

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Council**
held on Thursday, 28th July, 2016 at The Ballroom, Sandbach Town Hall,
High Street, Sandbach, CW11 1AX

PRESENT

Councillor O Hunter (Mayor/Chairman)

Councillor A Moran (Deputy Mayor/Vice-Chairman)

Councillors C Andrew, A Arnold, D Bailey, Rachel Bailey, Rhoda Bailey, Baggott, G Barton, P Bates, G Baxendale, M Beanland, D Bebbington, S Brookfield, E Brooks, D Brown, C Browne, B Burkhill, P Butterill, C Chapman, J Clowes, S Corcoran, H Davenport, M Deakin, B Dooley, L Durham, S Edgar, I Faseyi, P Findlow, T Fox, D Flude, S Gardiner, S Gardner, L Gilbert, M Grant, P Groves, J Hammond, M Hardy, A Harewood, S Hogben, D Hough, J Jackson, L Jeuda, M Jones, A Kolker, D Mahon, N Mannion, A Martin, S McGrory, R Menlove, G Merry, B Moran, H Murray, M Parsons, S Pochin, J Rhodes, B Roberts, J Saunders, M Simon, L Smetham, A Stott, B Walmsley, G M Walton, M Warren, M J Weatherill, H Wells-Bradshaw, J Weston, G Williams and J Wray

27 PRAYERS

The Mayor's Chaplain said prayers, at the request of the Mayor.

28 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors S Carter, T Dean, R Fletcher, H Gaddum, G Hayes, J Macrae, D Marren, D Newton, M Sewart, D Stockton, G Wait and L Wardlaw

29 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

With reference to item 10 - Recommendation from the Constitution Committee - Scheme of Members Allowances: Report of the Members Allowances Independent Remuneration Panel, the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer stated that, in 2012, the Audit and Governance Committee had granted all Members a dispensation to enable them to take part in the debate and vote on items relating to Members Allowances. However, it was for each individual Member to determine if they wished to declare an interest.

There were no declarations of interest under this item. However, Cllr S Hogben had declared an interest immediately before the above item was considered, as recorded at minute 36.

30 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED

That minutes of the Annual Meeting of Council and the Special Meeting of Council held on 11 May 2016 be approved as a correct record, subject to an amendment to minute 17 of the Annual meeting to state that Cllr C Browne had been nominated as Vice-chairman of the Northern Planning Committee and not Chairman and to note that Cllr S McGrory was present for the afternoon session of the meeting.

31 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor:-

1. Announced that her first duty at the meeting was a very pleasurable one, and that was to present two of the Borough's local Councils; Holmes Chapel and Knutsford, with National Association of Local Councils Gold Awards. There were only a handful of Town and Parish Councils across the country that had reached this standard. To gain a Gold Award, a local Council must demonstrate that they were at the forefront of best practice and that that they had achieved excellence in governance, community leadership and community development. She invited Cllr Stephen Granger, of Holmes Chapel Parish Council and Cllr Jan Nicholson, Mayor of Knutsford to step forward to receive the award on behalf of their respective Councils. They were accompanied by Mr Philip Jackson from the Cheshire Association of Local Councils.
2. Announced that, since Mayor Making the Deputy Mayor and herself had attended over 90 events, representing the Council and where appropriate "flying the flag" for Cheshire East. As was the custom, a list of these events had been circulated around the Chamber.
3. Referred to the recent event that Cheshire East organised to commemorate the centenary of the first day of the Battle of the Somme. It had been her privilege to welcome the Lord Lieutenant to Nantwich to the event, that had been extremely well attended and included the participation of over 200 children from local schools. She considered it right and proper that events of a hundred years ago should be remembered and she was pleased that the Cheshire East Reflects programme, launched in 2014, was helping to do this so effectively.
4. Stated that, during her year as Mayor, she was keen to meet as many residents and businesses as possible. She had recently written to all Members, asking that they nominate a small number of volunteers from their wards for her to invite to afternoon tea in, either the Mayor's parlour in Crewe or Macclesfield. She thanked those Members who had sent nominations so far and encouraged those who had not responded to do so.

