

# **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of a meeting of the Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

held on Thursday, 16th July, 2015 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields,  
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

### **PRESENT**

Councillor G Baxendale (Chairman)  
Councillor C Andrew (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors E Brooks, M Grant, S Pochin, J Rhodes, M Warren and  
J Saunders (substitute for M Beanland)

### **Apologies**

Councillor M Beanland

### **In attendance**

Councillor L Gilbert – Cabinet Member for Communities  
Kirstie Hercules – Principal Manager for Local Area Working  
Laura Woodrowhurst – Antisocial Behaviour Team Leader

### **7 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2015.

#### **RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting on 26 March 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **8 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest

### **9 WHIPPING DECLARATIONS**

There were no declarations of party whip

### **10 PUBLIC SPEAKING**

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

### **11 FORWARD PLAN**

Consideration was given to the areas of the forward plan which fell within the remit of the Committee.

RESOLVED

That the forward plan be noted

## **12 WORK PROGRAMME**

The Chairman provided an update on the current position regarding the work programme. The Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee had been requested to consider how an item, on issues caused by parking around schools and other public places, raised by Councillor Gilbert at a previous meeting, should be dealt with. The Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee had decided that this Committee should give consideration to the item and add it to its work programme.

The Chairman provided an update on the progress of the task and finish group looking at domestic violence.

RESOLVED

That the work programme be amended to reflect the points discussed

## **13 TOOLS AND POWERS OF THE ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014.**

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RESOLVED

That the presentation be noted

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## **14 COMMUNITY HUBS**

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#### RESOLVED

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The meeting commenced at 10.15 am and concluded at 11.50 am

Councillor G Baxendale (Chairman)