

Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

Date: Thursday, 24th November, 2016
Time: 10.30 am
Venue: Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road,
Sandbach CW11 1HZ

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 in the report.

It should be noted that Part 1 items of Cheshire East Council decision making and Overview and Scrutiny meetings are audio recorded and the recordings will be uploaded to the Council's website

PART 1 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Minutes of Previous meeting** (Pages 3 - 6)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 22 September 2016

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

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5. **Public Speaking Time/Open Session**

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. **Draft On Street Parking Guidance**

To consider the draft On Street Parking Guidance

7. **Highway Service and Performance**

To receive a presentation on the highways service and its performance.

8. **Forward Plan** (Pages 7 - 10)

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

9. **Work Programme** (Pages 11 - 18)

To give consideration to the work programme

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
held on Thursday, 22nd September, 2016 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3,
Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor J Wray (Chairman)

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

17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Barton and M Hardy

18 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2016.

RESOLVED

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

19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

20 WHIPPING DECLARATIONS

There were no whipping declarations

21 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public present wishing to speak

22 20MPH SPEED LIMITS OUTSIDE SCHOOLS

The Committee gave consideration to an update on the 3 year programme to deliver 20mph advisory limits outside schools. In the first year 125 new signs and flashing units had been installed outside 50 schools and the feedback from schools had been positive.

During the consultation process, schools were offered the opportunity to meet with highway officers to discuss the details of the speed limit scheme and their specific requirements. The meetings resulted in the following outcomes:

- An increase to the size of speed limit originally proposed and in some cases the installation of additional signs.

- Setting the timings for the flashing lights to suit the individual needs of the schools.
- Increase to the size of existing School Keep Clear markings.

Speed surveys had been carried out at 5 schools prior to the introduction of the 20 mph speed limits. The locations chosen represented a cross section of the different environments such as rural, urban, main roads and local roads. Further surveys would be carried out to determine whether or not there had been a reduction in speed. The total cost for year 1 was £260,000, as the original estimate was £296,000, a 12% saving had been made.

Installation of speed limits, new signs and flashing units for the 2nd year programme would begin in October 2016 and be completed by January 2017.

The Committee agreed that a press release should be issued to highlight the good news story

RESOLVED

That the scheme be supported a press release be issued, highlighting the good news story.

23 QUARTER 1 ANSA AND ORBITAS REPORTS

Consideration was given to the first quarter reports for Ansa and Orbitas. Overall the Environmental Services Commissioning budget was forecasting a £104,000 overspend for 2016/17 against a net £27.2m budget.

Ansa continued to successfully meet performance targets across all areas of work. Since the Ansa report was produced customer satisfaction data survey results had been released by the Council showing overall customer satisfaction for the waste service at 90 % having risen from its 2014 base line level of 75% prior to formation of Ansa.

There was a shortfall forecast in markets income for the year of £45,000. This primarily related to Macclesfield indoor and outdoor markets where trader occupancy levels continued to reduce for a variety of reasons. Some mitigation may be possible by way of small 'invest to save' works to refresh vacant units and reduced start up rent for newcomers. Negotiations over the projected transfer of Crewe Markets to Crewe Town Council were continuing.

With regard to bin collections, It was highlighted that a neighbouring authority had recently conducted an audit of assisted pull outs, members requested details of how Ansa ensured it was not assisting with pull outs that were no longer required.

Members commended the improvement works at the parks, however suggested that maintenance standards around the edges and car parks could be improved.

Within Bereavement Services it was anticipated that there would be an income shortfall of £48,000 for the year taking into account a number of variants throughout the year. During the first quarter, Crewe Crematorium became fully operational from May 2016 after an extensive refurbishment programme, offset by a period of down time at Macclesfield Crematorium due to emergency replacement of the lining in June 2016.

The refurbishment works were now completed so a gradual recovery of business benefiting from the improved and more attractive facilities was anticipated.

Members agreed that that KPIs needed to be tightened and more customer focused. R Kemp highlighted that the KPI's could not be altered until the contract was due for extension. He reported that In the meantime, Orbitas conducted it own benchmarking exercises thwhich could be shared with the Committee.

RESOLVED

1. That the reports be received.
2. That the Committee receive information on assisted bin pull outs.
3. That Orbitas be requested to share its benchmarking statistics with the Committee.

24 **WORK PROGRAMME**

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

- Results of Household Waste Centres Review be added to the work programme for November 2016.
- TSSL performance report be considered at the meeting scheduled to be held in October 2016.
- The implications of the buses bill be considered at the informal meeting scheduled to be held in December 2016.