5. Announced that she had hosted her first two afternoon teas, which had reaffirmed her conviction that Cheshire East was blessed with a vibrant voluntary sector. She would be hosting these teas on a regular basis over the coming months.
6. Announced that, on the 1st of July, a delegation from Sixian County, in China, had visited South Cheshire College in Crewe. Cllr Margaret Simon, on behalf of Cheshire East Council and as a Governor of the College, had signed a friendship agreement with the leaders of the delegation. Whilst very different to the more traditional twinning agreements, and having no financial implications, the agreement aimed to enhance mutual understanding and friendship between the Chinese and British people. She invited Members to view two wonderful ceremonial scrolls, presented by the Chinese delegation who had visited Cheshire East, which were on display by the entrance to the Chamber. Having consulted with Cllr Simon, it was her intention to place these scrolls, along with copies of the Friendship Agreement in English and Chinese, on permanent display in the Mayor's Reception Room in Crewe.
7. Reported that, as some Members would be aware, Councillor David Newton had been ill. She asked Members to join her in wishing him a speedy recovery.
8. Stated that she had recently written to Members, informing them about the details of her Mayor's Charity Ball. She thanked those Members who had booked tickets and urged those who had not to do so.
9. Urged Members to sponsor her in her weight loss programme in order to raise money for her charities.

32 **PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION**

Alderley Edge Parish Councillor, Mike Taylorson used public speaking time to present and speak to a petition on behalf of the residents of Windermere Drive, Redesmere Drive, Grasmere Road, Thirlmere Close, Eaton Drive, Meadows Brow, Meadscroft Drive, Sutton Drive, Haddon Close, Wilton Crescent and Aldford Place, Alderley Edge. The petition requested the introduction of a three-hour waiting limit for vehicles parked on these roads, enforceable between 8am - 6pm, Monday to Friday. It has been signed by 88% of the 30,000 households on these residential streets.

The Mayor received and thanked Parish Councillor Taylorson for the petition.

Mrs Sue Helliwell used public speaking time to thank all the officers involved in the recent appeal on land off Hassall Road Alsager, which had been dismissed.

The Leader of the Council thanked Mrs Helliwell for her comments and stated that she recognised that there was still a lot of important work to do in order to defend the Green Belt.

Mr Ted Wall used public speaking time to speak in respect of agenda item 11 on the agenda, relating to the Report of the Members Allowances Independent Remuneration Panel on Members Allowances.

33 RECOMMENDATION FROM CABINET - CONGLETON LINK ROAD FUNDING STRATEGY

Consideration was given to the recommendation from Cabinet concerning the funding strategy for Congleton Link Road. The Cabinet report outlined the anticipated cost of the scheme, identified the provisional allocation of central government funding and predicted a level of contribution from the owners of land unlocked by the link road. It also asked Cabinet to approve, in principle, the underwriting of any remaining funding gap.

Council was required to approve the necessary adjustment to the scheme budget profile and Cabinet had recommended to Council that the scheme budget profile be adjusted accordingly in the Council's capital programme.

RESOLVED

That the scheme budget profile be adjusted accordingly in the Council's capital programme.

34 RECOMMENDATION FROM CABINET - FINAL OUTTURN REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE 2015/16

Consideration was given to the recommendation from Cabinet in respect of the 2015/16 Final Outturn Review of Performance.

Cabinet had recommend that Council approve fully funded supplementary capital estimates and virements above £1,000,000 in accordance with Finance Procedure Rules (Appendix 7 of the Cabinet report); and the establishment of earmarked reserves for Transforming Services and the Royal Arcade (Appendix 12 of the Cabinet report).

RESOLVED

1. That the fully funded supplementary capital estimates and virements above £1,000,000, as set out in Appendix 7 of the Cabinet report, be approved, in accordance with the Council's Finance Procedure Rules.
2. That the establishment of earmarked reserves for Transforming Services and the Royal Arcade, set out in Appendix 12 of the cabinet report, be approved.

