

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
held on Thursday, 6th April, 2017 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor M Simon (Chairman)
Councillor M Grant (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors B Dooley, S Pochin, J Saunders, A Moran, B Walmsley, H Wells-Bradshaw, J Wray and D Flude

Apologies

Councillors S Corcoran and L Smetham

68 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

69 ALSO PRESENT

Rachel Bailey – Leader of the Council
Councillor Chris Andrew – Deputy Cabinet Member
Paul Traynor - Strategic Commissioning Manager - Highways

70 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of Interest.

71 DECLARATION OF PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations of the existence of a party whip.

72 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public present who wished to speak.

73 DEVOLUTION

The Leader of the Council attended the meeting to provide an update on devolution proposals for Cheshire and Warrington.

At this stage in the process, each of the constituent authorities were continuing discussions within their own Councils and with Ministers and civil servants.

This Council had set up an all party working group to pursue the Council's interest and the Leader of the Council paid tribute to the work of that group over recent months.

At this stage it was not known when a final report to Cabinet was expected, but Members of this Committee would be offered an opportunity to consider the final proposals.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the update on devolution proposals for Cheshire and Warrington be received:
- (b) That an additional meeting of the Committee be convened when the final report of the cross member working party is finalised prior to it be considered by Cabinet.

74 HIGHWAYS CONTRACT PROCUREMENT

The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director of Place relating to the progress of the process to procure the New Highway Service Contract.

The Committee had received a presentation on the procurement process at its meeting held on.

The report, which was due to be considered by Cabinet at its meeting to be held on 11 April 2017, recommended the Council to adopt an integrated services contract model for a period of 15 years with a pre-defined mid-term break clause at year 8.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the report be received;
- (b) That the work undertaken so far in respect of the procurement of the new contract be supported.

75 WORK PROGRAMME PROGRESS REPORT

The Committee reviewed the work programme.

RESOLVED – That subject to an additional meeting being added to the schedule of meetings, possibly in May, to deal Devolution, the work programme be received and noted.

76 FORWARD PLAN

RESOLVED – That the forward plan be received and noted.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 3.01 pm

Councillor M Simon (Chairman)