

# Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

## Agenda

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**Date:** Thursday, 22nd September, 2016  
**Time:** 10.30 am  
**Venue:** Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road,  
Sandbach CW11 1HZ

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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 - 4)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2016 as a correct record.

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. **20mph Speed Limits Outside Schools**

To receive a presentation on the implementation and roll out of the 20mph speed limits outside schools.

7. **Quarter 1 Ansa and Orbitas Reports**

To give consideration to the 1st quarter reports – to follow

8. **Work Programme (Pages 5 - 12)**

To give consideration to the work programme

9. **Forward Plan (Pages 13 - 16)**

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

**CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee**  
held on Thursday, 14th July, 2016 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields,  
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

**PRESENT**

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

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

Substitute

Councillor G Walton

**8 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors H Davenport and M Hardy.

**9 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 24 March 2016

RESOLVED

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

**10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest

**11 WHIPPING DECLARATIONS**

There were no whipping declarations

**12 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION**

Mr B Jackson attended the meeting and spoke in respect of fly tipping problems in Crewe. He acknowledged the efforts being made to address the problem, however expressed his disappointment at the length of time it had taken to see any improvements. Mr Jackson suggested that houses of multiple occupancy added to the problem, which needed to be addressed.

**13 FLY TIPPING TASK AND FINISH GROUP - PROGRESS REPORT**

Councillor Mannion, Chairman of the Task and Finish Group updated the Committee on the work of the group so far, informing members that the group had interviewed the Portfolio Holder, Ansa and the Environmental Wardens,

visited the hot spots in Crewe and met with representatives from Halton Borough Council.

Since the Task and Finish group was established, it had been acknowledged by the Council that the current situation was unsustainable. Therefore a 12 month pilot scheme had been approved to employ 2 additional wardens in the Crewe area to concentrate on education and enforcement. The group intended to monitor the success of the pilot scheme over the next 12 months and make recommendations accordingly.

It was noted that in addition to the Councils own Environmental Wardens, the Council intended to procure a private enforcement company to deal with fly tipping, litter and dog fouling across the borough. The contact was currently going through a procurement process, which would be implemented on 1 September 2016 and reviewed after 12 months.

Councillor Mannion highlighted that as the majority of the task groups concerns had been addressed by the portfolio holder throughout the review, the group would like to amend its terms of reference to monitor the impact of the appointment of the two additional environment wardens and the procurement of an external enforcement company.

The Committee agreed that houses of multiple occupancy (HMO's) were a major source for fly tipping and agreed to request that the Jobs Regeneration and Assets Overview and Scrutiny Committee look into the registration of HMO's.

### RESOLVED

1. That the terms of reference of the task and finish group be amended to monitor the impact of the appointment of the additional environmental wardens and procurement of an external enforcement company.
2. That the task and finish group report back in 12 months.
3. That the Jobs, Regeneration and Assets Overview and Scrutiny Committee be requested to look into the registration of HMO's.

## 14 HIGHWAYS SERVICE AND PERFORMANCE

The Committee received a presentation on the highway service contract performance which updated Members on the health and safety record, revenue activity for 2016/17, capital activities for 2016/17, BS11000 Accreditation and BSI ISO 55001 Accreditation, performance management KPI's, third party claims, customer satisfaction, events and engagement and the current focus.

P Traynor reported that the revenue spend was slightly over due to recent flooding events, he highlighted that the flooding was not caused by blocked gullies but due to the fact the gullies could not cope with the unusually high levels of rainfall. It was agreed that the cleansing rota would be circulated to the Committee.

It was agreed that the Committee would like to be involved in the re-procurement of the Highway Service Contract which was due in October 2018.

RESOLVED

1. That the performance update be received
2. That the committee be involved in the re-procurement of the Highways Service Contract.

### 15 **FORWARD PLAN**

Consideration was given to the extracts of the forward plan which fell within the remit of the Committee.

RESOLVED

That the forward plan be received.

### 16 **WORK PROGRAMME**

Consideration was given to the work programme. It was agreed that the following issue should be added to the work programme for 2016/17

- Bus service routes review (to include arrangements for the GHA contract)
- Update on capital programme of major works.
- Car Parking Strategy – to include residents parking schemes and on street parking.

RESOLVED

That the work programme be amended to reflect the above issues.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 3.50 pm

Councillor J Wray (Chairman)

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## **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

### **REPORT TO: ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

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| <b>Date of Meeting:</b> | 22 September 2016                                 |
| <b>Report of:</b>       | Director of legal Services and Monitoring Officer |
| <b>Subject/Title:</b>   | Work Programme update                             |

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#### **1.0 Report Summary**

- 1.1 To review items in the 2016/17 Work Programme listed in the schedule attached, together with any other items suggested by Committee Members.

