

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Assets**
held on Monday, 7th December, 2015 in R1 & R2 - Westfields, Middlewich
Road, Sandbach, CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor D Stockton

Councillors in attendance:

Councillors P Bates, E Brooks and B Walmsley

Officers in attendance:

Julian Cobley – Head of Investment

Joanne Jones – Property Services Manager

David Laycock – Project Manager

Fiona Seddon – Regeneration Programme Manager

Caroline Simpson – Executive Director of Economic Growth and Prosperity

Cherry Foreman – Democratic Services Officer

40 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

41 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

42 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

No members of the public were present.

43 CHESHIRE SKILLS AND GROWTH COMPANY ASDV

At its meeting on 21 July 2015 Cabinet approved a service review and options appraisal to deliver an integrated skills & growth vehicle. It gave delegated authority to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Assets, in consultation with other relevant Portfolio Holders, the Head of Legal Services and the Chief Operating Officer, to implement the outcome of the review.

The service review has been completed and resulted in the preparation of a detailed business case for change which was approved by the Portfolio Holder on 1 Sept 2015. However the council wishes to further review its requirements for Workforce Development and thus the Workforce Development has been de-scoped while a more detailed review of need and provision is completed. There remains an aspiration to deliver

apprenticeship, leaderships and talent services commercially from the skills and growth ASDV. Therefore, should an opportunity arise from the review of Workforce Development, aspects of the service may be brought into scope at a later date, but are excluded for the purpose of this business case.

In accordance with the delegation from Cabinet the revised business case reflecting these changes was now considered. The proposal would bring forward investment, create employment opportunities for all and attract and grow business creating high quality employment. The services to be delivered by the company were expected to be those currently delivered by the Major Projects Team, Business Engagement and Inward Investment plus Rural Enterprise, and 14+Skills and Lifelong Learning. The financial arrangements were further explained and it was anticipated they would be finalised by the end of January 2017.

RESOLVED

1. That approval be given to the detailed business case for the implementation of a Council owned Skills & Growth company.
2. That a Skills and Growth company be created with the necessary governance arrangements, and arrangements made with other Council owned and controlled companies.
3. That delegated authority be given to relevant Service Managers and Officers to undertake all necessary and consequential action arising from the above recommendations including, but not limited to, entering into any necessary contracts, consultation, loans, leases, licences, pension admission agreements and guarantees.

44 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGE POINTS - WILMSLOW, CONGLETON AND NANTWICH

It was reported that Cheshire East Council had Secured Government grant funding for the provision of six Rapid Electric Vehicle Charging Points (EVCP's) within the Borough. The grant funding covered 75% of the costs of procurement, installation and maintenance of the units.

ABB Ltd was appointed via the Council's procurement process to provide and install the units. As part of this contract the Council required ABB to provide 25% of the funding and the Electric Vehicle Charging Units had, therefore, been provided at zero cost to Cheshire East.

In order to secure this funding, ABB partnered with an operator of EVCP (Engenie Ltd) and they required an assurance from the Council that they would be able to operate the units for a reasonable tenure to secure a return on their investment. As such, Cheshire East Regulatory Services are seeking consent to allow Cheshire East Council to grant fifteen year leases and a sub-lease to Engenie, to allow them to operate six EVCP's on three of Cheshire East's Car Parks.

RESOLVED

That approval be given to grant Engenie fifteen year contracted out full repairing and insuring leases (FRI) and sub-lease in relation to the three electric Vehicle charging point sites on terms and conditions to be agreed by the Executive Director of Economic Growth and Prosperity.

The meeting commenced at 11.00 am and concluded at 11.15 am