

## **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee** held on Thursday, 12th January, 2017 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

### **PRESENT**

Councillor M Simon (Chairman)  
Councillor M Grant (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Rhoda Bailey, S Corcoran, B Dooley, S Pochin, J Saunders, A Moran, L Smetham, B Walmsley, H Wells-Bradshaw and J Wray

### **42 ALSO PRESENT**

Councillor Rachel Bailey – Leader of the Council  
Peter Groves – Finance Assets  
Paul Findlow – Corporate Policy and Legal Services Portfolio Holder  
Peter Bates – Chief Operating Officer  
Alex Thompson – Corporate Manager Strategy and Reporting

### **43 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **44 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of Interest.

### **45 DECLARATION OF PARTY WHIP**

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

### **46 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION**

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

### **47 BUDGET CONSULTATION 2017 - 2020**

The considered budget proposals in relation to outcome 6 of the Council's Corporate plan (A responsible, Effective and Efficient Organisation) as set out in pre-budget consultation document 2017/20.

The Committee questioned the Chief Operating Officer and portfolio holders on each numbered proposal as contained in the pre- budget consultation document.

An additional meeting of the Committee would be held on 2 February 2017 to consider final recommendations on the budget which would be considered by Cabinet on 7 February 2017 and would incorporate comments received from each of the Council's four Overview and Scrutiny Committees in relation to the budget consultation.

RESOLVED – That the report be received and noted.

#### **48 WORK PROGRAMME PROGRESS REPORT**

The committee reviewed its work programme.

The Committee had noted that on 15 December, in approving the new Overview and Scrutiny Structure arrangements, Council had given a commitment to review the new arrangements in future but that a timescale for the review had not been specified.

The committee also believed that it would be beneficial for Members to receive an update on devolution proposals for Cheshire.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the report be received;
  
- (b) That the Constitution Committee be requested to set a deadline for the review of the Overview and Scrutiny structure with view in particular, to assessing the workload of the Health and Adult Social Care and Communities Committee;
  
- (c) That the Leader of the Council be requested to provide an update on devolution proposals.

#### **49 FORWARD PLAN**

The Committee reviewed the forward plan.

RESOLVED – That the forward plan be received and noted.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 3.30 pm

Councillor M Simon (Chairman)