

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **New Delivery Vehicles and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
held on Thursday, 5th March, 2015 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor W Livesley (Chairman)

Councillors H Davenport, R Fletcher, M Hardy and A Martin

Apologies

Councillors G Barton and B Murphy

58 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Barton and B Murphy.

59 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

60 WHIPPING DECLARATIONS

There were no whipping declarations

61 PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no members of the public present wishing to speak

62 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 5 February 2015.

RESOLVED

That the minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

63 BOROUGH WIDE SPEED LIMIT REVIEW

Consideration was given to a presentation proposing a Borough wide speed limit review. The presentation detailed:

- Why there was need to undertake a review
- Review outcomes
- Starting point
- How the review would be undertaken
- What consultation would take place

- What was currently being done
- Next steps

It was agreed that a review should be undertaken for the following reasons:

- Lack of consistency across the borough and with neighbouring authorities
- Resident concerns relating to compliance with existing speed limits
- National guidance available – DfT Circular 01/2013 Setting Local Speed Limits.
- Traffic authorities are required to review speed limits.

Members made the following comments and observations:

- The volume of speed limit review requests were high in Cheshire East; 54 had been received from the LAP's
- Cheshire East Council did not currently have a strategy for dealing with speed limit requests, a Speed Management Policy was therefore required.
- The police needed to be involved in any review undertaken.
- When conducting a review the entire route needed to be taken into consideration.

RESOLVED

That a Task and Finish Group be established to prepare the Council's Speed Management Policy in the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

64 FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT

In accordance with the recommendations of the Pitt Review and the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, consideration was given to a progress update and the future challenges for flood risk management in Cheshire East.

Members received a presentation which outlined:

- Flood and Water Management Act 2010 – principal new duties
- Progress made in 2014/15
- Cheshire and Mid Merseyside joint collaborative works in Poynton and Wilmslow
- Planning and regulatory activity
- Land Drainage Act 1991 – formal consenting activity
- Regulatory activity; 32 consents had been received
- Enforcement activity
- Future challenges for 2015/16

- 2015/16 Levy schemes
- Strategy detail

It was noted that a meeting had taken place with Planning Officers to raise awareness of the role of Lead Local Flood Authority, it was requested that the Planning Chairmen and Vice Chairmen be invited to any future meetings. It was also suggested that Flood Risk Management should form part of Members planning training.

The team had been consulted on 92 planning applications since November 2014; 80% full planning and 20% discharge of conditions.

Members raised concern that there was no specific budget for enforcement activity which proved to be challenging when there was a need to collect evidence.

RESOLVED

- That the report be received.
- That Flood Risk Management form part of Members planning training.
- That the Planning Chairmen and Vice Chairmen be invited to any future meetings between the Flood Risk team and Planning Officers.

65 FORWARD PLAN

Consideration was given to areas of the forward plan which fell within the remit of the Committee.

RESOLVED

That the forward plan be noted.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 3.30 pm

Councillor W Livesley (Chairman)