

Governance & Constitution Committee

Agenda

Date: Thursday, 16th April, 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.

Please contact Paul Mountford on 01270 529749
E-Mail: paul.mountford@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

4. **Minutes of Previous meeting** (Pages 1 - 4)

To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 March 2009.

5. **Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules** (Pages 5 - 12)

To consider the proposed procedure rules relating to the budget and Policy Framework.

6. **Cabinet Decision-Making Arrangements** (Pages 13 - 16)

To finalise individual decision-making powers for Cabinet Members and to note the process for individual Cabinet Members making decisions.

7. **Public and Member Questions at Meetings** (Pages 17 - 22)

To review the arrangements for public and Member questions at Meetings.

8. **Substitution at Planning Committee** (Pages 23 - 26)

To further amend the scheme of substitution for Planning Committee.

9. **Community Call for Action** (Pages 27 - 32)

To advise the Committee and Council on new arrangements to allow individual members to pursue particular problems affecting their ward via Overview and Scrutiny Committees, where other methods of resolution have been exhausted.

10. **Governance and Constitution Work Plan** (Pages 33 - 36)

To present to the Committee an updated Work Plan for consideration.