

Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

Date: Thursday, 21st January, 2016
Time: 10.00 am
Venue: Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road,
Sandbach CW11 1HZ

The agenda is divided into 2 parts. Part 1 is taken in the presence of the public and press. Part 2 items will be considered in the absence of the public and press for the reasons indicated on the agenda and at the foot of each report.

PART 1 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting** (Pages 1 - 4)

To give consideration to the minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2015

3. **Declarations of Interest**

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in any item on the agenda.

4. **Whipping Declarations**

To provide an opportunity for Members to declare the existence of a party whip in relation to any item on the agenda.

For requests for further information

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5. **Public Speaking**

A total period of 15 minutes is allocated for members of the public to make a statement(s) on any matter that falls within the remit of the Committee.

Individual members of the public may speak for up to 5 minutes, but the Chairman will decide how the period of time allocated for public speaking will be apportioned, where there are a number of speakers.

Note: In order for officers to undertake any background research, it would be helpful if members of the public contacted the Scrutiny officer listed at the foot of the agenda, at least one working day before the meeting to provide brief details of the matter to be covered.

6. **Sustainable Community Strategy**

To discuss whether or not the current strategy is still fit for purpose.

7. **Enforcement Policy**

To discuss the draft Enforcement Policy

8. **Forward Plan** (Pages 5 - 6)

To note the current forward plan, identify any new items, and to determine whether any further examination of new issues is appropriate.

9. **Work Programme** (Pages 7 - 14)

To give consideration to the work programme.

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

held on Thursday, 19th November, 2015 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3,
Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor C Andrew (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors E Brooks, M Grant, S Pochin, J Rhodes and M Warren

In Attendance

L Gilbert – Portfolio Holder for Communities

R Christopherson - Senior Partnerships Manager - North

D Clark - Area Partnership Manager - South

K Hercules - Principal Manager - Local Area Working

27 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor G Baxendale

28 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2015.

RESOLVED

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

29 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

30 WHIPPING DECLARATIONS

There were no whipping declarations

31 PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no members of the public present wishing to speak.

32 COMMUNITY HUBS

Further to previous discussions and recent visits to Community Hubs, Members had requested reassurance and further information on the roll out programme, how services would be integrated, volunteers, long term sustainability, and transforming neighbourhood services in Macclesfield.

The Council had received a £90,000 grant for Delivering Differently in Neighbourhoods. The aim of the programme was to provide financial support for 12 months and expert advice to local authorities to redesign services to be delivered at neighbourhood level with the involvement of local people and organisations. DCLG believed that by delivering locally and involving communities in the design and delivery of services, authorities would be able to:

- Tailor services to match local need, delivering better outcomes for local communities
- Achieve efficiencies by eliminating wasteful activity and duplication of effort.
- Increase community resilience and manage down demand.

The programme aimed to gather evidence of effective neighbourhood delivery models, including case studies and cost benefit analyses, and disseminate this more widely. It was agreed that community hubs may be able to provide some of the services being withdrawn by the Housing Associations.

Following Members recent visits, R Christopherson and D Clark attended the meeting to discuss the ongoing work at Longridge Welcome Centre in Knutsford and Barnies Social Centre in Crewe. The Community Hub networks for the various pilot schemes were outlined to members, which highlighted the different needs for different areas.

Members suggested that one of the best ways to make residents aware of the services and opportunities available was through social media, it was agreed that this should be developed further.

In October 2015 the franchise model had been awarded to Barnies in Crewe and the Welcome in Knutsford. It was noted these organisations were responsible for safeguarding. However the authority would provide support through training, raising awareness and a detailed information pack.

RESOLVED

That further information on the roll out programme be received at a future meeting.

33 WORK PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to the work programme. It was agreed with the Portfolio Holder for Communities that Members needed to be involved in policy development at the early stages of development rather than reports being brought to the Committee for signing off.

It was agreed that Members would receive a training session on gypsy and travellers at the informal meeting scheduled to be held on 18 February 2016.

