

# CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

## Cabinet

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<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> October 2014
<b>Report of:</b>	Steph Cordon, Head of Communities
<b>Subject/Title:</b>	Notice of Motion – Peace Pole on Scotch Common in Sandbach
<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	Cllr Les Gilbert – Localism and Enforcement

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### 1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 At Council on 17 July 2014, a Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Sam Corcoran and seconded by Cllr Gillian Merry that “This Council supports the efforts of Churches Together in Sandbach, with support from Sandbach Town Council, to plant a Peace Pole on Scotch Common in Sandbach”. The recommendation was that this be referred to Cabinet.
- 1.2 This report outlines the issues that would need to be considered in relation to the erection of a Peace Pole to establish community benefit.

### 2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That Cabinet agree that before any decision can be made, evidence is provided which demonstrates:
- a. community support and evidence of need for a Peace Pole in Sandbach; and
  - b. that all necessary conditions set out in section 11.2 can be met

### 3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 To establish the level of demand for this and ensure that no ongoing costs would be incurred by the Council.

### 4.0 Wards Affected

- 4.1 Sandbach wards.

### 5.0 Local Ward Members

- 5.1 They may be able to provide views as part of community demand assessment

## **6.0 Policy Implications**

6.1 Not applicable.

## **7.0 Implications for Rural Communities**

7.1 Not applicable.

## **8.0 Financial Implications**

8.1 It is envisaged that installation and ongoing maintenance costs will be met by the organisations proposing and supporting the initiative, as described in the report. Council officer time will be spent in considering and approving the proposal, but these costs will be met from existing budgets.

## **9.0 Legal Implications**

9.1 There may be legal implications for the erection of the Peace Pole which need to be considered before this goes ahead.

## **10.0 Risk Management**

10.1 The risks to the Council are contained in this report and potential mitigation measures outlined in the recommendations.

## **11.0 Background and Options**

11.1 There was no specific information provided about the proposal and unfortunately work pressures have not enabled any further work to be done at this point. However for Members information, this is an international project where areas are asked to plant a Peace Pole to promote world peace. The website for this is <http://www.peacepoleproject.org/peacepoleproject.html> which states that “a Peace Pole is an internationally-recognised symbol of the hopes and dreams of the entire human family, standing vigil in silent prayer for peace on earth. Each Peace Pole bears the message **May Peace Prevail on Earth** in different languages on each of its four or six sides”.

11.2 The following sets out the information that the Council would require before it agrees to support this proposal:

- § details of all necessary permissions that need to be obtained from the Council are presented by the lead organisation with confirmation that costs will be met by the lead organisation;
- § confirmation of support from any other agencies that may need to be consulted;
- § that all costs for repairs and annual maintenance are met by the organisation who wish to install it for the lifetime of the Peace Pole;

- § any liabilities for injury to persons or property related to the Peace Pole remain with the organisation who wish to install it and not with the Council; and
- § that if for any reason the Peace Pole had to be removed that all costs for making good Council owned land would be met by the organisation wishing to make this happen.

## **12.0 Access to Information**

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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