

Council Summons

Wednesday 10th December 2025 11.00 am

The Tenants' Hall, Tatton Park, **Knutsford WA16 6QN** (postcode for Sat Nav WA16 6SG)

To all Members of the Council

You are hereby invited to attend a meeting of the Cheshire East Council for the transaction of the business specified in the agenda below.

Yours faithfully

Helen Charlesworth-May Executive Director Adults, Health and Integration

Agenda

The agenda is divided into two 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 top of each report.

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

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

1. Apologies for Absence

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 7 - 18)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 15 October 2025.

4. Mayor's Announcements

To receive such announcements as may be made by the Mayor.

5. Public Speaking Time/Open Session

In accordance the Council Procedural Rules, a total period of 30 minutes is allocated for members of the public to speak at Council meetings. Individual members of the public may speak for up to 2 minutes, but the Chair will have discretion to vary this requirement 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. Requests to speak and questions should be submitted via the Register to Speak form.

Petitions - To receive any petitions which have met the criteria - <u>Petitions Scheme</u> <u>Criteria</u>, and falls within the remit of the Committee. Petition organisers will be allowed up to three minutes to speak.

6. **Notices of Motion** (Pages 19 - 26)

To consider any Notices of Motion that have been received in accordance with the Council Procedure Rules.

7. Leader's and Deputy Leader's Announcements

To receive such announcements as may be made by the Leader and Deputy Leader.

8. Recommendation from Corporate Policy Committee: Changes to the Finance and Contract Procedure Rules (Pages 27 - 44)

To consider the recommendation from the Corporate Policy Committee.

9. Recommendations from the Corporate Policy Committee: The Council's Decision-Making Arrangements (Pages 45 - 100)

To consider the recommendations from the Corporate Policy Committee.

10. Recommendation from Corporate Policy Committee: Council Tax Base 2026/27 (Pages 101 - 116)

To consider the recommendations from the Corporate Policy Committee.

11. Recommendation from Finance Sub Committee : Approval of Supplementary Revenue Estimate (Pages 117 - 122)

To consider the recommendation from the Finance Sub Committee.

12. Recommendation from Environment and Communities Committee: Statement of Gambling Principles (Pages 123 - 180)

To consider the recommendations from the Environment and Communities Committee.

13. Recommendation from Children and Families Committee: Youth Justice Plan (2025-26 update) (Pages 181 - 262)

To consider the recommendation from the Children and Families Committee.

14. Warm Homes Local Grant (Pages 263 - 270)

To approve a supplementary capital estimate of £600,000 in relation to the Warm Homes Local Grant uplift.

15. Recommendations from Corporate Policy Committee: Budget Approval and acceptance of DfT Grant for the Middlewich Eastern Bypass (Pages 271 - 294)

To consider the recommendations from the Corporate Policy Committee.

16. Questions

In accordance the Council Procedure Rules, opportunity is provided for Members of the Council to ask the Mayor or the Chair of a Committee any question about a matter which the Council, or the Committee has powers, duties or responsibilities.

At Council meeting, there will be a maximum question time period of 30 minutes. A period of two minutes will be allowed for each Councillor wishing to ask a question. The Mayor will have the discretion to vary this requirement where they consider it appropriate.

17. 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.

18. PART 2 - MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT

19. Recommendations from Corporate Policy Committee: Budget Approval and acceptance of DfT Grant for the Middlewich Eastern Bypass (Pages 295 - 300)

To consider the confidential appendices.