

Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

Date: Thursday, 24th March, 2016
Time: 10.30 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 Previous meeting** (Pages 1 - 6)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2016

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

5. **Public Speaking Time/Open Session**

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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. **Flood Risk Management**

To receive a presentation on the progress made in 2014/15 and key activities and challenges for 2016/2017.

7. **Parks Strategy** (Pages 7 - 36)

To give consideration to the parks strategy prior to Cabinet on 12 April 2016

8. **Quarter 3 Ansa and Orbitas reports** (Pages 37 - 54)

To give consideration to the third quarter reports for Ansa and Orbitas

9. **Forward Plan** (Pages 55 - 64)

To give consideration to the areas of the forward plan which fall within the remit of the Committee.

10. **Work Programme** (Pages 65 - 72)

To give consideration to the work programme

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**Minutes of a meeting of the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

held on Thursday, 28th January, 2016 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor J Wray (Chairman)
Councillor G Barton (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors M Hardy, N Mannion, A Martin, M Parsons and B Roberts

Councillor D Stockton – Portfolio Holder for Assets and Regeneration

P Griffiths - Infrastructure Delivery Manager
R Kemp – Commissioning Manager – Environmental Services
P Traynor – Commissioning Manager - Highways

42 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor H Davenport

43 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2015.

RESOLVED

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

44 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

45 WHIPPING DECLARATIONS

There were no whipping declarations

46 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

Mr Jackson and Mr Palin attended the meeting to highlight the problem of fly tipping in Cheshire East. Mr Jackson suggested that there should be a dedicated enforcement officer to eliminate unauthorised dumping of waste by investigating incidents and identifying perpetrators through witness or CCTV evidence leading to warning or prosecution. The officer could also liaise with volunteer organisations, Ansa, clean teams, PCSOs and be responsible for educating residents and schools.

47 COUNCIL'S MAJOR HIGHWAY SCHEMES

Consideration was given to a presentation on the following major highway schemes:

Sydney Road Bridge Replacement

The replacement of a narrow, single lane signal controlled bridge to increase the capacity by taking 2 way traffic without signal control, which would support growth along the corridor and enhance access to key destinations. The estimated cost of the scheme was £10.5m and would be completed by July 2020. Councillors highlighted that a briefing in Crewe library had recently taken place, where they were informed that only side of the bridge was to be replaced and the other side may also need to be replaced in 5 years time. Members questioned why the works would not be completed at the same time. It was agreed that a written answer to the question would be provided.

Congleton Link Road

The scheme was required to gain easier access to the town centre, improve air quality, reduce travel times across Cheshire East, retain and attract new business and improve pedestrian and cycle routes. The estimated cost of the scheme was £80m, which would be made up of government funding and section 106 monies from 2200 new builds. The scheme would be completed by February 2020.

Middlewich Eastern Bypass

The sponsorship of the scheme had been taken over by the Council from private developers. As the current planning permission was due to expire in summer, it was proposed to conduct a fully justified route options assessment leading to a firm recommendation on a preferred route to be submitted to Cabinet in June 2016 with a subsequent planning application, if required.

Poynton Relief Road

A proposed 1.9 mile highway which would relieve congestion and improve links to Macclesfield and support economic, physical and social regeneration of the area. the estimated cost of the scheme was £30m, £22m had been secured through the Governments Local Growth Fund and the remaining £8m would be funded by Cheshire East Council. The relief road would be completed by early 2019.

RESOLVED

That the update be received.

48 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES HUB

The Committee received a presentation on the development of the Environmental Services Hub . The presentation informed the Committee that:

- Planning approval had been granted on 23 September 2015
- The demolition and asbestos removal from buildings had been completed.

- Testing for Phosgene was currently taking place, which had delayed the scheme by 6 weeks.
- Target costs were currently being finalised.
- Construction was due to commence in April 2016 and be completed by Winter 2016.

RESOLVED

That the presentation be received

49 **QUARTER 2 ANSA AND ORBITAS REPORTS**

Consideration was given to the second quarter Ansa and Orbitas reports.

With regard to Ansa, the construction of the Environmental Hub had led to a re-profiling of the savings associated with the re-letting of the waste disposal contract that was to be delivered in 2015/16 through the existing Crewe Depot. The re-profiling of savings had been fully mitigated by improvements on the household waste recycling centre contract, including reducing the bonus element. Overall, Environmental Operations (including Bereavement) projected a potential budget pressure of £0.2m against a net budget of £27.4m

Approximately £0.1m of the potential pressure related to a forecast shortfall in Markets income. This continued the trend of a gradual decline in income over the last few years, specifically in Macclesfield, where low rents of vacant shops and a major trader leaving had contributed to the shortfall. Negotiations over the projected transfer of Crewe Markets to Crewe Town Council were continuing. Councillor Hardy suggested that officers should contact officers at the Grosvenor Centre regarding the market at Macclesfield.

It was noted that Ansa had achieved £527k efficiency savings in 2015/16 and the Council had achieved £235k through the household waste contract.

R Kemp agreed to provide a written answer on the reasons for increased absenteeism and the number of back muscle strain injuries associated with collection staff and work that Ansa does in this area.

With regard to Orbitas, it was noted that it was reporting amber on its market share KPI, which they attributed to the ongoing refurbishment works at Crewe Crematorium. The Bereavement Services projected a potential budget pressure of £0.1m based on the mid-year income forecast against a net income budget of £1.3m. This related to a realignment of the original proposed income growth over a period of five years to gradually build market share. The core bereavement income budget, including first year growth was forecast to be achieved.

RESOLVED

1. That the second quarter report be received.

2. That a written answer be provided on the reason for increased absenteeism and the number of back muscle strain injuries associated with collection staff and work that Ansa does in this area.

50 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES OPERATING CONTRACT

Consideration was given to a request by Ansa Environmental Services Ltd for an extension on its existing contract for the delivery of Waste and Environmental Services. The request had been made in order for them to enter into new procurement arrangements for waste processing and deliver future benefits to the Council.

In its first year of trading Ansa had delivered the contract efficiencies required by the Council whilst at the same time exceeding its performance indicators and delivering a profit from its operations. In order to deliver future benefits however, there was a need for Ansa to let new waste and recycling processing contracts that would require a 10-15 year service commitment.

Ansa Environmental Services Ltd had therefore proposed a 10 year extension to its existing contract due to expire on 1st April 2021 to give an unexpired period of 15 years from 1st April 2016 (ending 1st April 2031) with a rolling one year extension each year thereafter, assuming they had achieved the appropriate performance standards.

RESOLVED

That Cabinet be recommended to approve delegated authority to the Portfolio Holder for Open Spaces in consultation with the Chief Operating Officer and Director of Legal Services to vary the Service Operating Contract of Ansa Environmental Services and associated agreements, subject to due diligence being undertaken by legal, procurement and finance.

51 STREET LIGHTING REVIEW

Following negative reports in the press, the Committee had previously agreed to scrutinise the success of the street light switch off to ascertain whether or not it had caused an increase in accidents.

It was reported that since the switch off programme the council had moved forward with the street lighting strategy to upgrade to LED, which was more cost efficient and required less maintenance. This technological solution removed the need for any further switch off sites.

However 702 street lights had been switched off and would remain switched off. All were rural lengths of road with little frontage development and no pedestrian or cyclist provision. All approaches to junctions had remained lit and the sites had low collision rates.

A safety evaluation had been carried out based on Police Stats19 data examined for before and after collision totals and rates which indicated that collisions had actually gone down since the switch off. It was also that crime had not increased since the switch off. However this had not been the case for other authorities.

RESOLVED

That no further action be taken.

52 WORK PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to the work programme. It was agreed that the following items would be added to the work programme:

- Routes Review of Bus Services - TBA
- Rail Franchise and Aqueducts – 11 February 2016
- Thermal Energy including fracking and boring – 18 April 2016

RESOLVED

That the above items be added to the work programme

The meeting commenced at 10.30 am and concluded at 12.40 pm

Councillor J Wray (Chairman)

Cabinet Paper

Date of Meeting: 12 April 2016

Report of: Peter Bates, Chief Operating Officer

Subject/Title: Parks Strategy

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Sam Gardner, Open Spaces Portfolio

1. Report Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to provide Cabinet with the background, and strategic context to the delivery of the “Cheshire East Parks Strategy” which supports the Greenspace Strategy and the Stronger Communities element of the Cheshire East Local Plan and contribute where appropriate to the determination of future planning applications.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. That Cabinet approves the adoption of the “Cheshire East Parks Strategy” attached Appendix 1
- 2.2. That the Parks Strategy be used to protect our heritage and guide policy and investment in our parks and public open spaces to meet the future needs of the residents of Cheshire East.

3. Other Options Considered

- 3.1. The parks strategy provides the guiding principles for managing and developing our parks in the future to ensure they meet user needs and aspirations for delivering quality parks and open spaces.
- 3.2. The Council has the option to proceed with out adopting a parks strategy however this is advised against as it would put at risk the Councils ability to target policy and investment in line with the Councils six key strategic objectives.

4. Reasons for Recommendation

- 4.1. The primary purpose of the Parks Strategy is to provide a strategic framework which ensures that the provision of Parks and Public Open Spaces meet the local needs of existing and future residents within Cheshire East.
- 4.2. The document considers all public open space including our valuable Countryside sites and sets policy objects to underpin the Council’s approach to these valuable community assets..

- 4.3. A Public Consultation process was undertaken and generated significant support towards all policy objectives..

