

## DECISION NOTICE

Notice is given that the following decision has been taken under the Provisions set out in the Council's Constitution

**Decision maker:** Cabinet Member for Finance

**Date:** 9 June 2014

**Decision in the matter of:** Development of Community Hubs

**Decision:** That approval be given to the award of £100,000 for the refurbishment of Upton Priory Church, Macclesfield; and of £13,400 for the upgrade of the kitchen at Lacey Green Pavilion, Wilmslow.

**Background:** As a residents first Council, Cheshire East are keen to support local initiatives which help make our communities stronger and promote independence of individuals and communities. The outcomes of the recent Stronger Communities Review demonstrated that there is a real enthusiasm and commitment from the voluntary, community and faith sector to get involved in making a difference. However, in some cases there is a need to provide some resource to begin this process.

In two of the Council's priority areas for community hubs there is a desperate need of some pump priming resource to develop strong community and faith led community hubs to build on the great community spirit that exists in the areas and enable new opportunities to be created which will assist people into work and training and provide facilities for children which will help their development at an early stage in their lives.

To recognise and show appreciation of the hard work and commitment of volunteers and faith leaders in developing community hub proposals on the Upton Priory and Lacey Green Estates it is requested that financial assistance be provided to assist in the early stages and so facilitate their ongoing development.

**Background Documents:** The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer.

**Approved:** Signed .....  
Councillor Peter Raynes (Portfolio Holder Finance)

**Date:** 9 June 2014

**Advising Officer:** Signed .....  
Steph Cordon (Head of Communities)