35 LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leader of the Council:-

1. Referred to the European Referendum result and stated that she welcomed the new Prime Minister and her Cabinet. She also welcomed the fact that George Osborne MP would now have the opportunity to spend more time in his Tatton constituency.
2. Reported that the Local Plan had again been consulted upon and that the examination was due to commence on 13 September 2016.
3. Reported that the Council had recently been 'given leave' to go the Supreme Court to present the case for an appeal at Moorfields, Willaston.
4. Referred to an application on a brownfield site in Mobberley, where an appeal for residential development and employment had recently been dismissed due to the proximity of the flightpath at Manchester Airport and that external noise levels would be harmful for future residents. She felt this had been achieved through the joint working of the local authority and the community.
5. Reported that, at the July meeting of Cabinet, approval had been given for options for the Crewe Green Roundabout preliminary designs.
6. Reported that the decision in respect of preferred location for the HS2 hub was awaited.
7. Reported that the Planning application for the Poynton relief road was due to be submitted shortly.
8. Reported that the Housing Options Team had undertaken a peer review of the Housing Advice and Homelessness Services and had scored 68% on the review, which was one of the highest scores nationally. This meant that they could now progress to working towards achieving the National Gold Standard in Housing advice and Homelessness Services.
9. Reported that the Cheshire East Catering Service had received gold status, meeting the highest possible standards of the 'food for life' catering mark awarded by the Soil Association.
10. Referred to the recently held Safeguarding Conference and stated that Borough's schools had embraced the opportunity to attend. The conference had talked about the fact that young people had been able to share ideas that and this should be celebrated.

11. Welcomed the news that AO.com had extended from their existing site at Weston Road, Crewe, creating 80 additional jobs and reported that she had attended the grand opening ceremony on 4 July.
12. Reported that Informal Cabinet and recently considered a report concerning the setting up of a Skills and Growth Company, whereby a sample of local businesses had been selected to look at the potential impact of Brexit on Cheshire East.
13. Referred to the weekend of commemorative activities which had taken place to mark the first anniversary of the devastating accident in Bosley. She had attended a Sunday service, which had provided an opportunity for reflection on the devastating impact of the explosion on lives; to remember loved ones and friends who lost their lives and to give thanks for all those who had shared the journey. Representatives from various agencies involved in dealing with the disaster had taken part in the various activities, including Cheshire East Council officers, who had taken part in a tug of war.
14. Referred to the forthcoming Cheshire leg of Tour of Britain and stated that she hoped that those present at the Council meeting would take part. Cllr David Brown referred to Stage 3 of the tour, which was to be held on Tuesday September 6, following a course from Congleton to Tatton Park in Knutsford over a distance of 111 miles. Bosley Parish Council would be joining with Bosley and Congleton schools to make Bosley crossroads very special and there would be the opportunity for local organisations to get publicity for anything taking place in the parishes. Local schools had also designed a trophy and it was hoped to involve as many people in the community as possible in the event.
15. Welcomed the news that US President, Barack Obama, had given his support to the CARB-X consortium, confirming that the US Government would invest \$350m in the partnership over five years, to fund research into combatting antibiotic resistance. The borough was to play a vital role in a new international effort to tackle antibiotic resistance. The AMR Centre, based at Alderley Park, was set to join the world's biggest public-private partnership dedicated to tackling the major health issue, CARB-X. This would put Cheshire East on the world stage in the fight against superbugs and would deliver a boost for the local economy, jobs, skills and the borough's cutting edge science businesses.

36 RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE- SCHEME OF MEMBERS ALLOWANCES: REPORT OF THE MEMBERS ALLOWANCES INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

The Constitution Committee, at its meeting on 15 July 2016, had considered the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel on the Scheme of Members' Allowances.

The Independent Remuneration Panel had conducted a review of the current Scheme of Members' Allowances. To inform its review, the Panel had considered comparative data on allowances paid in the CIPFA family of authorities of which Cheshire East was part. The Panel had also met members from the different political groups and received briefings from officers of the Council. A copy of the Panel's Report was attached as Appendix A to the Constitution Committee report.

The Constitution Committee had proposed a number of recommendations to Council. In proposing the recommendations of the Constitution Committee, the Chairman of the Committee thanked Professor Steve Leach, Chairman of the Independent Remuneration Panel and all those Members involved for their work in respect of this matter.

The Mayor reported that she proposed to deal with each individual recommendation sequentially and each individual recommendation was, therefore, voted on separately, and:-

RESOLVED

1. That the Independent Remuneration Panel's (IRP) report be noted, and that the IRP members be thanked for their work on the Scheme of Members' Allowances (the Scheme).
2. That it be agreed that:
 - a. All allowances under the Scheme be index-linked, for a four year period commencing on 28th July 2016, to any NJC officers' pay awards; the first of such indexation increases (if any) to apply to the NJC pay award for 2017/18.
 - b. The Council's new Allowances Scheme be implemented with effect from 28th July 2016.

