

Environment and Communities Committee

Agenda

Date:	Thursday, 13th November, 2025
Time:	10.30 am
Venue:	Committee Suite, Delamere House, Delamere St, Crewe CW1 2JZ

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.

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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 3 - 8)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 25 September 2025.

For requests for further information

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4. **Public Speaking/Open Session**

In accordance with paragraph 2.24 of the Council's Committee Procedure Rules and Appendix on Public Speaking, set out in the [Constitution](#), 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.

Petitions - To receive any petitions which have met the criteria - [Petitions Scheme Criteria](#) and falls within the remit of the Committee. Petition organisers will be allowed up to three minutes to speak.

5. **Second Financial Review 25/26** (Pages 9 - 32)

To receive an update report on the current forecast outturn for the financial year 2025/26.

6. **Medium Term Financial Strategy Consultation 2026/27 - 2029/30** (Pages 33 - 46)

To receive a report on the development of the Cheshire East Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2026/27 to 2029/30.

7. **Local Plan Update** (Pages 47 - 102)

To consider the report on the progress in delivering the new Local Plan.

8. **Local Nature Recovery Strategy** (Pages 103 - 246)

To consider the report which seeks approval adopt the Local Nature Recovery Strategy.

9. **Statement of Gambling Principles** (Pages 247 - 302)

To consider a report which seeks approval of the Statement of Gambling Principles 2026-2029.

10. **Work Programme** (Pages 303 - 304)

To consider the Work Programme and determine any required amendments.

Membership: Councillors L Braithwaite, M Brooks, D Clark, T Dean, M Houston, D Jefferay (Chair), A Kolker, A Moran, H Moss, H Seddon (Vice-Chair), L Smetham, M Warren, H Whitaker