

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning**
held on Tuesday, 8th August, 2017 at Committee Suite 2, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach. CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor A Arnold, Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning

Officers

Karen Carsberg, Strategic Housing Manager

Paul Mountford, Executive Democratic Services Officer

15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

17 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

No members of the public wished to speak.

18 PLUS DANE - TRANSFER OF ENGAGEMENT

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning considered a report on the proposed merger of the Boards of Plus Dane Cheshire and Plus Dane Merseyside.

Plus Dane Housing was one of Cheshire East's three Large Scale Voluntary Transfer Organisations (LSVTs). Plus Dane had recently approached Cheshire East to advise that they wished to merge Plus Dane Cheshire Board into Plus Dane Merseyside's and create one single Board. This would be undertaken by a Transfer of Engagement and the proposed new name of the merged entity was to be Plus Dane Housing.

Cheshire East currently had the ability to nominate one representative onto the Plus Dane Cheshire Board and the Council would be seeking to ensure that this was retained under the new Board arrangement.

As part of the original Stock Transfer Agreement there was a requirement for Plus Dane to consult with the Council if any mergers were proposed and to give reasonable consideration by the Company's Board of Management to any representations which the Council may wish to make in relation to the Company's proposals.

Plus Dane was seeking Cheshire East's agreement to the merger to enable them to conclude the Transfer of Engagement by 30th September 2017.

RESOLVED

That the Portfolio Holder

- 1 endorses the proposed merger to bring together Plus Dane Cheshire and Plus Dane Merseyside on the basis that:
 - Cheshire East Council retains the ability to nominate one representative onto the Board to represent the interests of the Cheshire East area
 - the new entity is taking over all assets and liabilities by way of a Transfer of Engagement
 - there is a clear client management relationship between the Council and the new entity, including the development of a clear set of service standards in order to establish an effective monitoring arrangement.
- 2 agrees to a Deed of Variation of the Collateral Warranty in order to enable an assignment to a Security Trustee on terms to be agreed by the Director of Legal Services.

The meeting commenced at 2.30 pm and concluded at 2.34 pm

Councillor A Arnold (presiding)