

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Environment and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee

held on Thursday, 4th May, 2017 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor J Wray (Chairman)

Councillors D Bailey, H Davenport, T Dean, N Mannion, A Martin and B Roberts.

In Attendance

Councillor D Brown

R Hibbert - Interim Head of Transport

F Jordan – Executive Director, Place

R Kemp - Corporate Manager Waste and Environment Service

R Minton - Project Manager

27 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Bebbington, H Wells-Bradshaw, M Hardy, C Browne and M Parsons.

28 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2017

RESOLVED

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

29 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

30 WHIPPING DECLARATIONS

There were no whipping declarations

31 PUBLIC SPEAKING/OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public present wishing to speak

32 SUPPORTED BUS SERVICE REVIEW

Further to the meeting held on 26 January 2017, the Committee gave consideration to the preferred option for the proposed revised bus network, which if approved by Cabinet, would go forward for a 10 week period of public consultation commencing in late May 2017. This consultation would be targeted at both bus users and non bus users and would look to engage through a wide range of methods. The outcomes from the consultation would be considered by this Committee prior to Cabinet in autumn 2017 which would include the final supported bus network proposed for implementation.

The Chairman outlined to the Committee concerns that he had received from two members of the public.

RESOLVED

That the recommendations contained within the report be supported and that Cabinet give consideration to the following additional recommendations:

1. That Disley be included as part of the consultation events.
2. That the consultation events in principal town and key service centre be expanded to include suitable shopping centres and railway stations.
3. That Members encourage all Town and Parish Councils to appoint a champion to improve engagement with them during this process.

33 FOOD WASTE COLLECTION, ORGANIC WASTE TREATMENT SOLUTION

Further to the meeting held on 21 March 2017, the Committee gave consideration to a report informing members that the procurement process had identified a proposed preferred bidder. The solution would involve the allocation of land and a capital contribution by the Council for the construction of an in-vessel composting system, this bid would allow food waste recycling in the garden waste bin from 1st April 2019.

With regard to the location of the site, Members raised concerns relating to the highway infrastructure, future housing allocations and Bentley Masterplan. It was also suggested that caddy bags should be provided by Cheshire East to encourage recycling.

RESOLVED

That the recommendations contained within the report be supported and that Cabinet give consideration to the following additional recommendations:

1. That the scheme should not conflict with any proposed residential development or the Bentley Master Plan and Development Framework.
2. That assurance be given that the scheme can accommodate household growth, as outlined in the local plan.
3. That assurance be given that the disposal and transport of compost will be dealt with correctly.
4. That the Council provide bio degradable caddy bags to encourage the recycling of food waste.
5. That odour issues be dealt with appropriately.

34 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 received

35 WORK PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to the work programme. It was agreed that a report on the condition of the highway infrastructure be considered as an item for a future meeting of the Committee.

RESOLVED

That a report on the condition of the highway be considered as an item for a future meeting of the Committee.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 4.15 pm

Councillor J Wray (Chairman)