

DECISION NOTICE

Notice is given that the following decision has been taken under the Provisions set out in the Council's Constitution

Decision maker: Cabinet Member for Communities

Date: 19 October 2015

Decision in the matter of: Franchise Model - Community Hubs

Decision:

1. That approval be given for the award of a franchise to Barnies, Crewe, and The Welcome, Knutsford.
2. That a start-up grant of up to £2,000 be awarded to Barnies, Crewe and to The Welcome, Knutsford, and that a package of on-going support be provided.

Background: The Cabinet Member for Communities approved a new Franchise Model for Community Hubs on 20 July 2015, these being shaped and developed by local communities, providing the right services in the right place, at the right times. They are a key element of the Council's ambitious programme to empower communities, providing information and access to help for residents. They are centres that deliver for those in need, with a wide range of outreach early intervention and prevention services, to protect vulnerable residents.

The Cheshire East Community Hubs (CECH) Franchise provides a robust framework to establish a recognised standard of governance and ensures consistent service standards across services and activities provided.

Two expressions of interest have been received, from Barnies, Crewe and The Welcome, Knutsford, and they have evidenced within their application forms that they meet the criteria set out. They both commit to being active members of the CECH network and agree to attend meetings and receive training.

Background Documents: The background papers for this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer.

Approved:

Signed
Councillor Les Gilbert (Cabinet Member for Communities)

Date:

19 October 2015

**Advising
Officer:**

Signed
Kirsty Hercules (Partnerships Manager)