

## **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee**  
held on Thursday, 5th September, 2019 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3,  
Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

### **PRESENT**

Councillor J Clowes (Chairman)  
Councillor B Murphy (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors J Bratherton, JP Findlow, R Fletcher, M Hunter, A Moran,  
J Saunders, M Simon, L Wardlaw and M Houston (substitute)

### **Apologies**

Councillors S Brookfield and B Evans

### **17 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **19 DECLARATION OF PARTY WHIP**

There were no declarations of the existence of a party whip.

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

There were no members of the public present who wished to speak.

### **21 BEST FOR BUSINESS PROGRAMME UPDATE**

The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director of Place providing an update on the latest position regarding the implementation of a replacement HR and Finance system for this Council and Cheshire West and Cheshire Council.

The implementation had originally been expected to have been completed by April 2019 but at the end of the most recent phase of testing, both Council's were unable to sign off the programme. A revised date was still awaited.

Cabinet had considered a report in part 2 of its meeting on 6 August regarding a financial matter related to the programme and the Director of Place undertook to provide a copy of that report to members of this committee for information.

A joint Services Committee was overseeing the programme at Executive level and it was intended that the frequency of meetings for that committee would increase.

The Committee sought clarification about the joint scrutiny working group which had also been in existence prior to the elections in May and whether there were any plans to reconvene that body too.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the report be received;
- (b) The Best for Business Programme remain as a standing item on all future meetings of this Committee for the foreseeable future;
- (c) That the Executive Director of Place be requested to supply Members with a copy of the previous cabinet report outside of the meeting
- (d) That the Scrutiny Manager be requested to contact counterparts at Cheshire West and Chester Council regarding the reconvening of the joint scrutiny working group.

## 22 FORWARD PLAN

The committee reviewed the current forward plan.

RESOLVED-

- (a) That the Forward Plan be received and noted;
- (b) That Alex Thompson be requested to provide a briefing note for members in respect of forward plan item CE19/20/7ESAR

## 23 WORK PROGRAMME PROGRESS REPORT

The Committee reviewed its work programme.

Resolved- That the work programme items listed below be dealt with by the Committee on the dates indicated:

Best for Business	All meetings
Communications protocol	TBA
Fly Tipping	31 Oct 2019
Performance Update	26 Sept 2019
MTFS	26 Sept 2019
Pre Budget Consultation	26 Sept 2019
ASDV Update	3 Feb 2020
Member Facilities T&F	TBA

ICT Investment	TBA
Redevelopment of Blue Light	TBA
Anti Social behaviour RSLs	9 Jan 2020
Stat Scrutiny Guidance/ Scrutiny Health check	31 Oct 2019
Financial Aspects of Review of Governance	31 Oct 2019

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 3.38 pm

Councillor J Clowes (Chairman)