

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Cabinet Member for Regeneration**
held on Tuesday, 14th February, 2017 at The Kim Ryley Room - Westfields,
Middlewich Road Sandbach

PRESENT

Councillor D Stockton, Cabinet Member for Regeneration

Councillors in Attendance

Councillor P Groves

Councillor P Butterill

Councillor A Moran

Officers

Lee Beckett, Surveyor

Geoffrey Dyson, Development Surveyor

Rachel Graves, Democratic Services Officer

48 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

49 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

50 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public present wishing to use the public speaking facility.

51 SALE OF LAND IN ST ANNE'S LANE, NANTWICH

The Cabinet Member considered a report on the proposal to sell land in St Anne's Lane, Nantwich.

The site consisted of the former Nantwich town gasworks site, which had ceased operations during the 1980s and had been acquired by Crewe and Nantwich Town Council. The site extended to around 0.7 hectares and was bounded to the west by a new residential development, to the north by the Welsh Row Conservation Area and to the south and east by the River Weaver. It was currently vacant, with the northern half being used as an informal, unsurfaced, free car park, and the southern half being overgrown scrubland.

In 2013 the Council had instructed the Engine of the North to prepare the site for disposal. Colliers International were engaged to market the

property and secure a purchaser. Following an initial round of bids there was a call for final and best offers. Five offers were received with one bid being subsequently withdrawn.

There proposals were for residential or nursing home use and two of these included a restaurant. The other was for a mixed use scheme comprising a hotel, restaurants, retail units and residential apartments.

After a process of assessing each of the bids it was proposed that the site be disposed of to facilitate the mixed use scheme.

RESLOVED:

- 1 That approval be given for the Council to enter into an agreement to sell the land, indicated edged red on the plan attached to the report, to the preferred purchaser on terms to be agreed by the Executive Director, Place in consultation with the Director of Legal Services and the Chief Operating Officer.
2. It be noted that if officers conclude that any land within the property is deemed to be open space, they will advertise the intention to dispose of that land and any objections received will be presented to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration for him to consider.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 2.10 pm

Councillor D Stockton