

Cheshire East Council

Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

Date: Friday, 10th October, 2008
Time: 2.00 pm
Venue: Tatton Room, Town Hall, Macclesfield SK10 1DX

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 7 August 2008.

5. **Action taken by the Chairman - Waiver of Call-in: Transforming Learning Communities -emerging issues from locality review for Alsager, Congleton, Sandbach and Holmes Chapel** (Pages 7 - 8)

Please contact Carole Roberts on 01270 529733 or 01270 529736
E-Mail: carole.roberts@cheshireeast.gov.uk with any apologies or requests for further information or to give notice of a question to be asked by a member of the public

To note the Chairman's action in agreeing to the Cabinet paper "Transforming Learning Communities: Emerging issues from locality review for Alsager, Congleton, Sandbach and Holmes Chapel" being exempt from call-in under rule 13.1 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

Extract of the Scrutiny Procedural Rules in the Constitution dealing with Call-Ins attached.

6. **Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee**

To note that the Governance and Constitution Committee at its meeting on 8 September 2008 endorsed this Committee's advice to:-

- 1) recommend to the Council that a separate Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee be established within the Council's Political Structure;
- 2) recommend that the proposed Committee consist of 14 Members but that no action be taken as regards Cooption for the time being; and
- 3) support the principle of continuing Joint Scrutiny arrangements of the Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Trust and authorise further discussions with the Authorities concerned with a view to bringing forward more detailed proposals.

7. **Appointment of Statutory Co-opted Members to the Scrutiny Committee – Elected Parent Governors and Nominated Church Representatives** (Pages 9 - 20)

The Governance Lead Officer to report on the statutory requirement to have co-opted representation of Elected Parent Governors and Nominated Church representatives on the Scrutiny Committee when dealing with Education matters, such appointments will have voting rights on those Educational matters.

8. **Response to Department of Communities and Local Government Consultations** (Pages 21 - 46)

The Governance Lead Officer will brief the Committee on the content of a Consultation Paper published by the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) which is about developing and strengthening overview and scrutiny, new powers to hold local officers to account and facilitating the work of councillors. Responses to the consultation are to be received by 30 October, 2008.

9. **Training/Development** (Pages 47 - 48)

The Lead Officer has prepared the attached report to assist the Committee in identifying its on-going training and development needs.

10. **Date of next meetings**

To consider the dates for future meetings.