(the following recommendations show the paragraph numbering in the financial analysis at Appendix C to the report)

- c. (1) That the Panel's views about the level of any overall increase in the budget be noted.
- d. (2) That the Panel's recommendations to discontinue Special Responsibility Allowances (SRAs), as set out in paragraph 2 of Appendix C, be agreed.
- e. (3) That the Panel's recommendations, that the SRAs of the Leader, Deputy Leader, Cabinet members and Group Leaders should remain at their current level (subject to any future indexation as per paragraph 2[a] above), be agreed.

- f. (4) That Consideration of the question of any changes to the SRA allocated to the Chairman of the Public Rights of Way Committee be deferred pending a report to the Constitution Committee upon potential options to amalgamate the work of that Committee with that of another decision-making body.
- g. (5) That, whilst the principle of the recommended change to the SRA allocated to the Chairman of the Licensing Committee is accepted, the current SRA be retained, pending a report to the Constitution Committee upon potential options for the re-distribution of the SRA in line with the Panel's recommendations.
- h. (6a) That the Basic Allowance be increased to £11,754 per Member, as recommended by the Panel as its first option.
- i. (6b) That the second option recommended by the Panel, for a further increase to the Basic Allowance of an additional £187 per annum per Member be not accepted.
- j. (7) [as per Recommendation 2(a)].
- k. (8) That the Panel's recommendation that Members should be allowed to claim more than one SRA be not accepted.
- l. (9) That the Panel's recommendation, that fees paid to Members who act as directors of wholly owned companies/ASDVs etc should not be taken into account in relation to payment of SRAs be accepted, provided that SRAs will not be paid to such Members in circumstances in which the Director of Legal Services, in consultation with Group Leaders, determines that the payment of an SRA, or part, relates to a comparable duty performed by such Members in both roles.
- m. (10) that no changes be made to the existing mileage rates available to Members, nor to the existing recommendation that they claim the HMRC rate of 45p per mile.

With reference to recommendation 2.d an amendment to add the words "and to also remove the SRA that is paid to Deputy Cabinet Members" at the end of the recommendation was declared not carried.

With reference to recommendation 2.e an amendment to remove the words "subject to any future indexation as per paragraph 2[a] above" was declared not carried.

With reference to recommendation 2.h, following the proposal and seconding of this recommendation, a requisition for named vote was submitted and duly supported, with the following results.

For

Cllr C Andrew, Cllr A Arnold, Cllr Rachel Bailey, Cllr Rhoda Bailey, Cllr G Barton, Cllr P Bates, Cllr G Baxendale, Cllr M Beanland, Cllr D Brown, C Brown, Cllr B Burkhill, Cllr P Butterill Cllr J Clowes, Cllr H Davenport, Cllr L Durham, Cllr S Edgar, Cllr JP Findlow, Cllr S Gardiner, Cllr S Gardner, Cllr L Gilbert, Cllr P Groves, Cllr A Kolker, Cllr A Martin, Cllr B Moran, Cllr H Murray, Cllr S Pochin, Cllr J Saunders, Cllr M Simon, Cllr L Smetham, Cllr G Walton, Cllr J Weatherill, Cllr H Wells-Bradshaw, Cllr G Williams, Cllr J Wray

Against

Cllr D Bailey, Cllr S Brookfield, Cllr C Chapman, Cllr B Dooley Cllr I Faseyi, Cllr D Flude, Cllr T Fox, Cllr M Grant, Cllr M Hardy, Cllr A Harewood, Cllr S Hogben, Cllr D Hough, Cllr J Jackson, Cllr L Jeuda, Cllr M Jones, Cllr N Mannion, R Menlove, Cllr M Parsons, Cllr J Rhodes, Cllr B Roberts, Cllr A Stott, Cllr B Walmsley, Cllr M Warren.

Not Voting

Cllr G Baggott, Cllr D Bebbington, Cllr E Brooks, Cllr M Deakin, Cllr J Hammond, Cllr O Hunter, Cllr D Mahon, S Mcgrory, Cllr G Merry, Cllr A Moran, J Weston

The motion was declared **carried**, with 34 votes for, 23 against and 11 not voting.

(With reference to recommendation 2.I, Cllr S Hogben declared an interest, by virtue of being a Director of Ansa and stated that he would not vote or take part in the debate on this matter).

