draft Vulnerable Persons Housing Strategy and that its preliminary findings be noted.
2. That approval be given for officers to consult on the Strategy, and for the responses from that consultation to be incorporated into the finalised Strategy.

The meeting commenced at 9.00 am and concluded at 9.15 am

Councillor (none)