CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Cabinet** held on Monday, 11th April, 2011 in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe CW1 2BJ

PRESENT

Councillor W Fitzgerald (Chairman) Councillor R Domleo (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Rachel Bailey, D Brown, A Knowles, P Mason and R Menlove

Councillors in attendance: Rhoda Bailey, D Flude and B Silvester

Officers in attendance:

Chief Executive, Borough Solicitor, Borough Treasurer and Head of Assets, Director of Adult, Community Health and Wellbeing Services, Director of Children and Families, Head of HR and Organisational Development, Head of Policy and Performance, and Strategic Director Places.

166 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors H Gaddum and J Macrae.

167 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

168 **PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION**

There were no questions from members of the public.

169 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 April 2012 be approved as a correct record.

170 KEY DECISION 10/11- 66 LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN -IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Consideration was given to the report of the Strategic Director Places on the outcome of the Local Transport Plan (LTP) Implementation Plan consultation and, arising from that, to recommended changes to the final plan, to be aligned to the Government's four year spending review period from April 2011 to March 2015. The implementation plan included details of the schemes and measures to be delivered in order to meet the objectives and priorities for transport as set out in the approved 15 year LTP strategy, and how progress would be measured.

RESOLVED

That approval be given to the Local Transport Plan Implementation Plan.

171 KEY DECISION 10/11- 86 ALCOHOL HARM REDUCTION AND MINIMUM UNIT PRICING

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Health and Wellbeing giving an overview of the current position regarding minimum pricing per unit of alcohol across Cheshire East, Warrington and the wider region. In order to assist in reducing the negative impacts of alcohol harm, including the cost to people's health, the health system, anti social behaviour and criminal activity, it was recommended that a 50p minimum unit price per unit of alcohol be introduced.

RESOLVED

- 1. That the findings outlined in the report be noted and the clinical support for minimum unit pricing be acknowledged.
- 2. That the introduction of a minimum price of 50p per unit across Cheshire and Warrington be endorsed.
- 3. That the continued pursuit of a byelaw supported by as many local authorities as possible be endorsed, as well as active support and pursuit of the enactment of national legislation to implement a minimum unit price for alcohol, as part of a wider strategy to tackle alcohol harm.

172 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items pursuant to Section 100(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 2 or 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 and public interest would not be served in publishing the information.

173 THE REGENERATION OF CONGLETON TOWN CENTRE

Consideration was given to the report of the Strategic Director Places on current development activity in Congleton Town Centre.

RESOLVED

- 1. That the work programme underway be noted, and the overall approach to regenerating Congleton Town Centre detailed in the report be endorsed.
- 2. That approval be given to the principle of the disposal of land as detailed in the report, adopting the sale to a named party procedure and not offering the site for sale on the open market, and that the Assets Manager, the Head of Regeneration and the Borough Solicitor be authorised to negotiate appropriate terms and conditions with the key terms and conditions to be agreed by Cabinet in due course.

174 MANAGING WORKFORCE CHANGE

Consideration was given to the revised report of the Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development.

RESOLVED

That Cabinet supports the decision of the Chief Executive to release the employees whose roles are listed as 1 to 42 in Appendix A under the arrangements agreed in relation to voluntary severance provisions for employees in the Council.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 2.35 pm

W Fitzgerald (Chairman)