RESOLVED

1. That Members be involved in policy development at the early stages of development.
2. That Members receive a training session on gypsy and travellers at the informal meeting scheduled to be held 18 February 2016.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 11.35 am

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Key Decision	Decisions to be Taken	Decision Maker	Expected Date of Decision	Proposed Consultation	How to make representation to the decision made	Private/ Confidential and paragraph number
CE 15/16-23 Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector Commissioning Strategy and Framework 2016-2021	To agree the draft strategy and framework and authorise officers to take all necessary actions to implement it.	Cabinet	9 Feb 2016		Stephanie Cordon, Head of Communities	No

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CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting:	21 January 2016
Report of:	Corporate Resources and Stewardship
Subject/Title:	Work Programme update

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 To review items in the 2015/2016 Work Programme listed in the schedule attached, together with any other items suggested by Committee Members.

2.0 Recommendations

That the 2015/2016 work programme be reviewed.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 It is good practice to agree and review the Work Programme to enable effective management of the Committee's business.

4.0 Wards Affected

- 4.1 All

5.0 Local Ward Members

- 5.1 Not applicable.

6.0 Policy Implications including - Carbon reduction - Health

- 6.1 Not known at this stage.

7.0 Financial Implications

- 7.1 Not known at this stage.

8.0 Legal Implications

- 8.1 None.

9.0 Risk Management

9.1 There are no identifiable risks.

10.0 Background and Options

10.1 Members are asked to review the schedule attached to this report, and if appropriate, add new items or delete items that no longer require any scrutiny activity. When selecting potential topics, Members should have regard to the Council's new three year plan and also to the general criteria listed below, which should be applied to all potential items when considering whether any Scrutiny activity is appropriate.

The following questions should be asked in respect of each potential work programme item:

- Does the issue fall within a corporate priority;
- Is the issue of key interest to the public;
- Does the matter relate to a poor or declining performing service for which there is no obvious explanation;
- Is there a pattern of budgetary overspends;
- Is it a matter raised by external audit management letters and or audit reports?
- Is there a high level of dissatisfaction with the service;

10.2 If during the assessment process any of the following emerge, then the topic should be rejected:

- The topic is already being addressed elsewhere
- The matter is subjudice
- Scrutiny cannot add value or is unlikely to be able to conclude an investigation within the specified timescale

11 Access to Information

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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Formal meeting	Informal meeting	formal meeting	Informal meeting
Date:21.01.2016 Time: 10.00am Venue: Committee Suite, Westfields	Date:18.02.2016 Time: 10.00am Venue: Committee Suite, Westfields	Date: 17.03.2015 Time: 10.00am Venue: Committee Suite, Westfields	Date:21.04.2015 Time: 10.00am Venue: Committee Suite, Westfields

Essential Items

Item	Description/Purpose of reports/Comments	Outcome	Lead Officer/ Organisation/Portfolio Holder	Suggested by	Current Position	Key Dates/Deadlines
Domestic Violence	To review what Cheshire East does to ensure women's safety in respect domestic violence	People live well and for longer	S Cordon L Gilbert	Committee	Task and Finish group	Ongoing
Enforcement Policy /Enforcement Service	To review the draft enforcement policy	Our local communities are strong and supportive	S Cordon L Gilbert	L Gilbert		21 January 2016
Community Strategy	Is this still fit for purpose?	Our local communities are strong and supportive	S Cordon L Gilbert	S Cordon		21 January 2015
Community Safety	Revised plan to be considered. Protocol	Our local communities are	S Cordon Cllr L Gilbert	S Cordon/K Hercules		17 March 2016

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Partnership Plan and Performance	between SCEP and Committee to be circulated.	strong and supportive				
Cultural Strategy	To examine the strategy prior to being submitted to cabinet	People live well and for longer	B Flannigan S Gardiner	L Gilbert		TBC

Monitoring Items

Item	Description/Purpose of reports/Comments	outcome	Lead Officer/ Organisation/Portfolio Holder	Suggested by	Current Position	Key Dates/Deadlines
Community Right to Bid	update	Our local communities are strong and supportive	K Hercules Councillor L Gilbert	K Hercules		18 February 2016
Tatton Park Enterprises and Tatton Park	To receive the quarterly performance monitoring report.	Strong and resilient community/ people live well and for longer	Councillor L Gilbert B Flanagan	Committee	Arrange visit to Tatton Park (outside facilities)	21 April 2016
Gypsy and Travellers	To gain an understanding of the current position and future plans	Our local communities are strong and supportive	Councillor L Gilbert	Committee		17 March 2016

Possible future/ desirable items

Libraries
Management of Community Buildings

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Human Trafficking/ Honour based crime

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