

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Cabinet Member for Service Commissioning**
held on Monday, 8th September, 2014 in Committee Suite 1 & 2, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor D Topping.

Councillor in attendance:

Councillor L Brown.

Officers in attendance:

Steph Cordon – Head of Communities

Cherry Foreman

Democratic services officer

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

4 DEVELOPMENT OF A CAR PARKING COST NEUTRAL PRICING POLICY

Cheshire East Council as a Resident and Business First Council is keen to look at how its local town and village centres can be supported. In 2012 a comprehensive piece of work was undertaken by the Environment and Prosperity Scrutiny Committee and, since that time, conversations with businesses and local people have shown that accessible, affordable and attractive parking places encourage people to shop in the towns. The Council wishes to continue these conversations and to listen to even more stakeholders on the way forward.

The Council plans to consult with local businesses, partnerships, and people with disabilities, on an off street parking pricing policy that reflects the needs of different areas and brings more people into the area to boost the local economy; it is recognised that each area is unique and so the harmonisation of charges across Cheshire East is not being advocated. Car parks are not free, as they have to be maintained, and they therefore need to operate on a full cost recovery basis.

The starting point for the consultation will be the key towns of Crewe, Nantwich, Macclesfield, Knutsford and Congleton and will enable the views of stakeholders to be heard and taken into account in putting together plans to help increase the vitality of the town and village centres.

RESOLVED

1. That approval be given for a consultation with key stakeholders over proposals for an affordable and attractive parking policy with a particular emphasis on Crewe, Nantwich, Macclesfield, Knutsford and Congleton.
2. That a report on the outcome of the consultation, and a set of key recommendations, be prepared for the meeting of the Cabinet, due to be held on 11 November 2014.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 10.30 am