

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee**
held on Thursday, 17th September, 2015 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3,
Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor J Wray (Chairman)
Councillor G Barton (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors H Davenport, N Mannion, A Martin, M Parsons, B Roberts and
G M Walton (substitute)

In attendance

Councillor R Menlove
Councillor D Stockton – Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Assets
R Kemp - Commissioning Manager for Waste and Environment
M'O Neill – Major Projects Manager

11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor M Hardy

12 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 30 July 2015.

RESOLVED

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

13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

14 WHIPPING DECLARATIONS

There were no whipping declarations

15 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public present wishing to speak

16 ENERGY PROGRAMME UPDATE

The Committee received a presentation on the energy programme to date. The presentation detailed:

- Cheshire East Energy Framework
- Thematic objectives and programme in the energy framework
- What energy supply companies do in the public sector
- Types of energy supply companies
- What models are being used by other authorities
- Current position in the development of Cheshire East Energy Limited (CEEL)
- CEEL objectives.

It was highlighted that CEEL currently had no relationship with OVO. Options were currently being investigated and a decision would be made over the next few months.

It was noted that 2756 residents had taken up the fairer power offer, which was on track to hit the business plan target.

RESOLVED

That the update be received

17 HIGHWAY ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY AND STRATEGY

Due to the lack of officer attendance for this item, it was agreed that any comments would be submitted to the officer directly

RESOLVED

That any comments be submitted to the Strategic Commissioning Manager

18 QUARTER 1 ANSA AND ORBITAS REPORTS

Consideration was given to the first quarter reports for Ansa and Orbitas. In the first quarter Ansa Environmental Services reported anticipated annual costs within the agreed management fee. As part of this fee Ansa was set to deliver £500k of savings. There was a £200k pressure this year associated with the need to profile savings targets that were to be achieved by re-letting the waste disposal contract. This would be delayed 12 months until completion of the current Environmental hub infrastructure program. It was noted that complaints were low for Ansa.

In this first quarter Orbitas was forecasting that it would deliver services within the management fee and was reporting compliance with its performance indicator targets. It was noted that work was underway to provide an 'Orbitas Funeral', the aim being to provide the bereaved with financial transparency and to lower the cost of a funeral.

Members raised the following questions, to which R Kemp agreed to circulate a response:

- How many funerals fell to the Council each year because of no known relatives and are they covered by the management fee?
- why it had been agreed not to rebuild the bridge at the valley project in Macclesfield
- how many cardboard coffins were used and did they cause any problems for the service

Members had recently attended a tour of the Ansa facilities which Members found most useful and wished to thank the officers involved.

RESOLVED

That the first quarter reports be received

19 **FORWARD PLAN**

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

RESOLVED

That Members receive a briefing on Sydney Road Bridge, Congleton Link Road and Poynton Relief Road.

20 **WORK PROGRAMME**

Consideration was given to the work programme. It was agreed that the Committee should receive an update on Sydney Road Bridge Replacement Scheme, Congleton Link Road and Poynton Relief Road. It was also agreed that the possibility of a review of the bus services be considered at a later date.

RESOLVED

- That the Committee receive an update on Sydney Road Bridge Replacement Scheme, Congleton Link Road and Poynton Relief Road.
- That a review of the rail services be added to the work programme.

The meeting commenced at 10.30 am and concluded at 11.40 am

Councillor J Wray (Chairman)