#### **2.0 Recommendations**

1. That the 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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# Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme – August 2016

## Meetings

| Formal meeting  | Informal meeting   | Formal meeting   | Informal meeting   | Formal meeting   | Informal meeting   | Formal meeting   | Informal meeting   |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Date:<br>22 Sept 2016<br>Time:10.30am<br>Venue:<br>Committee suite,<br>Westfields | Date:<br>27 Oct 2016<br>Time:10.30am<br>Venue:<br>Committee suite,<br>Westfields | Date:<br>24 Nov 2016<br>Time:10.30am<br>Venue:<br>Committee suite,<br>Westfields | Date:<br>20 Dec 2016<br>Time:10.30am<br>Venue:<br>Committee suite,<br>Westfields | Date:<br>26 Jan 2017<br>Time:10.30am<br>Venue:<br>Committee suite,<br>Westfields | Date:<br>16 Feb 2017<br>Time:10.30am<br>Venue:<br>Committee suite,<br>Westfields | Date:<br>23 March 2017<br>Time:10.30am<br>Venue:<br>Committee suite,<br>Westfields | Date:<br>27 April 2017<br>Time:10.30am<br>Venue:<br>Committee suite,<br>Westfields |

## 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.<br><br>Cllr B Roberts to attend workshop on 21 January and report back to the Committee. | Our local communities are strong and supportive | Portfolio Holder – Highways and Infrastructure. Strategic Commissioner for Highways | Strategic Commissioner for Highways. 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            | A Ross Portfolio Holder –   | Head of Communities. D Topping                 | Possible Task and Finish      | TBC                 |

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|  |  | supportive | Communities and Health |  |  |  |
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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/<br>Cheshire is a green and sustainable place | Strategic Commissioner for Waste.<br>Portfolio Holder for regeneration       | Strategic Commissioner for Waste. | ongoing   | Quarterly reports   |
| TSSL                        | To Scrutinise the performance Framework and performance | Cheshire is a green and sustainable place   | Chief Operating Officer.<br>Portfolio Holder for Highways and Infrastructure | Committee                         | Performance monitoring reports to every public meeting after. | 22 September        |
| Anaerobic Digestion Plant   | To scrutinise the feasibility study                     | Cheshire is a green and sustainable place   | Strategic Commissioner for Waste.<br>Portfolio Holder for Regeneration       | Strategic Commissioner for Waste. | Update  | ongoing             |
| Bus Service Routes Review   | To receive an update                                    | Cheshire is a green and   | Transport Service  | Cttee Member                      |   | TBA                 |

## Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme – August 2016

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|  |  | sustainable place                               | Solutions –<br>Manager.<br>Portfolio<br>Holder for<br>Highways and<br>Infrastructure |                     |  |                      |
| 20mph Speed<br>Limits Outside<br>Schools | To receive a presentation on<br>the implementation | Cheshire is a<br>green and<br>sustainable place | Portfolio<br>Holder for<br>Highways and<br>Infrastructure                            | Portfolio<br>Holder |  | 22 September<br>2016 |

### Task and Finish groups

Fly tipping - ongoing

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> phase has been successful – suggested by Cllr Brown

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| <b>Key Decision and Private Non-Key Decision</b>  | <b>Decisions to be Taken</b>  | <b>Decision Maker</b> | <b>Expected Date of Decision</b> | <b>Proposed Consultation</b> | <b>How to make representation to the decision made</b> | <b>Private/ Confidential and paragraph number</b> |
|---|---|-----------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--|---|
| CE 15/16-11 Recycling of Garden Waste through Anaerobic Digestion to Generate Energy and High Quality Compost | To authorise the Chief Operating Officer and Portfolio Holder to take all necessary actions to procure and award a contract for a joint venture partner to design, build and operate a suitable anaerobic digestion facility. | Cabinet               | 29 Sep 2015                      |                              | Ralph Kemp   | No  |

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| CE 15/16-6<br>Sydney Road<br>Bridge<br>Replacement<br>Scheme | Sydney Road Bridge crosses the West Coast Main Line (Crewe to Manchester line). The existing bridge is a narrow signal controlled single carriageway structure. The scheme seeks to increase capacity at this pinch point by replacing the existing structure with a wider structure capable of allowing two-way traffic. The report will outline the work required to move the scheme forward through the statutory process and to authorise officers to take all necessary actions to implement the proposal. | Cabinet | 13 Oct 2015 |  |  | No |
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| CE 15/16-7<br>Congleton Link Road -<br>Procurement Strategy | The Congleton Link Road focuses on development and growth within Congleton, securing employment opportunities, attracting investment and easing long standing traffic congestion and associated environmental issues in the town. 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 | 10 Nov 2015 |  | Paul Griffiths | No |
| CE 14/15-42<br>Cheshire East Indoor Facility Strategy       | To adopt the Indoor Facility Strategy in support of the Council's Local Plan.  | Cabinet | 8 Dec 2015  |  | Mark Wheelton  | No |

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| CE 15/16-8<br>Poynton Relief Road -<br>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 | 9 Feb 2016 |  | Paul Griffiths | No |
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