

# **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of a meeting of the Environment and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

held on Monday, 16th January, 2017 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

### **PRESENT**

Councillor J Wray (Chairman)  
Councillor H Wells-Bradshaw (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors D Bailey, D Bebbington, T Dean, M Hardy, N Mannion, A Martin, B Roberts and C Browne

### **Apologies**

Councillors M Parsons

#### **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor M Parsons

#### **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest

#### **3 DECLARATION OF PARTY WHIP**

There were no whipping declarations

#### **4 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION**

There were no members of the public present wishing to speak.

The Committee agreed that from March 2017 all meetings of the Committee would be held at 2pm and that the Scrutiny Officer would find a suitable date and venue for meetings and consult with Members accordingly.

#### **5 BUDGET CONSULTATION 2017-2020**

The Committee considered the Pre-Budget Consultation 2017/20 relating to Environment and Regeneration, specifically outcome 2 (Cheshire East has a strong and Resilient Economy) and outcome 4 (Cheshire East is a Green and Sustainable Place) of the Council's Corporate Plan.

The Director – Places, gave a presentation on the key proposals in the budget book relating to the responsibilities covered by the Committee.

Members raised questions relating to:

- Increased support for bus services and changes to subsidised bus services
- Housing starter homes
- Investment in the planning service
- Investment and maintenance of the highway
- Improvement to the junction between Alderley Road and A34, Wilmslow

It was noted that the bus service review would include creating a new network based on demand, the review would need to be innovative and involve a consultation process which would be open to all residents and users. The methodology for the review would be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

Investment in the planning service was required to help implement the three stages of the Local Plan and deal with an increased number of planning applications.

An increase in enforcement officers would generate a net income in the region of £100,000, which would be used across the highway and parking services.

RESOLVED- That the report be received and noted.

## **6 WORK PROGRAMME**

A revised work programme, incorporating the work of the former Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Jobs, Regeneration and Assets Overview and Scrutiny Committee was circulated to the Committee. It was agreed that Members would review the programme and bring any comments or amendments to the next meeting of the Committee. It was also agreed that an update on the progress and viability of the energy company be brought to a future meeting of the Committee.

RESOLVED

1. That the revised work programme be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.
2. That an update on the progress and viability of the energy company be considered at a future meeting of the Committee.

## **7 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 2.00 pm and concluded at 2.55 pm

Councillor J Wray (Chairman)