5. Background/Chronology

- 5.1. Cheshire East Council has a good record of investing in Park Development Projects. This Strategy outlines why parks and open spaces are so important to the residents of the Borough and will support the Council in justifying future investment whether by the Council or from external funding partners.

6. Wards Affected and Local Ward Members

- 6.1. All Cheshire East Council Wards

7. Implications of Recommendation

7.1. Policy Implications

7.1.1. Supporting the following Corporate Outcomes 1 to 6

Outcome 1 – Our local communities are strong and Supportive

Outcome 2 – Cheshire East has a strong and resilient economy

Outcome 3 – People have the life skills and education they need in order to thrive

Outcome 4 – Cheshire East is a green and sustainable place

Outcome 5 – People live well and for longer

Outcome 6 – A responsible effective and efficient Organisation

7.1.2. Strategic Context

The Cheshire East Park Strategy is being developed to support corporate, planning, operational, environmental and recreational development areas as outlined:

Corporate & Planning:

- Ensures a strategic approach to investment in Parks and Open spaces;
- Provides robust evidence for capital funding; and Planning;
- Support strategic policies on green infrastructure, leisure, outdoor sports facilities and health and well-being in the emerging Cheshire East Local Plan.
- Supporting evidence for Community Infrastructure Levy and Developer Contributions.

- Specific policies in the Local Plan Strategy refer to sport and recreation.
- Policy SC1 seeks to protect and enhance existing leisure and recreational facilities; promotes the provision of better new facilities; and aims to ensure facilities are appropriately located and serve the needs and demands of local communities. The Policy also recognises the contributions other developments (such as housing) can make to providing new and improved leisure and recreation facilities.
- Policy SC2 specifically applies this approach to outdoor sports facilities.
- Policy SE6 ties in the protection and new provision of sports playing fields and other open recreational spaces with their value as part of the Green Infrastructure network.

Operational:

- Help improve current asset management
- The site specific Action Plan (to be developed in association with local Members and communities will identify sites where quality of provision can be enhanced to meet current and future demand.

7.2. Legal Implications

7.2.1. The Council's powers to hold land (parks and open spaces), provide services, promote community wellbeing and enforce bylaws are set out in a range of legislation including but not limited to Open Spaces Act 1906, Highways Act 1980, Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, Local Government Act 2000 and the Clean neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.

7.2.2. A parks strategy is a means to set out the framework in which the Council intends to prioritise its resources to provide and protect Parks and Public Open Spaces in the context of its legal obligations and existing policies, such as the Green Spaces Strategy 2013 and the development of the Local Plan.

7.3. Financial Implications

- 7.3.1. All investment required to deliver any actions identified in these documents will be subject to the standard project feasibility / business case protocols and to sufficient approved capital budget available in the capital programme..

7.4. Equality Implications

- 7.4.1. The development of facilities to standard that meets modern regulation under the Equalities Act

7.5. Rural Community Implications

- 7.5.1. To meet requirement to provide recreational facilities in close proximity to all communities.

7.6. Human Resources Implications

- 7.6.1. The Parks Strategy does not currently require additional resourcing. However, each element of the action plan will need to be considered on merit and weighed against the business case.

7.7. Public Health Implications

- 7.7.1. The provision of quality Parks and Public Open spaces will have a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of the Cheshire East Community.

7.8. Other Implications (Please Specify)

- 7.8.1. Provision of good Parks and Public Open Spaces should increase physical activity and provide attractive local venues for communities to enjoy their leisure, seek relaxation and hold events and celebrations that enhance social cohesion.

8. Risk Management

8.1. Risk Register

Risk	Reason	Action
Partnership working	CEC needs to work with partner organisations to raise necessary resources.	Build partnerships at a local (Friends Groups & communities) & Town & Parish Councils to secure local involvement in management & resources.
Planning	The Park Strategy will help the Council to secure investment from developer contribution in building and maintaining public open space / playing fields.	Ongoing discussions with planning to respond to opportunities as they arise.
Finance	The need to work in partnership with external bodies to match funds raised from Developer Contribution.	CEC will build specific business cases and partnerships in search of external funding opportunities
Asset Management	To provide support to ANSA Environmental Services and the Councils Facilities Management to maintain these facilities.	To help find innovative and partnership based solutions to the problem of funding maintenance of the facilities.

9. Access to Information/Bibliography

9.1. The following reports are referenced in the production of this report:

- Park Strategy

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Parks Strategy



Twinnies Bridge (The Friends of the Carrs)



Queens Park Crewe (Peter Foster)

“Parks and green spaces contributing to our quality of life”

Foreword

We are fortunate to have so much open space and valuable parks in Cheshire East. Our challenge over the next ten years is to maintain and improve these wonderful assets to meet the needs of our residents and deliver the Councils strategic outcomes.

We have a diverse community of all ages and needs to serve and I know that our parks are at the heart of many of our community activities, whether local fetes or major events. We need to manage the open spaces appropriately and this strategy sets our vision for how we intend to do this and where we intend to prioritise our investment.

The aim of this Strategy is to guide the investment needed over the next ten years to bring all our key parks up to a consistently high standard and to help prioritise how we manage, fund and operate our local parks. It provides the guiding principles for the future management and development of our parks to ensure they meet the needs and aspirations for delivering quality parks and open spaces for our residents.

This strategy is written at a time of challenge, at a time when we anticipate a growing population will bring heavy demands on our park infrastructure. This will require innovation in finding alternative and possibly radical solutions for managing the parks and open spaces in Council ownership. In order to achieve positive results, the emphasis will have to be placed on working with community partners and to target resources and funding from a wide range of sources.

To achieve this we will prioritise according to usage and condition and focus on putting residents first delivering what matters most to our communities. We want all of our parks to provide a range of high quality facilities for all our residents to enjoy.

I hope you enjoy reading these pages. This is a community resource and we will welcome and consider any comments you may like to make on the contents of this strategy or any proposals you may wish to bring forward. Please forward your ideas to our Open Spaces Commissioning Manager.

Councillor Sam Gardner
Portfolio Holder for Open Spaces

Executive Summary

The park strategy will make a positive contribution towards achieving the Council's its six strategic outcomes.

1. Outcome 1 – Our local communities are strong and supportive
2. Outcome 2 – Cheshire East has a strong and resilient economy
3. Outcome 3 – People have the life skills and education they need in order to thrive
4. Outcome 4 – Cheshire East is a green and sustainable place
5. Outcome 5 – People live well and for longer
6. Outcome 6 – A responsible effective and efficient organisation

In this Park Strategy, Cheshire East Council gives a strong voice to its commitment to the protection, retention and improvement of its parks as essential recreational, environmental and cultural assets.

It recognises that parks can and do make a vital contribution in promoting educational, social and health benefits. They provide a wide range of valuable facilities that are open and accessible to all sections of the community.

Setting clear objectives is a key step along the path of planning for the effective commissioning of park and other open spaces improvements. It will guide the effective allocation of resources to maximise the benefits achievable from this investment for all our residents.

Why a Parks Strategy?

1. It provides the guiding principles for managing and developing our parks in the future to ensure they meet user needs and aspirations for delivering quality parks and open spaces.
2. With today's pressures on public expenditure, innovative approaches will be needed but Cheshire East Council is prepared to think and act in different ways to ensure a secure future for our parks.
3. As stated in its Green Spaces Strategy (2013) which links to the Local Plan, the Council is committed to retain and develop the parks as essential recreational, environmental and cultural assets.
4. The aim of this Strategy is to make the case for and guide future Council investment and identify other funding streams as required to bring all our key parks up to a consistently high standard and to help prioritise how we manage, fund and operate our remaining local parks over the next ten years.



The restored bandstand at Queens Park, Crewe

Funding Future Park Development:

Cheshire East Council and its pre-LGR legacy authorities have made significant capital investment into their Heritage Parks (particularly Congleton Park and Queens Park, Crewe) and into Country Parks. However, other parks require significant investment to protect or enhance their infrastructure to ensure they can continue to deliver the community health and wellbeing benefits associated with good quality parks. Cheshire East Council aims to develop creative funding mechanisms to support delivery of all their strategic objectives and action programmes associated with this Parks Development Strategy.

- The Council will make **Capital investments** into park projects subject to meeting corporate priorities with a strong robust business case being made to justify the investment.
- An Annual **Park Development Fund** has been approved by Council to fund some works, and pump prime bids for external grant funds.
- **External Funding mechanisms include:**
 - **Developer Contributions:** Over the years, the Council has been able to attract additional funding from a wide range of external partners and successfully negotiated contributions from developers in order to mitigate the impact of their developments.
 - **External Grants:** The restoration of Congleton Park and Queens Park in Crewe were partially funded by the Council successfully leveraging out grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund and other grant aiding bodies.



Congleton Park (Post restoration)

Why invest in our parks?

It is estimated that each year well over half the UK population – some 33 million people – make more than 2.5 billion visits to urban green spaces alone. Not surprisingly, people become attached to these parks, gardens and other open places, and appreciate them for what they offer culturally, socially and personally. In research carried out for CABI, 85 per cent of people surveyed felt that the quality of public space and the built environment has a direct impact on their lives and on the way they feel.

Parks have a major part to play in our community and family life. Many of our residents take their children to play in our parks and most likely they will have played in them themselves when they were younger too. This tradition is a key in our cultural heritage and it is essential to ensure that future generations of young people can enjoy the same opportunities we have or had.

