

Council Agenda

Date: Tuesday, 9th December, 2008
Time: 2.00 pm
Venue: The Assembly Room - Town Hall, Macclesfield SK10 1DX

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. **Chairman's Announcements**

To receive such announcements as may be made by the Chairman of the Council

4. **Public Speaking Time/Open Session**

In accordance with Procedure Rules Nos.11 and 35 a total period of 15 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.

5. **Minutes of the special meeting of the Council held on 20 October 2008** (Pages 1 - 4)

To approve the minutes as a correct record.

6. **Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 20 October 2008** (Pages 5 - 12)

To approve the minutes as a correct record.

7. **Records of Decisions of the Cabinet and Minutes of other Committees**

To receive formally the following records of decisions of the Cabinet and Minutes of other Committees :-

- a) **Scrutiny Committee - 10 October 2008** (Pages 13 - 18)
- b) **Staffing Committee - 15 October 2008** (Pages 19 - 20)
- c) **Staffing Committee - 20 October 2008** (Pages 21 - 22)
- d) **Advisory Panel - People - 27 October 2008** (Pages 23 - 26)
- e) **Governance & Constitution - 3 November 2008** (Pages 27 - 30)
- f) **Staffing Committee - 4 November 2008** (Pages 31 - 32)
- g) **Cabinet - 4 November 2008** (Pages 33 - 38)
- h) **Staffing Committee - 5 November 2008** (Pages 39 - 40)
- i) **Staffing Committee - 5 November 2008** (Pages 41 - 42)
- j) **Advisory Panel - Places - 12 November 2008** (Pages 43 - 52)
- k) **Standards Committee - 25 November 2008** (Pages 53 - 58)
- l) **Staffing Committee - 27 November 2008** (Pages 59 - 62)

8. **Notice of Motion** (Pages 63 - 64)

To consider the attached Notice of Motion, proposed by Councillor R Fletcher and seconded by Councillor D Neilson.

9. **Council Tax Base 2009/10** (Pages 65 - 70)

To notify Council of the Council Tax Base for Cheshire East and to confirm that, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 1992, the amount to be calculated by Cheshire East Council as its Council Tax Base for the year 2009/10.

10. **Local Development Scheme**

To agree the submission of the amended Draft Local Development Scheme to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

11. **Appointment of Borough Treasurer and Head of Assets** (Pages 71 - 74)

To outline the process used for the recruitment of the Borough Treasurer and Head of Assets and request that the Council ratify the recommendation for appointment made by the Staffing Committee.

12. **Appointment of Borough Solicitor and Monitoring Officer** (Pages 75 - 78)

To ratify the recommendation of the Staffing Committee regarding the appointment of the Borough Solicitor and Monitoring Officer of Cheshire East Council.

13. **Children Plan 2008-11** (Pages 79 - 82)

To formally recommend the Cheshire Children Plan 2008-11, for adoption by Cheshire East Council, as its statutory Children Plan to 2011 and that Council notes the requirement to set local targets (as part of the Local Authority Agreement process) by 1 April 2009 and the need to review, refresh and localise that Plan during the period April 2009 to June 2010.

14. **Appointment of Statutory Co-opted Members to Scrutiny Committees-Elected Parent Governors and Nominated Church Representatives** (Pages 83 - 86)

To advise Council of the recommendations of the Council's Scrutiny and Governance and Constitution Committees in respect of education matters and appointments of Statutory Co-opted Members to the Scrutiny Committee, who will have voting rights on education matters and to agree the recommendations of the Council's Scrutiny and Governance and Constitution Committees.

15. **Appointment of Parish Council Members to Standards Committee** (Pages 87 - 90)

To seek the approval of full Council for the appointment of three Parish Council representatives on the Standards Committee.

16. **Officer Code of Conduct** (Pages 91 - 112)

To consider adoption of an Officer Code of Conduct, its immediate inclusion in the Shadow Council's Constitution and, thereafter in Cheshire East Unitary Council's Constitution with effect from 1st April 2009.

17. **Licensing Committee Structures, Membership and Delegations**

To seek approval for the formation of a Licensing Committee of Cheshire East Council, both as a shadow committee prior to 1 April 2009 and as a fully operational Committee thereafter.

18. **Calendar of Meetings 2009/10** (Pages 113 - 114)

To approve the dates for Cabinet and Council meetings 2009/10.

19. **Questions**

In accordance with Procedure Rules 11, opportunity is provided for Members of the Shadow Council to ask the Chairman, the appropriate Cabinet Member or the Chairman of a Committee any question about a matter which the Shadow Council, the Cabinet or the Committee has powers, duties or responsibilities.

Questions must be sent in writing to the Interim Monitoring Officer at least 3 clear working days before the meeting.