With regard to recommendation 2.I, the proposer and seconder of the motion agreed to the inclusion of the words “in consultation with Group Leaders” after the words “Director of Legal Services” .

37 RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE - VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF PARISH COUNCILLOR - TWEMLOW PARISH COUNCIL

The Constitution Committee, at its meeting on 15 July 201, had considered a report on vacancies in the Office of Parish Councillor at Twemlow Parish Council.

It had been reported at the meeting of the Constitution Committee, that since the report had been published, a Parish Councillor had withdrawn their resignation and that Twemlow Parish Council was now quorate and could make decisions. As a result, recommendations 1(a) and (b), as set out in the report to the Constitution Committee, were no longer required.

However, given that the Council in future may be required to make temporary appointments to parish councils to enable them to be quorate

and take decisions, it was recommended that Council delegate this function to the Constitution Committee and the Committee's terms of reference be amended accordingly.

RESOLVED

That the Council's powers under section 91 of the Local Government Act 1972 in relation to the appointment of persons to fill vacancies on parish councils, where such councils are otherwise unable to act, be delegated to the Constitution Committee, and the terms of the reference of the Constitution Committee, and hence the Constitution, be amended accordingly.

38 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT

Consideration was given The 2015/2016 Overview and Scrutiny Annual report, which summarised the activities of the Council's six Overview and Scrutiny Committees during the period of the 2015/16 Municipal Year. The report explained how Scrutiny played its part in the governance of Cheshire East, summarised the main activity carried out by the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees during the 2015/16 municipal year, and addressed future challenges for Overview and Scrutiny.

Councillor Margaret Simon, Chairman of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee, presented the report to Council and, in doing so, thanked Members and officers for their contribution to the overview and scrutiny work over the past year.

RESOLVED

That the Overview and Scrutiny Annual report be received and posted on the Council's website.

39 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES

Consideration was given to a report requesting that Council approve a number of changes to the membership of Committees. The proposed changes were circulated at the meeting and were as follows:-

Constitution Committee

Delete Cllr S Pochin

Add Cllr H Gaddum

Northern Planning Committee

Delete Cllrs M Hardy and J Macrae

Add Cllrs H Gaddum and L Durham

Strategic Planning Board

Delete Cllrs H Gaddum and(L Durham

Add Cllrs M Sewart and J Macrae

RESOLVED

That the proposed changes to Committee places be approved.

40 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSONS FOR STANDARDS MATTERS

Consideration was given to a report inviting Council to appoint up to three Independent Persons to work with the Monitoring Officer and the Audit and Governance Committee on standards matters, in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 ('the Act') and the Council's code of conduct complaints procedure.

Following public advertisement, shortlisted applicants had been interviewed by a panel on 18 July 2016. The names of the persons recommended by the panel for appointment by Council were circulated at the meeting.

RESOLVED

That Peter Bryant, Robert Fousert, and Patricia Rathbone be appointed for a period of four years (to 27 July 2020) to serve as Independent Persons pursuant to section 28 of the Localism Act 2011.

41 NOTICES OF MOTION

Consideration was given to the following Notices of Motions, submitted to Council in Accordance with Procedure Rule 12

1.Elections

Proposed by Councillor Rachel Bailey and Seconded by Councillor Janet Jackson

Council acknowledges the hard work and commitment of the Elections Team in delivering an important democratic service over the last year or so of electoral activity, including:

- The greatest scale of elections ever seen in May 2015, with all out Borough and Parish Council elections, plus a Parliamentary General Election, the combination of such activity which will not be experienced again until 2035.
- Excellently run Police and Crime Commissioner Elections in May 2016.
- Excellently run EU Referendum in June 2016, in respect of which we experienced a historically high turnout, exceeding many other areas nationally.
- The hugely successful introduction of Individual Electoral Registration which has resulted in a more accurate Register than ever before, with more electors being registered to vote than at any time in the past.

- The honour of hosting an international delegation of elections experts, at the request of the Electoral Commission, enabling Cheshire East's practice and processes to be passed back to countries such as Canada, Finland, Malta, Romania and Bangladesh.

RESOLVED

That the motion be accepted.

