

COUNCIL – 26 FEBRUARY 2015

NOTICES OF MOTION

Submitted to Council in Accordance with Procedure Rule 12

1 Motion of No Confidence

Proposed by Councillor D Newton and Seconded by Councillor S Corcoran

This Council has no confidence in its Leader

2 Farewell

Proposed by Councillor S Corcoran

This Council bids you farewell.

3 Party Political Communications

Proposed by Councillor R Cartlidge

Following the recent controversial incident of party-political twittering, this Council

1. deplores the involvement of council officials in party political communications *of any kind*,
2. welcomes the Chief Executive's commitment to appropriate disciplinary measures to ensure a "zero tolerance" policy for the future
3. looks forward to the early publication of a protocol in this respect,
4. requests that a thorough and comprehensive review of the communications function in all respects be undertaken at the earliest opportunity.

4 Confidentiality Agreements

Proposed by Councillor A Moran and Seconded by Councillor B Murphy

Subject to statutory and common law requirements and what can be deemed "good and fair practice in relation to innocent third parties", this Council calls for an outright ban on Confidentiality Agreements (aka compromise/non-disclosure/gagging agreements), particularly in relation to financial payments by the Council. In the interests of transparency, honesty and public accountability, the Council requests the Cabinet to produce a protocol or policy document for this Council's approval.

5 Incentive Payments

Proposed by Councillor B Murphy and Seconded by Councillor A Moran

This Council recognises that the successful delivery of its services depends on the team effort of every single employee and therefore calls for the immediate suspension of any performance related pay or bonus scheme that is not available to every single employee.

6 Planning Policy on Method Statements

Proposed by Councillor S McGrory and Seconded by Councillor M Parsons

The Council requests the production of a planning protocol to ensure Method Statements entailed in Planning Applications contain a “neighbourhood impact appraisal” and that the Statement should be submitted to affected ward members at pre-application discussion stage when applicable.

7 Provision of I-Pads and/or Similar Equipment for Councillors

Proposed by Councillor B Murphy and Seconded by Councillor L Roberts

In view of the arbitrary distribution of I-Pads and similar equipment, such equipment as from the date of the motion being approved shall no longer be made available to Members except for those Members who agree to pay for the cost of the equipment. This policy shall apply to current holders of such equipment if they are re-elected to the Council on 7 May 2015.

8 Planning

Proposed by Councillor J Jackson and Seconded by Councillor S Hogben

This Council fully supports the practical introduction of Neighbourhood Plans for identifiable communities in Cheshire East. Given the perceived weakness of current, extant Borough Plans and the lack of an established new Cheshire East Local Plan, Council recognises that fully endorsed and adopted Neighbourhood Plans offer some appropriate guidance and protection in relation to the development of local communities.

The Council will therefore:

- a. continue to support the current programme of supported Neighbourhood Planning;
- b. invite further interest from local communities in pursuing Neighbourhood Plans on an annual basis;

- c. set up, in accordance with available resources, a rolling programme of supported Neighbourhood Planning;
- d. continue with this rolling programme after the Cheshire East Local Plan is adopted and in place.

9 Local Democracy

Proposed by Councillor K Edwards and Seconded by Councillor D Newton

This Council recognises the value of local councils throughout Cheshire East. It wishes to work in partnership with them on a continuous basis to improve the well-being of local residents, the prosperity of local businesses, and to enhance the quality of the visitor welcome throughout the borough.

In particular, this Council recognises the strong programme of support for local democracy through:

- a. welcoming the establishment of new local councils for Crewe, Handforth, Styal, and Wilmslow;
- b. welcoming the forthcoming establishment of a local council for Macclesfield;
- c. supporting the work of the National association of Local Councils, through partnership with Cheshire Association of Local Councils;
- d. looking every opportunity to work positively with local councils to attract external resources, including grants, to improve the quality of life for local residents.

10 Transition to Work

Proposed by Councillor K Edwards

Cheshire East Council is committed to encouraging economic growth for the area in general, and to offer opportunities to residents for gainful employment.

The Council will therefore:

- a. ensure that the local living wage is paid as a minimum throughout all the companies where it has overall control;
- b. encourage, through contractual arrangements, the local living wage as a minimum by those companies from which it procures services and materials;
- c. encourage the location of highly skilled and well paid jobs in Cheshire East;
- d. provide and encourage a full range of apprenticeship schemes throughout the Borough, and throughout those companies with which it has contractual arrangements;
- e. provide and encourage high level training courses to ensure that school and college leavers have the best opportunities available;

- f. target young people who are not likely to be in education, training or employment when they leave school.

11 OFSTED

Submitted by Councillor D Flude

This Council calls on the Secretary State for Education to mandate Ofsted that it will inform this and other Boroughs Nationally when private, not for profit or charitable residential homes for children and young people are opened in a Borough, thus informing that Borough that there are Children or Young people residing in that Borough who were not residents of that Borough before their placement.

12 Affordable Housing in Cheshire East

Proposed by Councillor L Jeuda and Seconded by Councillor M Grant

Cheshire East will resist the Government's recent policy of allowing property developers to 'opt out' of providing affordable homes when submitting planning applications.