

# CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

## Constitution Committee

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<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> July 2011
<b>Report of:</b>	Democratic Services Manager
<b>Subject/Title:</b>	Appointment to Sandbach Town Plan Steering Group

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### **1.0 Report Summary**

The report invites the Constitution Committee to add Sandbach Town Plan Steering Group to the list of approved Category 2 outside organisations and to appoint Councillor Barry Moran as the Council's representative.

### **2.0 Recommendation**

- 2.1** That Sandbach Town Plan Steering Group be added to the Category 2 list of approved organisations and Councillor Barry Moran be appointed as the Council's representative.

### **3.0 Reasons for a Decision**

- 3.1** It is important for Cheshire East Council to appoint to outside organisations to ensure that it continues to represent the interests of the Authority and the wider community.

### **4.0 Wards Affected**

- 4.1** Sandbach Wards

### **5.0 Local Ward Members**

- 5.1** Not applicable.

### **6.0 Policy Implications**

- 6.1** None identified.

### **7.0 Financial Implications**

- 7.1** None identified.

### **8.0 Legal Implications**

- 8.1** Whilst membership of outside bodies carries with it the potential for personal liability for elected Members undertaking such roles as

ancillary to their status as a Councillor, particularly in respect of trusteeships, Cheshire East Borough Council has already resolved to put in place for elected Members the maximum indemnity which is allowed by law.

## **9.0 Risk Management**

No risks identified other than as referred to in paragraph 8.1 above.

## **10.0 Background**

- 10.1 At its meeting held on 27 June 2011, the Outside Organisations Sub-Committee considered a request from the Chairman of the Sandbach Town Plan Steering Group ("The Group"). The Group is in the process of producing a town plan for Sandbach and to achieve this has established a Steering Group.
- 10.2 The formal request for a Cheshire East Councillor to sit on this Group is on the basis that the Member would be able to offer support and give guidance on emerging Cheshire East policies and will act as an interface between the Steering Group and Cheshire East Council.
- 10.3 The Sub-Committee took into account the criteria to be adopted when deciding whether or not an organisation should be added to the list of approved outside bodies, and agreed that it was appropriate for its inclusion.
- 10.4 The Sub-Committee then considered whether it should be a Category 1 organisation (to be appointed by Cabinet) or a Category 2 (for appointment by the Constitution Committee). Members agreed that it was more appropriate for it to be included as a Category 2.
- 10.5 Councillor Barry Moran has played an active role in the process to date, and in the interests of continuity, the Group has requested that he be appointed as the Council's representative.
- 10.6 The Sub-Committee recommends the inclusion of the Steering Group as a Category 2 outside organisation and that Councillor Barry Moran be appointed as the Council's representative.

## **11.0 Access to Information**

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