

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Cabinet Member for Regeneration**
held on Tuesday, 18th April, 2017 in Committee Suite 2/3 - Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach, CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor D Stockton

Officers in attendance:

Paul Carter – Senior Valuer

Cherry Foreman – Democratic Services Officer

57 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

58 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

59 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

No members of the public were present.

60 CHESHIRE STREET PLAYING FIELDS AUDLEM

It was reported that Audlem Parish Council had approached the Council to transfer the Cheshire Street Playing Fields, Audlem to it by way of a 99 year lease, for a peppercorn rent, as part of the Local Service Delivery Transfer and Devolution to Town and Parish Councils process. The land was owned freehold by Cheshire East Borough Council and fell within the Green Spaces/Public Open Space Portfolio. The extent of the land to be leased by Audlem Parish Council was shown outlined in red on the plan attached to the report.

The client service confirmed that although the land was not surplus to operational requirements the proposed would be beneficial as it would provide enhanced football, leisure and recreational opportunities for Audlem and the local community; it therefore supported the lease proposal and deed of dedication.

Audlem Parish Council had confirmed it had no intention of the land being used for any other purpose than for the proposed use. The intention was that it will be protected for this use within the lease, and that a further protection would be put in place by entering into a deed of dedication with The National Playing Fields Association operating as Fields in Trust to restrict the use of the playing field as a public playing field and recreation ground only.

RESOLVED

1. That approval be given to the transfer of Cheshire Street Playing Fields, Audlem, shown edged red on the plan attached to the report, by way of a lease of up to 99 years for a peppercorn rent to Audlem Parish Council on

terms and conditions to be determined by the Assets Manager in consultation with the Director of Legal Services.

2. That approval be given for the Council to enter into a deed of dedication with Audlem Parish Council and Fields in Trust on terms and conditions to be determined by the Assets Manager in consultation with the Director of Legal Services.
3. That Cheshire Street Playing Fields, Audlem, shown edged red on the plan attached to the report, 'the Land', be advertised as a disposal of public open space.
4. That the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration be given delegated authority to determine whether to transfer the Land by way of a lease of up to 99 years to Audlem Parish Council following the statutory process and due consideration of the responses to the open space advertisements.
5. The any leasehold transfer of the Land and deed of dedication shall be on the terms stated in the Report, or such other terms as the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration shall determine in consultation with the Assets Manager and the Director of Legal Services.
6. That the Director of Legal Services be authorised to approve all legal documentation and proceed to practical completion of the lease, deed of dedication and any other legal documentation required ancillary to the lease and deed of dedication.

The meeting commenced at 3.00 pm and concluded at 3.10 pm