Whilst they are important to our families and residents the parks also provides tangible benefits such as:

- They provide a home to many sports clubs and organisations, helping residents to live healthy lives
- they have an important role in the environment for wildlife and nature,
- they are a place where we can go to meet, relax and enjoy the peace, benefiting our mental wellbeing
- they reflect our modern multi-cultural society and can promote community cohesion
- they forge a strong link with our past reflecting our local heritage and culture
- they make a contribution to the local economy through the associated visitor spend
- they make an indirect contribution to the local economy by adding value to local property

Strategic Context

National policy in relation to parks: is primarily set down in Planning Policy Guidance Note 17 (PPG 17): The Open Spaces white paper (2011) states: *We have set down the government commitment to issues such as sustainable development by ensuring that parks are easily accessible by means of walking, public transport and cycling. In addition, there is recognition that parks should be made available and provide a range of facilities for all sections of the community. The government also recognises the educational, social and health benefits that parks can provide and is supporting improving the liveability of English towns through encouraging the provision of networks of well designed, clean and safe open spaces.*

Cheshire East Council's "Ambition for All - Sustainable Community Strategy (2010 – 2025)", states; *Cheshire East is a prosperous place where all people can achieve their potential, regardless of where they live. We have beautiful productive countryside, unique towns with individual character and a wealth of history and culture. The people of Cheshire East live active and healthy lives and can get involved in making their communities safe and sustainable places to live.*

Local Plan Core Strategy: The Local Plan includes a summary of local infrastructure aspirations which include new public parks and open space facilities identified through local consultations. These aspirational objectives must be recognised and facilitated through this Park Strategy.

Our **Green Space Strategy (2013)** considers the provision of new good quality green space and the proactive management of existing green space to conserve an important legacy for Cheshire East's communities. Our larger parks contribute significantly towards making our towns unique with individual character and their wealth of history and culture. They form a vital component of the essential infrastructure for supporting the requirements of the local and wider community. Parks will need to constantly improve to reflect changing needs as safe, clean, healthy and sustainable, places where the local community can meet, exercise and enjoy themselves, accessible places for all including the disabled and the disadvantaged.

Other key health related strategies include:

www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/enjoying/linkingpeople/health/default.aspx

<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/enjoying/linkingpeople/outdoorsforall/outdoorsforallfeature2.aspx>

<http://www.nwph.net/nwpho/publications/ReturningUrbanParks.pdf>

Some Basic Facts about Cheshire East Parks:

Located on the edge of the Peak District National Park and adjoining the Cheshire Plain, the Borough of Cheshire East is the third largest unitary authority in the North West after Manchester and Liverpool.

- Cheshire East has an area of 1,116 km².
- Cheshire East has a population of 370,700
- Cheshire East has 165,000 dwellings

Within the Borough, there are a number of town parks that are owned and managed by the Council;

Victorian Heritage Parks

- Queens Park, Crewe
- Congleton Park
- West Park, Macclesfield
- South Park, Macclesfield
- Alderley Edge Park
- Bollington Recreation Ground
- The Carrs, Wilmslow
- Lacey Green Park, Wilmslow
- Meriton Road Park, Handforth
- The Moor, Knutsford
- Victoria Park, Macclesfield
- Milton Park, Alsager
- Sandbach Park
- Elworth Park
- Fountain Fields, Middlewich
- Brookfield Park, Nantwich

Smaller Town Parks

In many of the parks much of the original layout remains, including a number of the original features such as structured planting and bandstands although over the years some features may have been lost. The parks now reflect the changing demands placed upon them over the intervening years with some additional features and adaptations being made that enhance or detract from the original visionary design concepts.

Country Parks: Cheshire East Council has a number of Country Parks and other Countryside sites. These parks offering a similar range of benefits, also act as gateways for the community to access natural places and the wider countryside.

The two major Country parks are:

Tegg's Nose Country Park, Macclesfield
Brereton Heath Local Nature Reserve, near Congleton.

Other Council owned countryside facilities include:

Biddulph Valley Way
Dane-In-Shaw Pasture SSSI
Jacksons' Brickworks LNR
Lindow Common - Wilmslow
Merelake Way
Middlewood Way
Nelson Pit Visitor Centre
Poynton Coppice Local Nature Reserve
Poynton Park
Riverside Park
Rode Heath Rise
Salt Line & Borrow Pit Meadows
Timbersbrook Picnic Area
Wheelock Rail Trail
Wilmslow Park

The key issues: Having access to public space is not all that matters – just as important are the planning, design and management of that space. In general our residents feel the key things we need to focus on in maintaining our parks revolve around cutting the grass, removing the litter,

collecting the dogs mess and providing safe and secure areas for them to enjoy. Whilst our performance has generally improved in these areas we know there is room for further improvement.

Access to Quality Facilities: Whilst there has been considerable investment at Queens Park, Crewe and at Congleton Park, the other larger parks have significant infrastructure problems to address. Resources will need to be targeted to address these issues. There will inevitably be additional unplanned work required to deal with health and safety issues. Investment in play areas has been maintained over the last 5 years; however, investment needs to be found for our Playing Fields, to improve other Public Open Space close to our residents' homes and for the green paths and ways that allow them to be visited in safety, effectively creating a safe green network of quality open space for all to enjoy.

Managing Conflicting Demands: There are always conflicting demands made upon public open space. We permanently face conflicts between dog walkers and parents, between sports clubs and residents to neighbours who just want to enjoy the view for themselves. These conflicts will be different for each park and the issues that are identified will need to be addressed in the individual management plans for each park and by adopting reasonable policies to deal with the recurring common issues.

Addressing Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour: Evidence shows that anxiety over their personal safety is the main reason given for people choosing not to visit parks and green spaces. This negative perception of personal safety is not just found in the older population but is also more frequently cited as the reason preventing teenagers from using parks and open spaces. We know from the number of reported incidents in our parks where the higher levels of crimes or anti-social behaviour occur. Such problems can be addressed through finding better design solutions and by working more closely with both neighbourhood safety teams and the local police service to target problem areas. Vandalism to the buildings, cultural artifacts and playground equipment is an avoidable drain on our budgets but the evidence demonstrates that providing good quality facilities that are well used will deter vandalism.

Green Flag Parks: The Green Flag award is a nationally recognised benchmark upon which all parks should be judged. We currently have seven Green Flag parks in the Borough and by the end of this Strategy we aim to have Green Flag awards in place at all of our Key Parks.

Our Vision

1. Principally, we want to protect our parks and plan with a view to their long-term sustainability so that they will continue to play a vital community role for future generations.
2. Ideally we would want all of our parks to provide a range of high quality facilities for all our residents to enjoy.
3. Our Local Communities want parks that are
 - Well maintained and well managed
 - A community resource
 - A place for nature
 - A place for health and well being
 - Well designed places that reflect their cultural heritage
 - Places that help to drive and support the local economy
4. Our Country parks are special places where the aim is to help maintain their naturalness and ensure a sustainable future for these diverse environments.
5. We will look to develop park specific management plans for our larger parks to reflect their importance. Taking the long term view is so important for parks and these management plans will help to guide where the future investment should be made. Our ambition will be to attain Green Flag status for all strategically significant parks during the life of this Strategy.
6. We recognise that improvements will also be required to local smaller parks and open spaces and we will aim to renew and replace infrastructure equipment in a considered and prioritised way. The key priority will always be to ensure visitor safety.
7. To make our parks fit for the future.

What do we want from our Parks? Our objectives...

Objective 1: A Community Resource:

Cheshire East Council strongly believes that every person, of whatever age or background, must feel they can become fully involved in the management and development of their local parks, so that they can then be justifiably proud of helping to keep their park attractive and welcoming, an essential ingredient of their daily lives. Parks are important to our residents. Our survey showed the parks are visited by over 40% of our respondents on a monthly basis. How they look and feel affects the way this Council's services are perceived.

Communities use a main park, or where no main park exists, a network of smaller parks / play areas to meet some of their needs. Each of the parks has a catchment area from which its visitors are taken. For instance Queens Park is of national importance and has visitors from all over the world to add to the local base of regular users from the local catchment area. This is different to Sandbach Park which is more likely to attract users from a discrete local catchment area around Sandbach. The mechanisms to deliver what local residents see as priorities will be different for each park.

Our experience shows that the most successful parks are those where the community plays an active role as a part of a strong partnership driving all aspects of management. We recognise the value of the contribution Friends Groups make to helping maintaining our parks and open spaces and this was reflected in our consultation with over 80% of responses advocating support for Friends Groups.

There are currently 12 Friends Groups across the Borough and the Council will work with these Groups to help develop management plans for the parks. We will also look to develop new groups where they don't currently exist. Whilst Friends Groups will be enthusiastically consulted as part of the process of park improvements all local people deserve to have a voice and our consultations will try to reflect this. There are some notable and positive examples of this across Cheshire East Parks, parks where an active local Friends Group, the local Town or Parish Council, Local Enterprise Partnership and others all work together for the benefit of the parks. The great work achieved at Sandbach Park demonstrates this very clearly but is not the only example. This is the model that Cheshire East Council wants to develop and support for all our main parks.

Objective 1a: We will seek to develop and support the formation of fully constituted and independent local park Friends Groups.

Objective 1b: We will develop local steering Groups for each Park to manage and coordinate all development and day to day activity in the parks.

Objective 1c: We will consult locally when planning projects in parks, consulting with Local Councilors, individuals and local community groups.

Objective 2: Volunteers:

Volunteers already make a massive contribution to our parks and volunteer participation will continue to be important to the sustainability of our parks moving forwards. We will need to expand and develop our efforts to support and facilitate volunteering in our parks and open spaces, to help minimize the impact of the cuts to services, building on the success of volunteering at parks such as Queens Park in Crewe, Sandbach Park and other notable examples across the Borough.

Objective 2: We will seek to develop volunteering opportunities in all our parks.

