

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

held on Thursday, 24th November, 2016 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3,
Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

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

Councillors H Davenport, M Hardy, N Mannion, A Martin, M Parsons and
B Roberts

26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence

27 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 22 September 2016.

RESOLVED

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

28 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

29 WHIPPING DECLARATIONS

There were no whipping declarations

30 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public present wishing to speak

31 DRAFT ON STREET PARKING GUIDANCE

Consideration was given to the draft On Street Parking Guidance. The following comments were made:

- The introduction should include context about the challenges faced by the service, such as the increase of car ownership and parking displacement.

- A joined up approach with Development Control needed to be take, to ensure that enough parking spaces were allocated when granting planning permission.
- Parking enforcement should be rolled out to housing estates and not just focus around the town centres.
- It was noted that the Council could not enforce obstruction as this was the responsibility of the police.
- Some of the road networks on housing estate were too narrow. Where possible, grass verges should be removed to create parking spaces and weight restrictions applied.
- That the Council request that under the Traffic Management Act, powers be released to Cheshire East Council rather than the police to deal with all parking matters.
- To ensure that cars do not obstruct the pavement, consideration be given to painting white lines on the pavement. However it was noted that the pavements were not designed to have cars parked on them and would need to be strengthened. The cost of doing this and relocating utilities may make this financially unviable.

RESOLVED

Consideration be given to this issues highlighted above and the guidance be brought back to a future meeting of the Committee.

32 HIGHWAY SERVICE AND PERFORMANCE

Consideration was given to the highway service contract performance, which included the health and safety record, revenue and capital activities for 2016/17, performance management KSI's and NSI's, third party claims, innovation and best practice, communication and the current focus.

- With regard to LED lighting, it was agreed that any areas that required upgrading as a matter of priority should be forwarded to the Commissioning Manager.
- Members should be notified of road closures as they are able to assist in notifying the public.
- The Council should work with Ansa to ensure that the roads and gullies are cleaned at the same time.

RESOLVED

That subject to the comments highlighted above the highways service contract performance be received.

33 FORWARD PLAN

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

RESOLVED

That the forward plan be noted.

34 **WORK PROGRAMME**

Consideration was given to the work programme. It was agreed that the following amendments would be made:

- That the street lighting policy be considered at the meeting scheduled to be held on 20 December.
- That the results of the household waste centres review be considered at a future meeting of the Committee.
- That consideration be given to the food waste collection proposals.

RESOLVED

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

The meeting commenced at 10.30 am and concluded at 12.30 pm

Councillor J Wray (Chairman)