

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee** held on Thursday, 12th January, 2017 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

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

Councillors Rhoda Bailey, S Corcoran, B Dooley, S Pochin, J Saunders, A Moran, L Smetham, B Walmsley, H Wells-Bradshaw and J Wray

42 ALSO PRESENT

Councillor Rachel Bailey – Leader of the Council
Peter Groves – Finance Assets
Paul Findlow – Corporate Policy and Legal Services Portfolio Holder
Peter Bates – Chief Operating Officer
Alex Thompson – Corporate Manager Strategy and Reporting

43 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

44 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of Interest.

45 DECLARATION OF PARTY WHIP

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

46 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

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

47 BUDGET CONSULTATION 2017 - 2020

The considered budget proposals in relation to outcome 6 of the Council's Corporate plan (A responsible, Effective and Efficient Organisation) as set out in pre-budget consultation document 2017/20.

The Committee questioned the Chief Operating Officer and portfolio holders on each numbered proposal as contained in the pre- budget consultation document.

An additional meeting of the Committee would be held on 2 February 2017 to consider final recommendations on the budget which would be considered by Cabinet on 7 February 2017 and would incorporate comments received from each of the Council's four Overview and Scrutiny Committees in relation to the budget consultation.

RESOLVED – That the report be received and noted.

48 WORK PROGRAMME PROGRESS REPORT

The committee reviewed its work programme.

The Committee had noted that on 15 December, in approving the new Overview and Scrutiny Structure arrangements, Council had given a commitment to review the new arrangements in future but that a timescale for the review had not been specified.

The committee also believed that it would be beneficial for Members to receive an update on devolution proposals for Cheshire.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the report be received;
- (b) That the Constitution Committee be requested to set a deadline for the review of the Overview and Scrutiny structure with view in particular, to assessing the workload of the Health and Adult Social Care and Communities Committee;
- (c) That the Leader of the Council be requested to provide an update on devolution proposals.

49 FORWARD PLAN

The Committee reviewed the forward plan.

RESOLVED – That the forward plan be received and noted.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 3.30 pm

Councillor M Simon (Chairman)