

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Environment and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
held on Monday, 12th February, 2018 at The Capesthorne Room - Town Hall,
Macclesfield SK10 1EA

PRESENT

Councillor H Davenport (Chairman)
Councillor T Dean (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors S Hogben, O Hunter, N Mannion, M Parsons, B Roberts,
G M Walton and M J Weatherill

In attendance:

Councillor D Stockton

R Hibbert – Interim Head of Transport
A Kehoe - Head of Asset Management
P Traynor - Strategic Commissioning Manager - Highways

24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C Browne, M Hardy, and H Wells Bradshaw.

25 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2018.

RESOLVED

That the minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

27 WHIPPING DECLARATIONS

There were no whipping declarations

28 PUBLIC SPEAKING/OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public present wishing to speak

29 PERFORMANCE UPDATE - ENGINE OF THE NORTH

Consideration was given to the performance of Engine of the North (EoTN), which detailed the future schemes to be delivered and a programme overview and provided a financial review and performance review.

Members raised concern regarding the length of time it took to sell some of the empty council owned assets, particularly in the Crewe area. A Kehoe explained that this was due to the complexity of the sites, requiring a credible offer and legacy issues.

It was noted that Engine of the North complied with IFRS15. It was agreed that further information would be circulated to the Committee on the governance arrangements for the company and Council owned land available to sell.

RESOLVED

1. That further information on the governance arrangement of EoTN and assets available to sell be circulated to the Committee.
2. That an update report be received in 6 months time.

30 LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN REFRESH

Consideration was give to the pre-consultation draft of the Local Transport Plan (LTP) and the proposed approach to public consultation. The Committee made the following comments to be considered by Cabinet:

- The consultation plan should ensure that there is an effort to engage young people and students (16-25years) as it was felt that the new LTP strategy had longer term impacts on travel across Cheshire East.
- The consultation should seek to engage businesses and transport operators, especially freight and logistics companies.
- Members were concerned that the strategy did not provide sufficient clarity on investment plans. It was considered necessary to ensure that people had the opportunity to comment on their priorities for investment through the LTP.
- It was considered that the LTP should make provision for alternatives for the car, considering the need for reduced use of conventionally-powered cars to 2040.
- The LTP should be clearer on any policy commitments arising from the refresh, in particular there was reference to policies relating to transport provision for new developments.
- The High Level Parking Strategy should include a programme for the town parking studies, with a view to addressing the imbalances in parking throughout the Borough.
- Members generally welcomed the place-based approach to the LTP, whilst noting that Local Service Centres as well as Principal towns and Key Service Centres should be considered.
- There was specific reference to a number of major projects which should be stated more clearly in the LTP, including Middlewich rail station and a possible A6 Disley bypass.

It was agreed that the results of public consultation and amendments to the LTP would be considered by the Committee in June 2018, and the final plan in September 2018.

The Committee also agreed that a Task and Finish Group would be established following the public consultation to review the Parking Strategy.

RESOLVED

1. That Cabinet be requested to give consideration to the comments highlighted above.
2. That the results of the public consultation be considered by the Committee in June 2018, and the final plan in September 2018.
3. That a Task and Finish Group be established following the consultation to review the Parking Strategy.

The meeting commenced at 10.30 am and concluded at 12.40 pm

Councillor H Davenport (Chairman)