

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Governance & Constitution Committee

Agenda

Date: Monday, 14th July, 2008
Time: 2.00 pm
Venue: East Committee Room, Municipal Buildings, Earle Street,
Crewe, Cheshire, CW1 2BJ

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.

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 personal and prejudicial interests in any item on the agenda.

3. Public Speaking Time/ Open Session

In accordance with Procedure Rules Nos.11 and 35 a total period of 10 minutes is allocated for members of the public to address the Committee on any matter relevant to the work of the Committee.

Individual members of the public may speak for up to 5 minutes but the Chairman will decide how the period of time allocated for public speaking will be apportioned where there are a number of speakers.

Note: In order for officers to undertake any background research it would be helpful if questions were submitted at least one working day before the meeting.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting (Pages 1 - 2)

To consider the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2008

5. Cheshire East Work Plan (Pages 3 - 6)

To consider a plan of work for the Committee.

Report from the Governance Group attached

6. Members' Allowances Scheme (Pages 7 - 22)

Please contact Carole Roberts on 01270 529733 or
E-Mail: carole.roberts@cheshireeast.gov.uk with any apologies, requests for further
information or to give notice of a question to be asked by a member of the public

To receive the report and recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel on the Members' Allowances Scheme for the Shadow period.

Report from the Governance Lead Officer East attached.

7. Independent Remuneration Panel (Pages 23 - 26)

To consider requirements for appointing an Independent Remuneration Panel so that a Scheme of Members Allowances can be brought forward for 2009-10 and beyond.

Report from the Governance Lead Officer East attached

8. Indemnities for Members and Officers (Pages 27 - 36)

To consider the current powers available to local authorities in relation to the provision of indemnities to elected Members and Officers and prior to Vesting Day, to agree an indemnity for the Shadow Council.

Report of the Governance Group attached

9. Appointments to Outside Bodies (Pages 37 - 44)

To consider issues relating to the appointments to outside bodies by Cheshire East Council from 1 April 2009 and agree a process for dealing with them.

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