

CORPORATE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING – 12 June 2025

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE SHARED SERVICES JOINT COMMITTEE: FUTURE ARRANGEMENT OF COUNCIL SERVICES FOR LIBRARIES SHARED SERVICES AND CHESHIRE RURAL TOURING ARTS

REPORT REFERENCE: CPC/69/25-26

RECOMMENDATION

That Corporate Policy Committee:

- 1. Approve the changes to the shared services in accordance with the Shared Services Review, as described in the Shared Services Joint Committee Report of 17 June 2022 (as amended);**
 - 2. Approve the proposed managed service and strategic partnership arrangements and principle of the revised Administration Agreement and;**
 - 3. Delegates authority to Executive Director Place and Executive Director Resources (s151) to jointly implement the final transition to the separate arrangements including completion of the necessary legal agreements with Cheshire West and Chester Council.**
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Extract from the Minutes of the Shared Services Joint Committee which to place on 28 April 2025

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DECIDED: That

(1) subject to paragraph 4.1 of the report being amended to read “ The Joint Committee is not the ultimate decision making body....” the following recommendations be recommended to the Corporate Policy Committee (Cheshire East Council) and Cabinet (Cheshire West and Chester Council)

a. the changes to the shared services in accordance with the Shared Services Review, as described in the Shared Services Joint Committee Report of 17 June 2022 be approved;

b. the proposed managed service and strategic partnership arrangements and principle of the revised Administration Agreement be approved; and

c. authority be delegated to the relevant officers in each Council to jointly implement the final transition to the separate arrangements including completion of the necessary legal agreements.

Appendix 1: Report to the Shared Services Joint Committee, 25 April 2025: Future arrangements for Council Shared Services and proposed changes to Libraries and Cheshire Rural Touring Arts delivery model. (Page 21).

Appendix 2: Report to the Shared Service Joint Committee, June 2022: Shared Service Review Update Report.

Appendix 3: Minute of the Shared Service Joint Committee 17 June 2022.