

Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

Date: Wednesday, 18th February, 2009
Time: 2.00 pm
Venue: Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road,
Sandbach CW11 1HZ

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 - 4)**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2009.

Please contact Denise French on 01270 529643 or 01270 529736
E-Mail: denise.french@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

5. **Action taken by the Chairman**

6. **Outcomes from the meeting of the Governance and Constitution Committee held on 9 February 2009**

To receive a verbal update on various Scrutiny matters considered at the meeting of the Governance and Constitution Committee held on 9 February 2009.

7. **Address by Portfolio Holder**

The Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, has invited Councillor Frank Keegan, Portfolio Holder for Resources, to address the meeting on current financial issues.

8. **Annual Work Programme (Pages 5 - 20)**

To consider further the development of the Committee's Annual Work Programme taking into account the following:

- A Schedule of Reviews undertaken by Macclesfield Borough Council (attached);
- A Schedule of some Reviews undertaken by Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council (attached);
- An extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council Community Scrutiny Committee in relation to Migrant Workers (attached);
- A Schedule of Reviews undertaken by Congleton Borough Council (to follow);
- The Cheshire East current Forward Plan (attached);
- A request from the Performance and Capacity Portfolio Holder for the Citizen Advice Bureau to be included in the Work Programme;
- Details of tasks to be carried forward from each of the four constituent Authorities.

Members will note that a Schedule of Scrutiny Reviews undertaken by Cheshire County Council was circulated with the Agenda papers for the meeting held on 15 December 2008.

9. **Annual Scrutiny Report for 2008/09**

The Chairman to report verbally on the drafting of an Annual Scrutiny Report for the Shadow Council for the year 2008/09.

10. **Facilities for Young People - Pilot Project**

To receive a verbal update on the Scrutiny Review of Facilities for Young People.

11. **Update: Cheshire and Warrington Improvement Partnership Member Development - Overview and Scrutiny Programme**

To receive a verbal update on Module 4 of the Cheshire and Warrington Improvement Partnership Member Development – Overview and Scrutiny Programme to be held at Crewe on 13 February.

12. **Scrutiny Developments and Training Issues**

To receive a verbal update on various Scrutiny Developments and Training Issues.

13. **Progress on Government Guidance**

To receive a verbal update on Government Guidance.