2. Emergency Response

Proposed by Councillor Rachel Bailey and Seconded by Councillor Damian Bailey

Council applauds the work of so many of its officers across different teams who, along with the Council's emergency planning team, have worked tirelessly over the last 12 months in dealing with the challenges which have faced our communities and the services we provide:

- The devastating circumstances surrounding the Bosley Mill explosion.
- The terrible flash flooding in and around Poynton.
- The recent evacuation of residents who live near to the Bossons Mill in Congleton.

Council sincerely thanks its officers, from so many parts of the organisation, for their true dedication as devoted public servants, working 'round the clock to ensure the safety of our residents.

RESOLVED

That the motion be accepted.

3. Hate Crime

Proposed by Councillor Brian Roberts and Seconded by Councillor Nick Mannion

Since the Referendum on 23rd June, the National Police Chiefs' Council report that hate crimes have increased by 42%.

Around 3,076 alleged offences were reported between June 16 and 30 - 915 more than in the same period last year. Police recorded 289 alleged offences on the day following the result of the poll being revealed - an average of 12 an hour.

The LGA has also reported a significant increase and Members of this Council have also been approached by residents that have been subjected to threats and harassment because of their nationality or race.

Therefore, we urge Council to discuss and adopt the following resolution as a matter of urgency at its meeting today:

“We are proud to live in a diverse and tolerant society. Racism, xenophobia and hate crimes have no place in our country. We Cheshire East Borough Council condemn racism, xenophobia and hate crimes unequivocally. We will not allow hate to become acceptable.

Cheshire East Borough Council will work with our partners to ensure that there will always be support and resources needed to fight and prevent racism and xenophobia, identify the perpetrators, and subject them to the full force of the law.

We reassure all people living, working and visiting Cheshire East that they are valued members of our community.”

RESOLVED

That the motion be accepted.

4. Tax Compliance and Procurement Procedures

Proposed by Councillor Steve Hogben and Seconded by Councillor Sam Corcoran

This Council notes that:

- corporate tax evasion and avoidance are having a damaging impact on the world's poorest countries, to such a level that it is costing them far more than they receive in aid
- this is costing the UK as much as £30bn a year
- this practice also has a negative effect on small and medium-sized companies who pay more tax proportionately.

This Council further notes that the UK Government has taken steps to tackle the issue of tax avoidance and evasion by issuing Procurement Policy Note 03/14 (PPN 03/14). This applies to all central government contracts worth more than £5m.

This Council also notes the existence of voluntary schemes promoting tax compliance such as the Fair Tax Mark, which can serve as an independent means of verification. This council notes the 2015 Public Contract Regulations which state (in section 4) that local government can choose to adopt Procurement Policy Note 03/14.

This Council believes that bidders for council contracts should be asked to account for their past tax record, using the higher standards in PPN 03/14.

This Council therefore calls for procurement procedures to be amended to require all companies bidding for service and works contracts worth more than figures to be agreed with the Chief Operating Officer to self-certify that they are fully tax-compliant in line with central government practice using the standards in PPN 03/14, applying to contracts of the size specified above.

This Council asks the Cabinet to publicise this policy and to report on its implementation annually.

RESOLVED

That the motion stand referred to Cabinet.

42 QUESTIONS

The following questions were submitted:-

Cllr A Stott, in respect of school transport – Cllr Rachel Bailey, Leader of the Council, responded.

Cllr M Warren, in respect of Green Belt Policy – Cllr Rachel Bailey, Leader of the Council, undertook to provide a written response.

Cllr Flude, in respect of houses in multi occupancy - Cllr A Arnold, Planning and Housing Portfolio Holder undertook to provide a written response.

Cllr L Jeuda in respect of the Caring Together programme – Cllr J Clowes, Adult Care and Integration Portfolio Holder responded.

Cllr N Mannion, in respect of hydrolic fracking - Cllr Rachel Bailey, Leader of the Council, responded.

Cllr S Gardiner, in respect of the future of local government in the North West and devolution - Cllr Rachel Bailey, Leader of the Council, responded.

Cllr H Murray, in respect of the state of the roads and blocked gullies in Poynton following the recent floods and relating to the potential of compensation and council tax breaks for those affected - Cllr Rachel Bailey, Leader of the Council and Cllr D Brown, Highways and Infrastructure Portfolio Holder responded.

Cllr M Parsons, in respect of control of incoming e-mails – Cllr P Groves, Finance and Assets Portfolio Holder responded.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 5.55 pm

Councillor O Hunter (Chairman)
CHAIRMAN