Objective 3: Children and Young People:

Play is acknowledged as a vital component in the development of children and young people. It helps them to learn many of the life skills they will need as they grow into balanced members of society. It also offers a way to counteract the increased pressures of modern lifestyles by encouraging fun and enjoyment. However, the provision of play is not just about fun as 24.1% of our children aged 4-5 years old are overweight or obese. Good play provision gets children and families more active building community health as well as family / social cohesion.

Whilst there is provision for younger children in many of our parks, for some communities there are still only limited facilities available for local teenagers to enjoy. This is often the result of negative perceptions of teenage activities and the impact they have on communities. Our traditional play facilities tend to cater for 0-13 year olds so we will also need to consider how we can provide areas for teenagers to “hang out” and actively use the parks in harmony with the rest of the community.

Objective 3: We will aim to provide facilities that meet the needs of the different age groups using our parks but also to ensure that social cohesion building, inter-generational activity is facilitated.



Park play at sunset

Objective 4: How Green spaces can help tackle health inequality and support an aging population:

The evidence shows that inequalities in mortality are higher for those who have less exposure to green space and that children living near green spaces are less likely to experience an increase in body mass index over time. Living in a neighbourhood with less green space is associated with greater risk of anxiety and depression, feelings of loneliness and perceived shortage of social support. Conversely, living in a neighbourhood with more green space and visiting natural environments is associated with lower levels of stress and anxiety and has been known to improve concentration and mood. Evidence is increasingly suggesting that initiatives to engage more people with the natural environment and green spaces can have a positive impact on health, reducing obesity rates, long term health conditions, mental ill-health and premature death, reducing the risk factors that lead to poor health. Access to green spaces is proven to contribute to mental health. There is an increasing recognition that improving access to the natural environment can be a cost effective part of the solution.

With the many advances in medicine people are living longer and more active lives. However, health care is very expensive particularly when dealing with long-term chronic conditions particularly linked to an aging population so investment in preventative initiatives can be seen as a very attractive alternative. From the perspective of those planning future health care, an all-inclusive approach to public health is emerging. It values the prevention of disease and the promotion of long-term health and mental well-being as highly as treating the symptoms of illnesses. Maintaining health involves encouraging regular physical activity and finding mechanisms to maintain mental wellbeing. Encouragement to gentle physical activity being the best way to prevent skeletal and muscular degeneration as well as stimulating mental faculties both individually and collectively as a society. There's a realisation that enabling healthy lifestyles can mean long-term savings in health treatment costs.

The decision to place Health & Wellbeing Boards within Local Authorities offers real opportunity for a joined up and collective approach. Parks provide wonderful places that can support and encourage healthy activity at all levels across the whole community. It is important that Health & Wellbeing Boards and Local Authorities work more closely together in the future to ensure that open space developments deliver maximum impacts for community health.

Objective 4: We will aim to achieve more collaborative working with the Health & Wellbeing Board and by doing so target investments to ensure that maximum health; well-being and sustainability benefits accrue from our public parks and open spaces.



The Coronation Valley at Queens Park, Crewe in the spring

Objective 5: Recreation and Exercise:

Evidence currently shows high levels of obesity in our adult population. Good parks that meet user needs encourage greater active participation thus support healthier lifestyles. The majority of visitors currently use the parks to walk, play or take part in some form of physical activity. Over recent years, adult gym equipment and fitness trails have been installed into parks in Cheshire East. Cheshire East Council also provides playing fields for the community to encourage participation in competitive sports for a wide range of ability levels.

We need to ensure that there are sufficient facilities available to match current and future needs for quantity and quality. (Cheshire East Council will publish its Playing Pitch Strategy in 2015)

Objective 5: We will aim to find new ways of encouraging physical activity in the general population, forging strong partnership with sports clubs, associations and other stakeholder groups to ensure parks fulfill their potential of fostering healthy physical activity.



Congleton Park: Suzie caught watching the rugby

Objective 6: A Place to Meet, Socialise and Celebrate:

Parks play a vital part in sustaining and developing social cohesion in the local population. They encourage the community by providing places for them to relax, enjoy and mingle. Not everyone wants to play or take part in an activity or sport and we recognise that many of our users come for a walk or just to relax in a quiet way. Our parks are also home to numerous community events. Not all our parks are capable of or suitable for hosting events.

Objective 6a: We will aim to look at how we design places and manage the verdant landscape with seating and quiet areas to ensure that there is space for quiet contemplation of the environment.

Objective 6b: We will distinguish areas appropriate for large scale events and those that are more suitable to smaller community events and local celebrations.

Objective 7: A Place for Nature:

The Borough's parks and open spaces play a fundamental part for conserving, enhancing and promoting local biodiversity. This is a particularly vital function within an urban environment. For example, the trees help to cool summer temperatures, reduce air pollutants, absorb noise and the green areas absorb rainfall preventing flooding. Whilst providing green oases and refuges for wildlife, in parks there are often significant opportunities to enhance biodiversity in line with our legislative responsibilities. This is especially so in our Country Parks and Countryside sites. Initiatives such as, establishing wildflower meadows, supporting bat roosts, restoring ponds and wetlands contribute significantly to wildlife diversity. When combined with more sensitive development and maintenance operations and with greater local engagement, through volunteering and friends of parks groups, these measures will bring residents closer to nature increasing their overall enjoyment and physical and mental wellbeing.

We will aim to develop initiatives that will bring residents closer to nature increasing their overall enjoyment of parks to enhance their physical and mental wellbeing.

Objective 8: Well designed places that reflect their cultural heritage:

Ideally all parks should be attractive, have excellent facilities and be physically accessible to all residents. They should also be well designed, well maintained and feel safe. How we design the spaces and how we plant and furnish them changes how local residents respond to them when they visit. Good design enriching the experience for all. Our parks are not all the same either in origin, context or their features. Understanding the unique character and indeed the reasons for each individual park's existence is the key to finding the way in which each should be managed. We must develop management plans for our parks which consider these factors, ensuring that any changes to the design, planting or features is actually appropriate for the park.

Objective 8a:

We will seek to develop and manage the parks, reflecting their cultural and heritage importance, in line with the aspirations of the local communities.

Objective 8b:

We will aim to develop individual management plans for each of our key and secondary parks, based on local needs in the lifetime of this Strategy.

Objective 8c:

As our overarching design philosophy, we will aim to treat each park as a unique design, judged on its own merits. The type of landscape, equipment and furniture we use will also need to reflect the area and nature of the provision.

Our Consultation: Are these objectives supported by our communities?

In preparing this strategy a public consultation on the above objectives produced a resounding endorsement. Cheshire East Council undertook a survey during late November to early December 2014 to gain views from Cheshire East residents and users of the parks on its draft strategy. The survey was available online and the questions mainly asked about views on the twelve objectives. 557 responses were received. The results have helped refine this strategy.

Key findings: Usage of Cheshire East parks and open spaces

Respondents were first asked how often, they had visited a Cheshire East park within the last 12 months. In summary:-

- 29% had visited most days/ every day or at least once a week,
- 31% had visited at least once a month
- 40% visiting less often or not at all.

Respondents who had visited a Cheshire East park (within the last 12 months?) were then asked to select up to three main reasons as to why. The top five overall reasons were as follows:-

1. For leisure, spend time with family and friends, 45%
2. Walking, 41%
3. To enjoy the natural environment, 31%
4. To visit the playgrounds/ recreational areas, 31%
5. Dog walking, 24%.

Views on the proposed objectives

Over 90% of respondents agreed that Cheshire East Council should:-

- Consult with individuals and local community groups when planning a project within the parks, 93% (61% strongly agree, 32% tend to agree)
- Aim to provide facilities that meet the needs of different age groups, 93% (61% strongly agree, 32% agree)
- Treat each park as unique, designing landscape, equipment and furniture in line with the area and nature of provision, 91% (61% strongly agree, 32% agree)
- Design places and manage landscape so that seating and quiet areas are available for quiet contemplation, 91% (57% strongly agree, 34% agree).

Over 80% of respondents agreed that Cheshire East Council should:

- Develop individual management plans for each of our key and secondary parks based on local needs, 89% (50% strongly agree, 39% agree)
Develop and support local park friends groups, 82% (45% strongly agree, 37% agree)
- Work in collaboration with the Health and Wellbeing Board to ensure our parks and open spaces provide maximum health, well being and sustainability benefits, 82% (49% strongly agree, 33% agree)
- Develop and manage parks while reflecting their cultural and heritage importance in-line with aspirations of local communities to achieve Green Flag Standard, 82% (41% strongly agree, 41% agree)
- Develop initiatives that will bring residents closer to nature increasing their overall enjoyment of the parks and their physical and mental well-being, 86% (47% strongly agree, 39% agree).

Our thanks to all who responded to the survey and contributed their photographs for this document

The Current Situation: (See appendix for a full list of parks and public open spaces)

Achieving the Green Flag standard is held as a clear indication of a well managed park and for demonstrating a long term commitment to excellent parks. For measuring the quality of Country Parks, it is an option to seek Country Park Accreditation; however, the criteria of the Green Flag scheme are very relevant for all park types and ensure a consistency that is easily benchmarked as the parks achieving Green Flag Accreditation are published annually.

