

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Cabinet Member for Performance**
held on Monday, 13th October, 2014 in Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor B Moran.

Officers in attendance

Bronwen MacArthur-Williams – Corporate Health and Safety Manager

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 public were present at the meeting.

4 THE SETTING OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY SERVICE TO SCHOOLS 2014 - 2015

Consideration was given to increasing the fees and charges for academic establishments in Cheshire who buy back a health and safety services from Cheshire East Council.

It was reported that the Local Government Act 2013 introduced a general power to charge for the provision of any discretionary service on a cost recovery basis; the charging provisions in the Localism Act 2011 closely followed these requirements; it was noted that the income from charges must not exceed the costs of provision.

By increasing the fees for the forthcoming academic year by 2% the total income generated was expected to cover the costs of delivering the service based on the 2013/14 level of schools buying back their health and safety services from Cheshire East.

The Portfolio Holder reported that, because of their direct interest in the matter, the proposals had been fully discussed with the Portfolio Holders for both Finance and for Safeguarding Children and Adults.

RESOLVED

1. That approval be given to increase fees by 2% in respect of delivering health and safety services to Cheshire East Schools during the academic year 2014/15.

2. That, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, approval be given for the Head of Governance and Democratic Services to award an agreed percentage reduction in fees, in such circumstances where:
 - there is a joint approach from several schools (e.g. a Trust which represents one or more Academies and associated feeder schools who are seeking a best price for all Trust allied schools); and
 - where it is possible that the business might be lost otherwise due to robust competition from external providers.
3. That the Corporate Health & Safety Manager be authorised to take all necessary actions to implement the proposal.

The meeting commenced at 9.00 am and concluded at 9.10 am

Councillor (none)