

Audit and Governance Committee

Agenda

Date: Monday, 29th July, 2024
Time: 10.00 am
Venue: Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road,
Sandbach CW11 1HZ

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. **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.

For requests for further information

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4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** (Pages 5 - 14)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 30 May 2024.

5. **Action Log** (Pages 15 - 18)

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

6. **Draft Pre-audited Statement of Accounts 2023/24 and Outturn Update 2023/24** (Pages 19 - 32)

To receive and consider the pre-audited overview of the Council's Outturn and the draft Statement of Accounts for 2023/24.

7. **Draft Pre-audited Financial Statements – Wholly Owned Companies 2023/24 and Outturn Update 2023/24** (Pages 33 - 44)

To receive the draft financial statements of Ansa Environmental Services Ltd and Orbitas Bereavement Services Ltd for the year 2023/24.

8. **Annual Complaints and Compliments Report 2023-24** (Pages 45 - 126)

To receive an update on complaints, compliments and customer contact for 2023-24.

9. **Progress Against CIPFA Review Actions** (Pages 127 - 142)

To consider the report on progress on the implementation of actions agreed after the CIPFA review of the Audit and Governance Committee.

10. **Draft Annual Governance Statement 2023-24** (Pages 143 - 182)

To receive the draft Annual Governance Statement (AGS) for 2023/24.

11. **Internal Audit Annual Opinion Report 2023/24** (Pages 183 - 206)

To consider the report which sets out the Internal Audit annual opinion on the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's control environment for 2023/24.

12. **Section 106 - Progress Update**

To receive a verbal update on the Internal Audit review timeline and recommendations for S106.

13. **Work Programme** (Pages 207 - 208)

To consider the Work Programme and determine any required amendments.

14. **Risk Management Report 2023-24** (Pages 209 - 262)

To consider the report on risk management activity throughout 2023/24.

15. **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

16. **Risk Management Report 2023-24** (Pages 263 - 280)

To consider that part of the Strategic Risk Register report relating to Ansa, Orbitas and Tatton Park Enterprises.

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