Parks at Green Flag Standard: In 2015, the following Parks had attained and retained Green Flag Status:

- Congleton Park,
- The Moor, Knutsford
- Bollington Recreation Ground.
- Tegg's Nose Country park
- Brereton Heath Local Nature Reserve
- Sandbach Park
- Tatton Park

Parks Close to Green Flag Standard: A number of parks are close to achieving the standard having had significant infrastructure investments over recent years. These parks benefit from the involvement of the community through strong Friends Groups. Whilst some further investment is required to deal with outstanding infrastructure issues, the key outstanding issue is the lack of a Management and Maintenance Plan. At:

- Elworth Park
- Milton Park
- The Carrs, Wilmslow
- Queens Park, Crewe (Following completion of the Pathways Network)

Parks still requiring investment: Before the following parks will be in a condition appropriate for an application for “Green Flag Status” more extensive programmes of investment will be required.

At:

- Alderley Edge Park
- Lacey Green Park, Wilmslow
- Meriton Road Park, Handforth
- South Park, Macclesfield
- Victoria Park, Macclesfield
- West Park, Macclesfield
- Fountain Fields, Middlewich
- Brookfield Park, Nantwich

In 2014, Cheshire East Council created a Park Development Fund to support investment in parks across the Borough. This is currently a three year investment programme aimed at repairing infrastructure problems and leveraging out more substantial funding from external grants aiding bodies and supporting local community initiatives in parks. Significant investments required for a project will be scheduled in the Council’s Capital Programme.

The evidence base:

We have a wealth of parks and open spaces that are greatly valued by all our local communities as demonstrated by the response to the consultation on this strategy.

The key to attracting investment into our parks is the gathering of the evidence of need. Data must be collected on the level of usage, customer satisfaction and the benefits gained from usage. Gathering this data has to be a major priority for the Council as it holds the key to making the real case for significant future investment.

Delivery and Implementation: Action Plan

Timetable for delivery and review:

This Cheshire East Council Park Development Strategy will have a shelf-life of ten years (2024). With so much to be achieved, it will take at least this ten-year period to deliver the improvements we all want to see in our parks.

Action 1: As good data is the bedrock of well managed parks. We need to improve our data collection to understand the value of our investment in green spaces to our residents. In addition we must develop a system to monitor the use made of Cheshire East parks by the Borough's local population including evaluation of visitor numbers, qualitative data on visitor experience and its relationship to community health and wellbeing indices.

Action 2: Managing successful parks requires a longer term vision and the proposed programmes and projects will take several years to succeed. Each of our larger parks will require a full Management and Maintenance Plan. These plans will include a full risk assessment and an Implementation / Action Plan setting out the main projects to be developed and implemented over an estimated ten-year period.

Action 3: Develop a prioritised rolling programme of park improvement projects to target expenditure to reflect the objectives of this strategy. The programme for delivery will be considered annually through consultation with Local Councillors and approved by the Portfolio Member for Strategic Commissioning to enable works to be commissioned to reflect need and corporate priorities.

Action 4: Look to demonstrate the quality of our parks through a carefully considered plan to raise standards and to achieve Green Flag status in 5 more parks by 2024.

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REPORT TO: Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: 24th March 2016
Report of: Ralph Kemp Strategic Commissioning
Subject/Title: Quarter 3 Ansa and Orbitas reports
Portfolio Holder: Service Commissioning Portfolio – Councillor Sam Gardner

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 The two reports are the third quarterly reports to commissioning and scrutiny for Ansa and Orbitas.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Committee examine the quarterly reports.

3.0 Wards Affected

- 3.1 All

4.0 Local Ward Members

- 4.1 All

5.0 Background to Ansa and Orbitas Quarterly Reports

- 5.1 Ansa and Orbitas were formed as wholly owned Council companies on the 1st April 2014 to deliver Environmental and Bereavement services. They operate through an agreed management fee paid monthly under a contract with the Council for service delivery.

Ansa Environmental Services

- 5.2 Ansa are maintaining their high standards across the breadth of services they are delivering. A key factor in this quarter was the need to reduce the levels of contamination within the recycling (silver bin) stream. This challenge was tackled through leafleting, stickers, a social media presence and greater vigilance on the part of the collection crews.
- 5.3 The work to reduce contamination resulted in more bins being unemptied and thus the levels of reported missed bins increasing. The campaign has succeeded in reducing levels of contamination significantly; a key factor in ensuring the recycling reprocessor accepted all our loads.
- 5.4 The construction of the Environmental Hub has led to a re-profiling of the savings associated with the re-letting of the waste disposal contract that was to be delivered in 2015/16 through the existing Crewe Depot. The re-profiling of savings has been fully mitigated by improvements on the household waste recycling centre contract, including non requirement of planned inflationary growth and an increased bonus. .
- 5.5 Approximately £0.1m of the potential pressure relates to a forecast shortfall in Markets income. This continues the trend of a gradual decrease in income over the last few years, specifically in Macclesfield, where low rents of vacant shops and a major trader leaving

have contributed to the shortfall. Negotiations over the projected transfer of Crewe Markets to Crewe Town Council are continuing.

Orbitas

- 5.6 Bereavement Services projected a potential budget pressure of £0.2m based on the Third Quarter Review income forecast against a net income budget of £1.3m. This relates to a realignment of the original proposed income growth over a period of five years to gradually build market share.
- 5.7 Within year, core bereavement income is currently reporting a £0.1m shortfall against a £2.4m income target. The shortfall is due to a reduced service as a result of the contract refurbishment at Crewe Crematorium between July and December 2015.
- 5.8 This Quarter, Orbitas are forecasting a £173K shortfall in Core Bereavement Income due to the disruption to service resulting from the ongoing refurbishment works at Crewe Crematorium. The Crematorium Refurbishment is due to complete this month and the Crematorium will shortly be back to full capacity as a far more attractive facility.
- 5.10 However, to counter balance this lost income being experienced at Crewe whilst works are ongoing, Macclesfield Crematorium has increased performance by 12% compared to 2014/15 contributing an additional income of £77k.
- 5.11 The Electricians and Handyperson's service are reporting a combined forecast surplus (£24k) due to holding vacancies in the service and a forecast reduction in the minor adaptations spend.

6.0 Access to Information

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

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Ansa Environmental Services Ltd

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October – December 2015

Ansa Environmental Services Ltd

Quarter 3 Report October– December 2015 Corporate Scrutiny




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Key Achievements this quarter:

Awards

ISO 9001 certification

We were pleased to announce this quarter that we have been awarded ISO 9001, the internationally recognised certificate of quality.

ISO 9001 is a set of standards related to quality management systems and is designed to help organisations ensure that they meet the needs of customers, shareholders and employees. The certification of compliance with ISO 9001 recognises that the policies, practices and procedures of Ansa, ensure consistent quality in the services that it provides to its customers.

Certification demonstrates that we have robust, demonstrable systems and processes in place and also proves commitment to delivering high quality services in a sustainable, safe and cost effective way, providing assurance that it is compliant with all regulatory requirements applied to its sector.

To be awarded ISO 9001, we were assessed by an external, independent Certification Body approved by UKAS (United Kingdom Accreditation Service). The Auditors collected evidence to check that quality processes were in place to carry out necessary services.

The Auditors also established that Ansa allocates satisfactory attention to customer needs and communicates well with employees, meeting the quality standards of ISO 9001 in all areas. Organisations that are awarded the certificate, usually receive it pending correction of non-conformances and other observations that are raised. However, the external Auditors were so impressed with Ansa that they issued the award with no reservations or conditions, which is a rarity.

Activities and Events

An outstanding display of over 3,000 knitted poppies welcomed visitors to Memorial Square in Crewe during November to mark Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day. Ansa's Grounds team played a key role in the delivery of this project.

'The Poppy Explosion' was a community art project to commemorate the First World War and was co-ordinated by Crewe and Nantwich Senior Forum. The poppies were knitted by Crewe and Nantwich Senior Forum members who were supported by Cheshire East Council as part of their Cheshire East Reflects First World War programme. Cheshire East Reflects brings together all aspects of the local authority with community groups and organisations within the Borough, as well as partners such as the Imperial War Museum North.

ANSA groundsman prepared the site in readiness for the installation and for the Remembrance Services. The Ansa team supported the Forum members, painstakingly arranging the 3,000 knitted poppies within the tree branches to create the dramatic effect.

Adrian Lindop, chair of Crewe and Nantwich Senior Forum, said: "After attending the service on Sunday November 8 and Wednesday November 11, I am delighted to say that the trees, which Graham (Ansa Team Leader Grounds) dressed with the poppies, looked spectacular, with many people saying how well they looked. It made the two days special."



Positive About People With Disabilities

Ansa's commitment to people with disabilities has been recognised by Jobcentre Plus and the Company is now able to display the Disability Two Ticks symbol. This recognition is given to employers who agree to take action to meet five commitments regarding the employment, retention, training and career development of disabled employees.



Activities and Events

Junior Recycling Officers Launch events

Three Junior Recycling Officers Launch events took place this quarter in Congleton, Crewe and Macclesfield. These involved:

- 91 pupils from 44 Cheshire East Primary Schools and Academies
- 43 adults : teachers, teaching assistants, bursars, site managers, parents and governors
- 14 members of staff & volunteers, including Business Development, Business Support, Waste Reduction Volunteers, an Ansa apprentice and CEC apprentices.
- sessions on Love Food Hate Waste, Composting, the Silver Bin (with Phil the Bin in person), Connecting Cheshire and textile recycling with the Salvation Army
- the carrier bag competition for schools to make a bag out of recyclable materials, which attracted some excellent entries

Connecting Cheshire

- Planning has commenced for a Spring competition for schools to design and make a model from recycled materials with the theme 'Superfast' with the Connecting Cheshire team has started, ready for January.

All Hallows Catholic College, Macclesfield

Contact was made with the Head of Geography for All Hallows Catholic College and a Recycling Assembly and a visit to Danes Moss Household waste recycling centre (HWRC) were arranged.

