

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
held on Thursday, 21st January, 2016 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor G Baxendale (Chairman)
Councillor C Andrew (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors M Beanland, M Grant, S Pochin, J Rhodes and M Warren

In attendance

S Angus Crawshaw – Strategic Partnership Manager
S Cordon – Head of Communities

34 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor E Brooks

35 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2015.

RESOLVED

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

36 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

37 WHIPPING DECLARATIONS

There were no whipping declarations.

38 PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no members of the public present wishing to speak

39 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

A copy of Cheshire Easts Community Strategy 2010 – 2025 was circulated to the Committee. It was clear that the strategy was now out of date and in need of a refresh to make it responsive and fit for purpose. Members agreed that it should be a joint strategy with Health and Wellbeing Strategy as most of the outcomes

were based around health and wellbeing. It was agreed that a Member event should be held to draft the strategy ensuring it meets the needs of the community.

RESOLVED

That a Member event be held to draft the joint strategy.

40 ENFORCEMENT POLICY

The Committee had previously worked on developing a corporate policy for enforcement. Further to this, work had been undertaken at officer level to make the policy user friendly. It was agreed that the Committee would give final consideration to the policy prior to it being submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Communities for approval.

RESOLVED

That the Committee give final consideration to the draft enforcement policy, prior to it being submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Communities for approval.

41 FORWARD PLAN

Members expressed disappointment that they had not been notified of CE15/16-23 Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector Commissioning Strategy and Framework 2016-2021. It was agreed that the strategy would be emailed to Members for comment and the Chairman would verbally report any comments to Cabinet on 9 February 2016.

RESOLVED

That the strategy be emailed to Members for Comment and the Chairman verbally report any comments to Cabinet on 9 February 2016 also expressing members disappointment that they had been involved in the decision making process.

42 WORK PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to the work programme. With regard to the Domestic Violence Task and Finish Group, in order to fit in with the budget timescales and ahead of the Task and Finish Groups final report, the Committee agreed that a report be submitted to Cabinet requesting that the funding shortfall for high risk domestic violence be addressed.

RESOLVED

That a report be submitted to Cabinet, requesting that the shortfall in high risk domestic violence funding be addressed.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 10.35 am

Councillor G Baxendale (Chairman)