

Audit and Governance Committee

Agenda

Date:	Thursday, 30th May, 2024
Time:	10.00 am
Venue:	Capesthorne Room, Macclesfield Town Hall, SK10 1EA

The agenda is divided into 2 parts. Part 1 is taken in the presence of the public and press. Part 2 items will be considered in the absence of the public and press for the reasons indicated on the agenda and at the foot of each report.

It should be noted that Part 1 items of Cheshire East Council decision making meetings are audio recorded and the recordings will be uploaded to the Council's website.

PART 1 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT

1. **Apologies for Absence**

To note any apologies for absence from Members.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests, other registerable interests, and non-registerable interests in any item on the agenda.

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** (Pages 5 - 10)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7 March 2024.

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4. **Public Speaking Time/Open Session**

In accordance with paragraphs 2.24 of the Council's Committee Procedure Rules and Appendix on Public Speaking a total period of 15 minutes is allocated for members of the public to put questions to the committee on any matter relating to this agenda. Each member of the public will be allowed up to two minutes each to speak, and the Chair will have discretion to vary this where they consider it appropriate.

Members of the public wishing to speak are required to provide notice of this at least three clear working days' in advance of the meeting and should include the question with that notice.

5. **Action Log** (Pages 11 - 14)

To receive an update on the Audit and Governance Committee Action Log.

6. **Companies Audited Financial Statements, External Audit Findings and Action Plan 2022/2023** (Pages 15 - 96)

The purpose of this report is to present the audited financial statements of Ansa Environmental Services Ltd and Orbitas Bereavement Services Ltd for the year 2022/23.

7. **Update on the Governance arrangements of the Dedicated Schools Grant Management Plan 2024/25 to 2030/31** (Pages 97 - 108)

To receive an update on Strategic Risk 04 - Dedicated Schools Grant Deficit.

8. **Annual Governance Statement 2022-23 Actions - Progress Update (report to follow)**

To receive an update on the progress of actions identified for Significant Governance Issues in the Annual Governance Statement 2022/23.

9. **Internal Audit Update - Progress against Internal Audit Plan Q3/Q4 2023-24 (report to follow)**

To consider the report which provides an update on work undertaken by Internal Audit between October 2023 and March 2024.

10. **Work Programme** (Pages 109 - 112)

To consider the Work Programme and determine any required amendments.

11. **Risk Management Q3 2023-24** (Pages 113 - 172)

To consider the report which provides an update on risk management activity during Quarter 3 2023/24.

12. **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

The reports relating to the remaining items on the agenda have been withheld from public circulation and deposit pursuant to Section 100(B)(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that the matters may be determined with the press and public excluded. The Committee may decide that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items pursuant to Section 100(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 and public interest would not be served in publishing the information.

PART 2 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT

13. **Risk Management Q3 2023-24** (Pages 173 - 182)

To consider part of the Strategic Risk Register report relating to Ansa (Appendix B).

Membership: Councillors B Drake, S Adams, M Beanland (Chair), K Edwards (Vice-Chair), A Heler, C Hilliard, G Marshall, P Redstone, J Snowball, Mr R Jones and Mrs J Clark.