- Assembly delivered to 200 Year 7 pupils (with Phil the Bin) and 15 staff on 3.11.15
- Visit to Danes Moss Household waste recycling centre for 14 Year 7 pupils on 4.11.15

School Interaction

Ansa has organised and delivered workshops or assemblies attended by over 600 children from 14 primary and secondary schools in Cheshire East. Recycling and Environmental awareness were the key themes covered.

Real Nappy Incentive Scheme

The Real Nappy Incentive scheme has been very successful this year with increasing numbers taking up the scheme compared with last year. The total number of applications to the scheme has risen to 76, up from 53 in 2014.

A new suite of promotional material has been produced. Based upon the old material but refreshed with the latest information. The scheme is run in conjunction with Go Real – the Real Nappy Information Service.

Activities and Events

Waste Reduction Volunteer (WRV) project

During this quarter, the Waste Reduction Volunteer project conducted an audit of project volunteers. The review, has confirmed that we have a total of 22 'active' volunteers who volunteer for the project on a regular basis. Additionally, there are a further 16 Cheshire East volunteers who have been trained through the project, have not supported an event in the past 12 months but who still wished to be considered as volunteers and state that they will volunteer again. In Q3, the volunteers have:

Attended 13 community events, engaged with 577 residents and donated 70.5 hours to the project.

Highlights from the quarter

The One World Week at Alsager presented a huge opportunity for the Waste Reduction Volunteer project. As well as speaking to 80 visitors, the Waste Reduction Volunteers met local MP Fiona Bruce who was very interested in the project. As a result Fiona Bruce issued a press release about the work the Waste Reduction Volunteers do.

Partnership working with Peaks and Plains Housing Association



Ansa has been working in partnership with Peaks and Plains Housing Association as part of their Cheshire East Energy Saving Project. Ansa jointly funds practical cookery sessions as part of this wider project helping residents to save money and throw away less food.

This partnership project has continued into this quarter. In addition to the eight sessions already delivered earlier in the year, there have been another five sessions this quarter, totalling 13 since the project started. These practical cookery sessions have allowed Peaks and Plains to engage with 56 adults and 33 children about food waste minimisation.

Street cleansing community support

Community litter picking groups have been supported by Ansa's Street cleansing teams. Ansa's street cleansing teams have:

- Attended meetings of two different community litter picking groups to offer advice and input into the group's future plans.
- Collected sacks of litter from 12 litter picking groups following their activities.
- Supplied equipment to support community activities on seven occasions.
- Ansa's Street Cleansing team worked in partnership with the Probation Service to clear vegetation from the alleyway to the rear of Walthall Street and Ruskin Road, Crewe.

Health and Safety Site Inspections

As part of its regular inspection routine, Ansa has carried out nine Health & Safety Site Inspections during Quarter 3, involving its Trade Union partners wherever appropriate.

OHSAS 18001

Having successfully attained ISO9001, the Company will now be working towards achieving the OHSAS 18001 standard (sometimes mistakenly referred to as ISO 18001). This is internationally accepted as a method of assessing and auditing occupational health and safety management systems. Developed by leading trade and international standards bodies, it provides a framework for organisations to instigate proper and effective management of health & safety in the workplace


Health & Safety Training

Last Quarter two of our employees successfully completed the NEBOSH National General Certificate; one of these people is now further enhancing their skills and knowledge by progressing through the NEBOSH Diploma.

RoSPA

The management team has worked on collating data and demonstrating high Health and Safety standards as part of our submission for the RoSPA Occupational Health & Safety Awards. Last year we were honoured with the prestigious Gold Award. We hope to replicate that this year and have been working to that aim.

Company Performance

-  **Contractual and Operational Performance** -reported at two levels – contract based key performance indicators (KPI's) and operational performance indicators (OPI's).

Contract Based Key performance Indicators (KPI's)

- 1. Maintain CE residents customer satisfaction levels within the waste collection service at or above 75% (Baseline – 75% satisfaction – Spring 2014) – to be reported annually.**

Cheshire East made the decision not to will carry out a satisfaction survey in 2015. They have stated that they intend to carry out the survey in the spring of 2016; results should be available in the summer.

- 2. To maintain and enhance the number of volunteers in – waste prevention, parks friends' schemes and clean teams (baseline 25 in 2013-14).**

Target- 25

Current Number of Volunteers-38

Status- GREEN

- 3. We will increase the tonnage of materials re-used by 1% per year** from a base of 977 tonnes in 2012/13 – waste predominantly collected from civic amenity sites and separated out for re-use.

Target – Year-end -1,007t

Quarter 3 position– 930t (estimated figure)

Status – **GREEN**

- 4. Maintain the percentage of household waste sent for recycling, reuse and composting above the national target for 2020 of 50%**

Target – end of year >50%

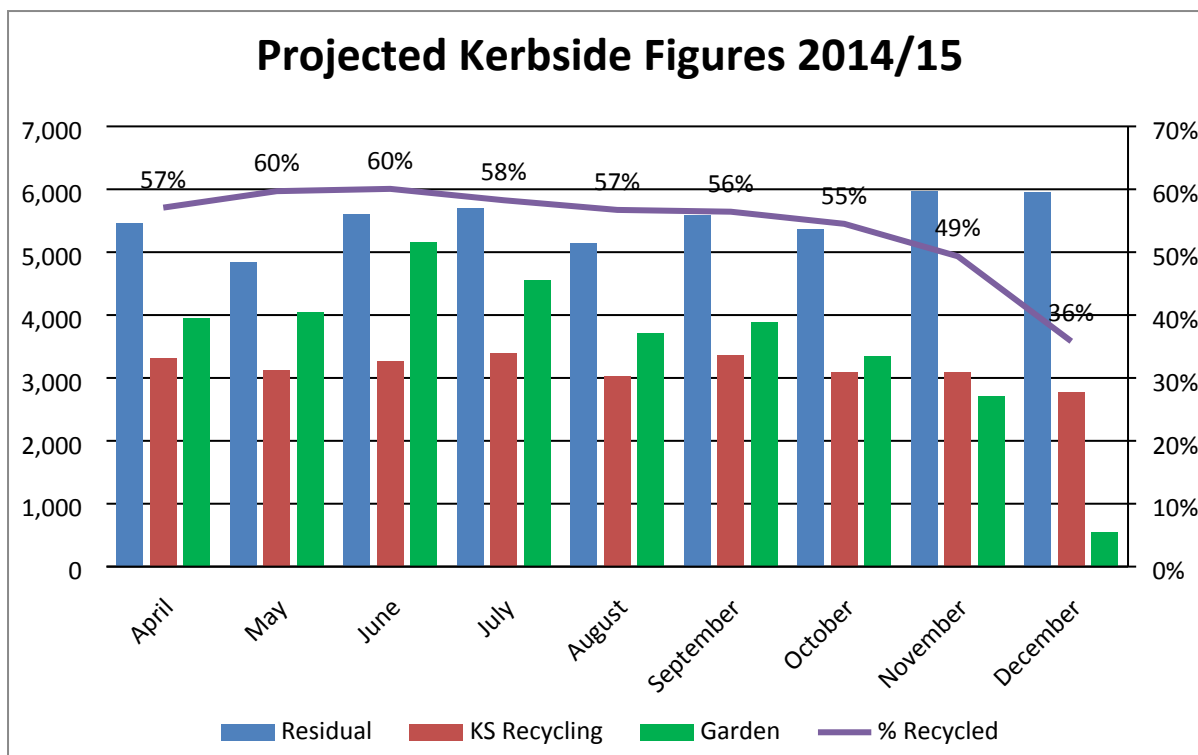
Quarter 3 – 52% (estimated figure)

Status – **GREEN**

The graph shows the quantity of household waste collected at the kerbside only and the corresponding recycling performance, **please note:** The December data and some of the November data is estimated and is based on previous years performance.

Recycling tonnages remain steady.

At the current rate CEC are exceeding the national recycling target of 50% of household waste sent for recycling, reuse and composting. **Please note:** Historically, in the first half of each year, recycling figures are higher due to garden waste input this is reduced in the latter part of the year.



5. Reduce the percentage of waste going to landfill to 0% by 2030 (expressed as a percentage of total waste and recycling)

Target – Baseline of 38.5% in 2013-14

Quarter 3- 30% (projected figure)

Status – **GREEN**

Data not yet received for quarter 2, however it is projected to be in line with the target

6. Maintain at least four Green Flag Awards per annum (CEC 2014-15 outturn - maintained, 4 of which are maintained solely by Ansa- Bollington Recreation Ground, The Moor Knutsford, Congleton Park and Sandbach Park)

Target >4

Quarter 3 - 4 currently secured

Status- **GREEN**

7. Increase the use of waste for energy generation (expressed as a percentage of total waste and recycling) (Baseline 5.85% in 2013-14)

Target > 5.85%

Quarter 3 - 11% (projected)

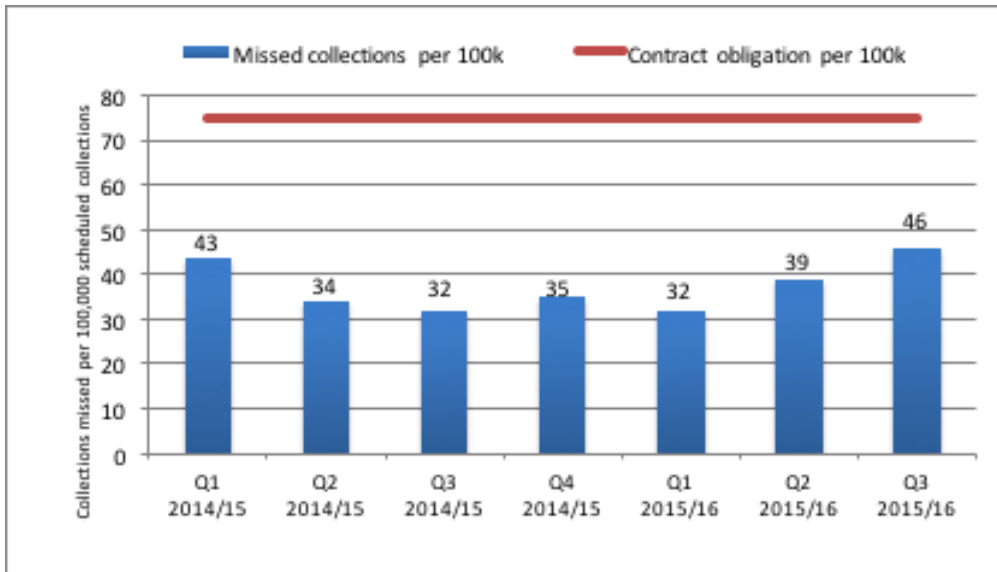
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See target 5.

