

# Cabinet

## Agenda

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**Date:** Tuesday, 2nd December, 2008

**Time:** 2.00 pm

**Venue:** The Capesthorne Room - Town Hall, Macclesfield SK10 1DX

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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/or 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 - 6)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2008.

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5. **Key Decision CE30 Investors in People** (Pages 7 - 10)

To consider the options available to Cheshire East should they wish to retain and/or seek re-accreditation against the Investors in People standard.

6. **Key Decision CE38 Commissioning Strategy - Advocacy** (Pages 11 - 14)

To approve the general approach to independent advocacy into the first year of the Council and beyond.

7. **Key Decision CE44 School Admissions** (Pages 15 - 78)

To approve the required annual consultation on Cheshire East's proposed school admission arrangements and coordinated admissions scheme.

8. **Key Decision CE50 Draft Customer Access Strategy** (Pages 79 - 88)

To approve the proposed guiding principles, objectives and vision for Customer Access, which will lead to the production of a Customer Access Strategy for Cheshire East.

9. **Key Decision CE51 Cheshire East Local Development Scheme** (Pages 89 - 178)

To agree the submission of the amended Draft Local Development Scheme for approval by full Council on 9 December 2008.

10. **Discretionary Rate Relief Policy** (Pages 179 - 184)

To establish a discretionary rate relief policy for Business Rates in respect of charitable and non-profit making organisations, rural businesses and hardship cases.

11. **Council Tax Discounts, Exemptions and Payment Dates** (Pages 185 - 188)

To consider the options and recommendations for Council Tax Discounts and Exemptions, and instalment dates for Council Tax and Business Rates.

12. **Council Tax Base 2009/10** (Pages 189 - 194)

To recommend to Council the Council Tax Base for Cheshire East for 2009/10.

13. **Local Area Agreement** (Pages 195 - 212)

To consider the current position in relation to Local Area Agreement delivery, and the implications for the Council in the light of the Local Government (Structural Changes)(Transitional Arrangements) Regulations 2008 and the proposed process and timetable for severance of the Agreement.

14. **Cheshire and Warrington Improvement and Efficiency Strategy** (Pages 213 - 240)

To consider and adopt the Cheshire and Warrington Improvement and Efficiency Strategy.

15. **Section 24 Schedules of Consent**

To note any Section 24 Specific Consent Applications dealt with under delegated powers since the last meeting.

(Report to follow)

16. **Progress Reporting Paper** (Pages 241 - 248)

To receive an update on the programme, with respect to key milestones, and to note the steps to be taken in the coming months.