RESOLVED

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

25 **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 received

The meeting commenced at 10.30 am and concluded at 12.10 pm

Councillor J Wray (Chairman)

Key Decision	Decisions to be Taken	Decision Maker	Expected Date of Decision	Proposed Consultation	How to make representation to the decision made	Private/ Confidential and paragraph number
CE 16/17-10 Middlewich Eastern Bypass: Selection of Preferred Route, Development of Detailed Design and Outline Business Case	To select a preferred design; develop the detailed design; authorise discussions with landowners and developers; and develop an outline business case, identifying the funding required to deliver the bypass.	Cabinet	8 Nov 2016		Andrew Round, Interim Executive Director of Growth and Prosperity	No
CE 16/17-14 Congleton Link Road - Procurement Strategy	To approve the preferred procurement strategy for Congleton Link Road and to authorise the officers to take the necessary actions to commence the procurement process.	Cabinet	8 Nov 2016		Paul Griffiths	No
CE 16/17-19 Highways Service Contract Re-Procurement	To approve the contract model, procurement route and project management framework, and to authorise the officers to progress the re-procurement exercise in consultation with the Portfolio Holder.	Cabinet	17 Jan 2017		Frank Jordan, Executive Director: Place	No

CE 15/16-8 Poynton Relief Road - Procurement Strategy and Compulsory Purchase of Land	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. One report will outline the work undertaken to identify the procurement process to appoint a contractor in order to construct the scheme. A second report will outline the statutory process. A third report will seek authority for the compulsory purchase of land. The reports will also seek authority for the officers to undertake all necessary actions to implement the proposals.	Cabinet	7 Feb 2017		Paul Griffiths	No
CE 16/17-25 Food Waste Collection Organic Waste Treatment Solution	To authorise officers to take all necessary actions to implement the proposal to bring to final tender the procurement for the treatment of food waste.	Cabinet	14 Mar 2017		Ralph Kemp	No

CE 16/17-24 Cheshire Energy Networks Ltd Business Plan	To seek Cabinet's endorsement of the business plan for Cheshire Energy Networks Ltd. It is intended that the business plan will provide the framework for the company's activities for the next five years.	Cabinet	7 Feb 2017		Frank Jordan, Executive Director: Place
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CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting:	24 November 2016
Report of:	Director of Legal Services
Subject/Title:	Work Programme update

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 2014/2015 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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Meetings

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

Essential items

Item	Description/purpose of report/comments	Outcome	Lead Officer/ organisation/ Portfolio Holder	Suggested by	Current position	Key Dates/ Deadlines
Bus service review	To scrutinise the bus the service routes review	Our local communities are strong and supportive	Transport Service Solutions – Manager. Portfolio Holder for Highways and Infrastructure	Committee		26 January/ February 2017
Winter Service	To review the winter service	Our local communities are	Commissioning manager for	Commissioning Manager		26 January 201

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		strong and supportive/ Cheshire is a green and sustainable place	Highways	for Highways		
On Street Parking Policy	To develop a policy	Cheshire is a green and sustainable place	Commissioning manager for Highways	Commissioning manager for Highways		24 November 2017
Flood Risk Management	To scrutinise the flood risk management in Cheshire East	Cheshire is a green and sustainable place	Commissioning manager for Highways	Scrutiny requirement	Annual review	23 March 2017

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/ Cheshire is a green and sustainable place	Strategic Commissioner for Waste. Portfolio Holder for regeneration	Strategic Commissioner for Waste.	ongoing	Quarterly reports
Highways Service	To scrutinise the performance of the highways service	Our local communities are strong and supportive/	Strategic Commissioner for Highways	Strategic Commissioner for Highways	ongoing	24 November Quarterly reports

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		Cheshire is a green and sustainable place				
TSSL	To Scrutinise the performance Framework and performance	Cheshire is a green and sustainable place	Chief Operating Officer. Portfolio Holder for Highways and Infrastructure	Committee	Performance monitoring reports to every public meeting after.	24 November Deferred
Anaerobic Digestion Plant	To scrutinise the progress made	Cheshire is a green and sustainable place	Strategic Commissioner for Waste. Portfolio Holder for Regeneration	Strategic Commissioner for Waste.	Update Site visit in July 2017	16 February 2017

Task and Finish groups

Fly tipping - ongoing

Possible Future/ desirable items

Energy Company, Energy Policy, Geo Thermal Energy

Impact of 20mph speed limit outside schools – to scrutinise whether or not the 1st phase has been successful – suggested by Cllr Brown

Car Parking

Street lighting Policy – 2017/18

Clear Way Forward Policy – possible Task and Finish Group to Develop the Policy

Highway Maintenance Code of Practice

Depot Strategy – June 2017

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Communications for Environmental Issues - How can it be improved (highways)

Outline Green Infrastructure Strategy – suggested by Cllr Brown