1. Missed Collections – Contract obligation to achieve less than 75 missed bins per 100,000 scheduled collections.

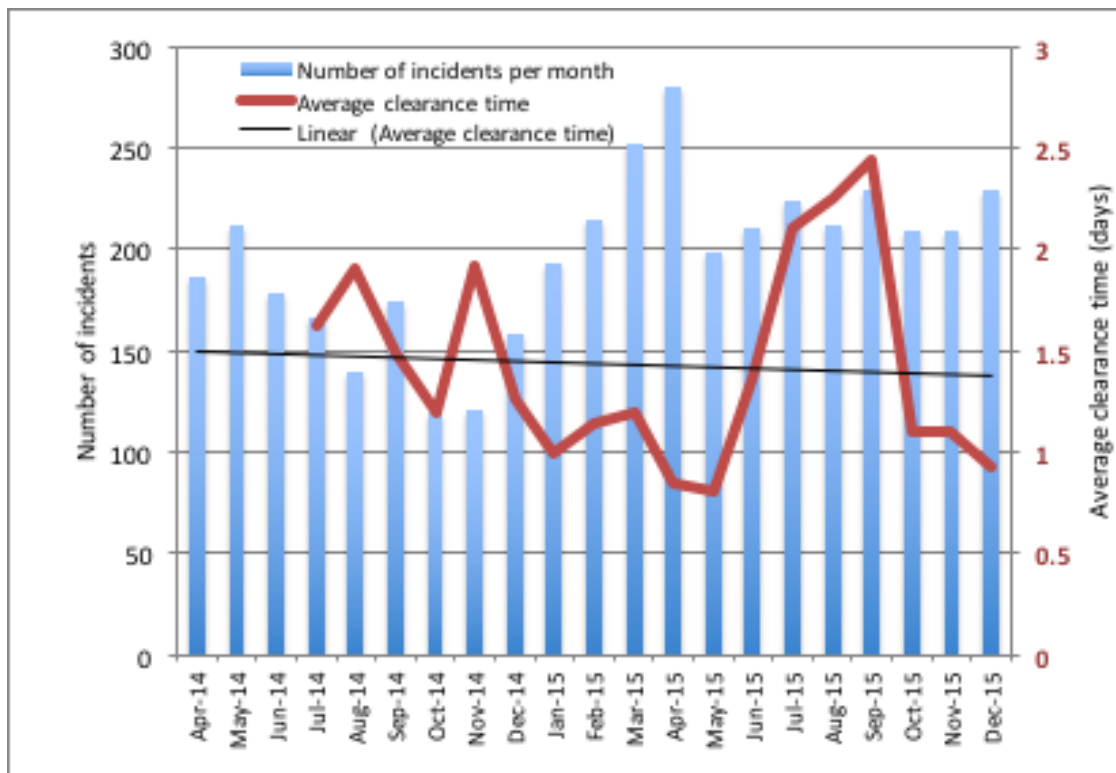
There has been an increase in missed collections in quarter 3 due to the impact of the drive to address recyclate contamination (especially in the south of the Borough) and the “leave it loose” campaign. Whilst contamination over the period has reduced, reports of missed (contaminated) containers have increased. In some cases the identification of households contaminating their bins has been difficult due to communal presentation of containers, this is particular prevalent in the high density residential areas of Crewe town centre. This issue has compounded the issues we are already dealing with associated with the hotspot areas where fly-tipping and excess waste is a daily occurrence.

To address the issue we are closely monitoring collections on specific rounds with abnormally high missed collections. This action will allow us to address any underlying issues to ensure this increase does not become a trend.



2. Fly-tipping performance

Fly tipping response times in quarter 3 dramatically reduced although incidents remained relatively stable as we focused on working closely with CEC's community teams.



Financial Performance

Ansa Environmental Services Ltd has a revised Management Fee for 2015/16 of £25.378m (revised from £25.572m to reflect revised Support Service buyback for 2015-16). The Management Fee is currently Ansa's primary income stream for the Service Contract with Cheshire East Borough Council (CEBC) and accounts for 88% of Ansa's total turnover. The Management Fee reflects the impact of the CEBC's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for 2015-16 and is therefore net of £0.527m policy savings, temporarily re-profiled against the backdrop of moving depots during the year and maintaining frontline operations (original target £0.764m).

Cheshire East Council – Environment Commissioners also hold a further £235k savings target of which £100k relates to HWRC Contract Savings which maybe allocated to Ansa to deliver subject to the novation of the HWRC contract and associated budget in year (savings to be allocated pro-rata as appropriate).

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October - December 2015

Orbitas Bereavement Services Ltd (OSBL)

OSBL acts as an Agent to the Council running the Council's Bereavement Services including crematoria located in Crewe and Macclesfield along with a number of cemeteries located across Cheshire East. All income generated from the bereavement service contract managed by OSBL is held and reported in Cheshire East Council's accounts. Over the course of the current financial year the anticipated income has reduced due to the short-term impact of the crematorium improvement works currently ongoing at Crewe. All costs associated with running the services through the Contract with Cheshire East Council are managed through the annual management fee that is agreed between the Council and OSBL for service delivery. The Management Fee costs are performing better than anticipated with savings currently being forecast against the anticipated provision.

Income

OSBL is forecasting at the end of Q3 £173k income shortfall position that takes into account a number of variants throughout the year.

They have explained this is due to several factors. Since the opening of the new privately run facilities in Northwich a number of services each week have been lost. This has been further compounded in the short-term by the ongoing improvement works that are taking place at the Crewe crematorium facility. In addition to the short-term issues associated the ongoing works there is also a positive shift away from burials with more families preferring cremations. This is also having an impact on the anticipated income profile.

However, to counter balance this lost income being experienced at Crewe whilst works are ongoing, Macclesfield Crematorium has increased performance by 12% compared to 2014/15 contributing an additional income of £77k.

Fees and Charges have increased from the 1st January 2016. This is expected to generate around £40k of additional income and has contributed to improving the forecast outcome.

Management Fee

Orbitas are forecasting an operating profit of £48k. This excludes the recovery of exceptional costs incurred of around £14k associated with vandalism and a gas pipe leak at Macclesfield crematorium. The company has replaced stolen equipment and installed preventative measures including additional security patrols and CCTV at the Crematorium.

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

These KPIs are set to monitor the performance through the ASDV management agreement.

Maintain market share (84%) based on three year average level of cremations and burials carried out:

- Target – 2013
- Actual (April – end of November) - 1,789
- Status – 224 units down (11%)
- The down turn in market share is attributed to the refurbishment work at Crewe Crematorium as well as leakage to Vale Royal Crematorium.

Ministry of Justices Fines

- Target – Nil
- Actual – Nil
- Status – GREEN

Number of exhumations due to erroneous burial

- Target – Nil
- Actual – Nil
- Status – GREEN

Number of Local Government Ombudsman complaints upheld

- Target – Nil
- Actual – Nil
- Status – GREEN

ICCM Charter for the Bereaved Achievement

- Target – Silver or Gold
- Actual – Gold
- Status – GREEN



FORWARD PLAN FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30TH JUNE 2016

This Plan sets out the key decisions which the Executive expects to take over the period indicated above. The Plan is rolled forward every month. A key decision is defined in the Council's Constitution as:

"an executive decision which is likely –

- (a) to result in the local authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the local authority's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
- (b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising one or more wards or electoral divisions in the area of the local authority.

For the purpose of the above, savings or expenditure are "significant" if they are equal to or greater than £1M."

Reports relevant to key decisions, and any listed background documents, may be viewed at any of the Council's Offices/Information Centres 5 days before the decision is to be made. Copies of, or extracts from, these documents may be obtained on the payment of a reasonable fee from the following address:

Democratic Services Team
Cheshire East Council
c/o Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach Cheshire CW11 1HZ
Telephone: 01270 686472

However, it is not possible to make available for viewing or to supply copies of reports or documents the publication of which is restricted due to confidentiality of the information contained.

A record of each key decision is published within 6 days of it having been made. This is open for public inspection on the Council's Website, at Council Information Centres and at Council Offices.

This Forward Plan also provides notice that the Cabinet, or a Portfolio Holder, may decide to take a decision in private, that is, with the public and press excluded from the meeting. In accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, 28 clear days' notice must be given of any decision to be taken in private by the Cabinet or a Portfolio Holder, with provision for the public to make representations as to why the decision should be taken in public. In such cases, Members of the Council and the public may make representations in writing to the Democratic Services Team Manager using the contact details below. A further notice of intention to hold the meeting in private must then be published 5 clear days before the

meeting, setting out any representations received about why the meeting should be held in public, together with a response from the Leader and the Cabinet.

