

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Corporate Scrutiny Committee**
held on Monday, 3rd February, 2014 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor S Wilkinson (Chairman)
Councillor P Edwards (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors S Corcoran, D Newton, R West and J Wray

Apologies

Councillors H Davenport, W Fitzgerald and Kelly

88 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2014 be confirmed as a correct record.

89 ALSO PRESENT

Councillor P Findlow – Corporate Policy Portfolio Holder
Councillor B Moran – Performance Portfolio Holder
Councillor P Raynes – Finance portfolio Holder
Councillor K Edwards

90 OFFICERS PRESENT

Peter Bates – Chief Operating Officer
Lorraine Butcher - Executive Director of Strategic Commissioning
Tony Crane - Director of Children's Services
Steph Cordon - Head of Communities
Patrick Rhoden - Principal Accountant
Alex Thompson - Finance Lead - Strategy & Funding
Kevin Melling - Head of Highways and Transport
Mark Nedderman – Senior Scrutiny Officer

91 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

92 DECLARATION OF PARTY WHIP

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

93 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

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

94 THIRD QUARTER PERFORMANCE REPORT

The committee considered a report of the Chief Operating Officer, providing a summary and detailed information about the Council's financial and non-financial performance at the three-quarter year stage of 2013/2014. The Committee was informed that there had been significant improvement in the financial position since the second quarter, and there had been substantial improvement compared to this position in previous years.

The report was set out in three sections:

Section 1 Summary of Council Performance- This section brought together the impact that service performance, the change management programme and financial performance were having on the 5 Outcomes in the Council's 3 Year Plan.

Section 2 Financial Stability- This section provided an update on the overall financial stability of the Council. It demonstrated how spending in 2013/2014 was being adequately funded, including the positions on overall service budgets, grants, council tax and business rates, treasury management, centrally held budgets, and the management of the Council's reserves.

Section 3 Workforce Development- This section provided a summary of the key issues relating to the Council's Workforce Development Plan.

RESOLVED – That the report be received and the third quarter report welcomed.

95 SCRUTINY OF ALTERNATIVE SERVICE DELIVERY VEHICLES (ASDVS)

The Chief Operating Officer informed the committee of the latest position with regard to the scrutiny of Alternative Service Delivery Vehicles (ASDVs).

He informed the Committee that the Council had recently embarked upon undertake a review of the Council's PDG/Scrutiny arrangements through the Constitution Committee and that it was therefore premature to bring to the Committee firm proposals concerning the scrutiny of ASDV's at the moment as the outcome of that review may have an impact on the Council's future structural requirements, but would hope to be able to report on progress to the meeting after next.

RESOLVED – That the Chief Operating officer be requested to submit a report to the 31 March meeting on arrangements for the scrutiny of ASDVs.

96 **WORK PROGRAMME PROGRESS REPORT**

The Committee reviewed its work programme.

RESOLVED- That the following changes be made:

Review of Management Restructure - September 2014

Green Waste collection Autumn 2013 review – 31 March 2014

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 3.40 pm

Councillor S Wilkinson (Chairman)