The list of decisions in this Forward Plan indicates whether a decision is to be taken in private, with the reason category for the decision being taken in private being drawn from the list overleaf:

1. Information relating to an individual
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including to authority holding that information)
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under the authority
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal and professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings
6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes (a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime

If you would like to make representations about any decision to be conducted in private at a meeting, please email:

Paul Mountford, Democratic Services Officer paul.mountford@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Such representations must be received at least 10 clear working days before the date of the Cabinet or Portfolio Holder meeting concerned.

Where it has not been possible to meet the 28 clear day rule for publication of notice of a key decision or intention to meet in private, the relevant notices will be published as soon as possible in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution.

The law and the Council's Constitution provide for urgent key decisions to be made. Any decision made in this way will be published in the same way.

Forward Plan

Key Decision and Private Non-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 15/16-28 Cheshire Science Corridor Enterprise Zone	To note the application of business rates relief to companies locating at Alderley Park within the identified Enterprise Zone Area and to pool business rates income from Alderley Park to the Cheshire and Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership for reinvestment in the Enterprise Zone. To authorise the officers to implement these proposals.	Cabinet	8 Mar 2016		Caroline Simpson, Executive Director of Economic Growth and Prosperity	No
CE 15/16-34 Parks Strategy	To adopt the Parks Strategy to support the protection, enhancement and future improvements to Parks and Open Spaces across the Borough	Cabinet	12 Apr 2016		George Broughton	

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 15/16-35 Review of Children Residential Care	<p>Cheshire East Council is looking to optimise the quality and cost effectiveness of the Children's Residential provision it delivers. A review will be undertaken looking at the following main areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contractual: whether to opt for in-house provision or to commission the service from the independent / voluntary sector or a mix as is the case now • Operational: to consider the model under which the homes operate and any scope for the development of the service • Configuration: the number and size of individual homes and the total number of available beds <p>Cabinet will be asked to consider the outcome of the review and recommend a way forward to provide in-house and / or commissioned services.</p>	Cabinet	12 Apr 2016		Kath O'Dwyer, Director of Children's Services	No

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 15/16-36 Review of Arrangements for the Delivery of Youth Justice Services in Cheshire East	Decision to transfer the specialist Youth Justice Services to the high performing Cheshire West, Halton and Warrington Youth Offending Service to create a 'One Cheshire' Youth Offending Service.	Cabinet	12 Apr 2016		Kath O'Dwyer, Director of Children's Services	No
CE 15/16-38 Commissioning Children's Centre Nurseries in Crewe	To agree that officers can explore re-procurement of these childcare settings with a particular emphasis on achieving social value.	Cabinet	12 Apr 2016		Kath O'Dwyer, Director of Children's Services	No
CE 15/16-41 Cheshire East Council Community Equipment Service - Leading the Region	To approve that a number of other named local authorities and public organisations can join the community equipment framework; and that authority be delegated to the Chief Operating Officer to approve the total value of spend on this procurement to be a maximum of £20M-£25M over four years.	Cabinet	12 Apr 2016		Peter Bates, Chief Operating Officer	No
CE 14/15-42 Cheshire East Indoor Facility Strategy	To adopt the Indoor Facility Strategy in support of the Council's Local Plan.	Cabinet	3 May 2016		Mark Wheelton	No

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 15/16-7 Congleton Link Road - Approval to Proceed with the Compulsory Purchase of Land and Agreement to the Procurement Strategy	To authorise officers to proceed with the steps required to compulsorily purchase land for Congleton Link Road, and to seek approval of the procurement strategy.	Cabinet	3 May 2016		Paul Griffiths	No
CE 15/16-10 Cheshire East Playing Pitch Strategy	The primary purpose of the Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) is to provide a strategic framework which ensures that the provision of outdoor playing pitches meet the local needs of existing and future residents within Cheshire East. The required decision is for the Strategy to be adopted by the Council and to authorise Officers to take all necessary actions to implement the strategy.	Cabinet	3 May 2016		George Broughton	No

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 15/16-18 Bentley Development Framework	To approve the development framework as a consultation draft document; and to agree to review the development framework following public consultation with a view to considering endorsing the final version of the document as a material consideration when determining future planning applications on the site.	Cabinet	3 May 2016		Caroline Simpson, Executive Director of Economic Growth and Prosperity	No
CE 15/16-37 Technical Assistance Funding under the ELENA Programme	To support the Council's receipt of funding under the ELENA programme for use in providing technical assistance to the identified low carbon and renewable energy projects; and to authorise officers to take all necessary actions to receive the funding and enact the funding programme.	Cabinet	3 May 2016		Matt O'Neill	No
CE 15/16-33 Middlewich Eastern Bypass Route Option Recommendation	To decide on a preferred route and the authorise officers to take all necessary actions to prepare a detailed planning application.	Cabinet	14 Jun 2016		Andrew Ross	No

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 15/16-39 Provision of Consultancy Services	To authorise officers to take all necessary actions to implement the proposed new, longer term contract with NEPRO Ltd for consultancy services.	Cabinet	14 Jun 2016		Janet Ellison-Jones	No
CE 15/16-40 Crewe Green Roundabout Pinch-point Scheme	To accept a favoured option following negotiations with the Duchy of Lancaster; authorise officers to conduct a public consultation exercise on that option and alternatives; authorise officers to embark on the detailed scheme development process; and formally allocate the budget.	Cabinet	12 Jul 2016		Andrew Ross	No

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 15/16-8 Poynton Relief Road - Procurement Strategy	The Poynton Relief Road forms an important part of the Council's strategy of enabling job creation, delivering housing growth and addressing long standing traffic congestion and environmental issues in the town, as well as delivering an important part of the wider SEMMMS Strategy. The report will outline the work undertaken to identify the procurement process to appoint a contractor in order to construct the scheme. The report will also seek authority for the officers to undertake all necessary actions to implement the proposal.	Cabinet	11 Oct 2016		Paul Griffiths	No

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CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting:	24 March 2016
Report of:	Governance 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

1. 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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Meetings

Date:24/03/16 Time:10.30am Venue: Committee suite, Westfields	Date:28/04/16 Time:10.30am Venue: Committee suite, Westfields Informal meeting	Date:23/06/16 Time:10.30am Venue: Committee suite, Westfields Informal meeting	Date:14/07/16 Time:10.30am Venue: Committee suite, Westfields Formal meeting	Date:22/09/16 Time:10.30am Venue: Committee suite, Westfields Formal meeting	Date:27/10/16 Time:10.30am Venue: Committee suite, Westfields Informal meeting	Date:24/11/16 Time:10.30am Venue: Committee suite, Westfields Formal meeting	Date:20/12/16 Time:10.30am Venue: Committee suite, Westfields Informal meeting
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Essential items

Item	Description/purpose of report/comments	Outcome	Lead Officer/ organisation/ Portfolio Holder	Suggested by	Current position	Key Dates/ Deadlines
Speed Management Strategy	To prepare the Council's Speed Management Strategy for a borough wide speed limit review. Cllr B Roberts to attend workshop on 21 January and report back to the Committee.	Our local communities are strong and supportive	D Brown P Traynor	P Traynor/ Committee	Current policy is out of date	ongoing
Car Parking Strategy	To develop a car parking strategy for Cheshire East	Our local communities are strong and supportive	S Cordon Cllr P Bates	S Cordon D Topping	Possible Task and Finish	28/04/2016
Parking Enforcement	To consider the review of the service	Our local communities are	D Laycock S Cordon	D Laycock	Report	28/04/2016

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		strong and supportive	Cllr P Bates			
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Monitoring Items

item	Description/purpose of report/comments	Outcome	Lead Officer/organisation/Portfolio Holder	Suggested by	Current position	Key Dates/Deadlines
Monitoring Ansa and Orbitas	To scrutinise the performance of Ansa and Orbitas	Our local communities are strong and supportive/ Cheshire is a green and sustainable place	R Kemp Cllr S Gardner	R Kemp	ongoing	24/03/2016
TSSL	To Scrutinise the performance Framework and performance	Cheshire is a green and sustainable place	P Bates Cllr S Gardner	Committee	Performance monitoring reports to every public meeting after.	26/11/2015 – deferred
Anaerobic Digestion Plant	To scrutinise the feasibility study	Cheshire is a green and sustainable place	R Kemp Cllr S Gardner	R Kemp	Update	ongoing
Flood Risk Management	To give consideration to an annual report on Flood Risk Management	Cheshire is a green and sustainable place	P Reeves Cllr Brown	K Small Chairman		24/03/2015
Household waste Centres	review required as part of the Waste Strategy and potential contractual changes	Cheshire is a green and sustainable place	Cllr S Gardner R Kemp	R Kemp		28/04/2016
Bus Service Routes	To receive an update	Cheshire is a	G Bubb	Cttee Member		TBA

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Review		green and sustainable place	Cllr S Gardner			
Fracking and Boring	To receive an update on the two separate schemes	Cheshire is a green and sustainable place	Cllr Stockton M O'Neill	Committee		28/04/2016

Possible Future/ desirable items

Option appraisals for new companies

Energy Company, Energy Policy, Geo Thermal Energy

Impact of 20mph speed limit outside schools – to scrutinise whether or not the 1st phase has been successful – suggested by Cllr Brown

Task and Finish Groups – Fly Tipping

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